

## Church News.

### *Glastonbury Pilgrimage*

This year the Glastonbury Pilgrimage celebrates its centenary and takes place on Saturday, 13th July with the preacher being the Right Rev'd Dr Rowan Williams. If anyone would like to experience the joys of joining with people from many parts of the country for celebrating the Mass and being part of the Pilgrimage through the streets of Glastonbury either by walking or watching, please put your names on the lists that are at the back of each church. Further details such as the cost will be available once I have a better idea of numbers who wish to go. If anyone would like more information about the day, **please see Carolyn.**

### **BAROGED MALE VOICE CHOIR**

*Present their*

### **Sixty-third ANNUAL CONCERT**

*The concert will take place in S. Margaret's Church on Friday 21st June 2024  
More details soon.*

### **Church groups and Community groups – what's on this week!**

#### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Quiz Afternoon** at 2.00pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May in S Margaret's Church.

#### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Meeting** at 6.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in S. 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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[www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)  
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page  
[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk) / [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY



S. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

S. Margaret

*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.

### **THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY AND GLORIOUS TRINITY**

My friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy and Glorious Trinity, the perfect communion three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a perfect communion of love, three persons and one God. This communion of love, which is the Holy Trinity, holds together all that is. It is this communion of love which we have been invited to share. On the cross Jesus made it possible for us to live in communion with God, to know his love. He calls on us to share this love with others, to reflect the mutual love of the persons of the Holy Trinity in our own lives and relationships and so bring the only real hope of peace to a world in need.

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

*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.

## ***The Liturgy of the Word.***

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings and Psalm for Today.**

#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 6. 1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 29 Response: May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour. **(R)**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **(R)**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox. **(R)**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **(R)**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' **(R)**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace **(R)**

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

**8. 12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John**

**3. 1-17**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**