

Church News / Notices.

***The next meeting of the
MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL***

*takes place at 7.00pm
on Wednesday 29th January 2025
in Pontlloft in S. Tyfaelog's Church Hall.*

***Fr Stuart's Licencing as
Priest in Charge of Dafen, Llanelli***
takes place at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd February 2025.
Anyone who would like to attend is warmly invited
and we send him every blessing as he begins a
new stage in his ministry.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AGM
takes place in S. Margaret's Church
At 11.30am on Wednesday 19th February 2025

The next meeting of the
AREA DEANERY CONFERENCE
takes place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025
at S. Luke's Church, Rhydyfelin.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>Mothers' Union</i>
Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!	Bargoed Community Choir. We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am.. All are welcome!!
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING
WEBSITES:**

www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025 - THE THIRD SUNDAY of EPIPHANY



S. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

S. Margaret

We are a welcoming Christian community serving the people of the District of Gelligaer.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all well and that you have all had a good week. We extend a warm welcome to everyone. Please join us for worship. Please keep this newsletter and see our parish website and parish Facebook page which for information of our weekly services and forthcoming events and devotional aids.

This week we continue our journey through the season of Epiphany which will culminate with our celebration of Candlemas next Sunday. Jesus has been gradually revealed to us as the long-awaited Messiah bringing the Good News of God's love and favour to us and to the world. As we move forward together we look

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer: Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist	S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach: Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist
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Everyone is welcome to join us for worship during the week and our social groups and meetings. Further details on the back of this newsletter.

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*Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Gary in the event of sickness or other need.
For enquires regarding Baptisms and weddings or spiritual guidance please contact Fr Gary.
We are here to help.*

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The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
'This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19. 1-6

Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **(R)**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. **(R)**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom
from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **(R)**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

12. 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,' says the Lord, "because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

4. 14-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

'This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.