

Church News / Notices.

Christmas Greetings/Messages 2024

If anyone wishes to place a Christmas Greeting in the December magazine, could you please email your greeting/message to myself at: chriscorbin1961@gmail.com or phone Carolyn 07983 677360 with your message, by Sunday 24th November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to:
Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's).

Christmas Prize Draw 2022

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 13th December at 7.00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Family show at Neuadd St. Catwg's

Come along to Neuadd St Catwg Community Hall, Gelligaer on Thursday, 19th December at 6.00pm for a family Christmas show The Christmas Elves. Tickets are £5 adults, £3 Child/over 60's or £10 Family of four, available from Carolyn on 07983 677360. Starts at 6.00pm, would be lovely to see you there. All are welcome!

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Quiz Afternoon** at 2.00pm on Tuesday 26th November in St. Margaret's Church.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Coffee Morning** at 10.30am on Tuesday 12th November in St. Margaret's Church.

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!!

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.



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DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL 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 17th November 2024 - THE THIRD SUNDAY of THE KINGDOM



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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

During this week I have noticed the weather becoming colder, especially in the evenings when I am leaving the pool!! The cold together with the dark evenings is a reminder that Autumn in here and Winter is almost upon us. This week's Gospel can be described in a few ways, among them a call to focus on the present, a reminder of the fragility of the world and a reminder that God is always making new futures possible. As we go about our lives, let us make sure that we stay watchful and await Jesus return.

Carolyn

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

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.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW
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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.

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Daniel

12. 1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 Response: In your presence, O Lord, there is fullness of joy,

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord: I have no good apart from you." (R)

As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the nobles, in whom is all my delight. (R)

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips. (R)

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places,
I have a goodly heritage. (R)

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (R)

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. (R)

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. (R)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

10. 11-14, [15-18,] 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

13. 1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.