

This Week: Today – Holy Eucharist at St David’s 9.30, St Gwynour’s 11.15, Morning Prayer at St Rhydian & Illtyd’s 11.15

This Week: Today St David’s Annual Congregational meeting
10.30. Monday Centering Prayer, St David’s **7 pm. Tues** Morning Prayer Llanrhidian **9 am. Weds** Holy Eucharist, Llangennith **9 am. Thurs** Celtic Eucharist, St David’s **7 pm.**
Next Sunday Holy Eucharist at St David’s 9.30, St Rhydian & Illtyd’s 11.15, Benefice Joining Service with ++ John, St Teilo’s Bishopston 3 pm.

SOME DIARY DATES

Mondays at St David’s – Centering Prayer 7 pm
Thursdays at St David’s Celtic Eucharist 7 pm
Sunday 17th Feb – Induction Rev Canon Peter Brooks at St Teilo’s Bishopston 3 pm
Saturday Feb 23, *Marsh Light*, All Age Church, Penclawdd Community Centre 11.30 am
Thurs March 7, MAC Penmaen 6.30 pm
Tuesday March 12th – Lay Ministry Gathering & Celebration – All Saints, Oystermouth 7 pm
Tuesday March 26th – Clergy Synod Llandrindod
Tuesday 16th April – Chrism Eucharist – 12-00 noon – Cathedral
Thursday April 25th – GB members meeting

Lay Worship Leaders

There will be training and support sessions at St Mary’s Pennard 7.30 until 8.30 on the following evenings:-
Feb 11th, 18th, 25th
March 4th, 11th, 18th

Church for Everyone

Marsh Light
ALL AGE WORSHIP
All Welcome
STORY CAKE PUPPETS SONGS MUSIC DRINKS
Penclawdd Community Centre
11.30 am
Saturday 23rd February



Father,
we hold before you
our family in the
Diocese of Swansea
and Brecon
and we open our hearts
and minds to your Spirit:
Bless us as we gather
in your name;
Guide us as we grow
into the likeness of your
Son;
Lead us by your Spirit
to go out and
make disciples of others.
God of our journeying,
be our way
and our truth and our life;
our beginning and our
end.
We pray through Jesus our
Lord. Amen.

*Diocesan prayer, SwanBrec

SHARED LENT SERVICES IN NORTH GOWER

This year, Lent will begin as usual at Llanrhidian on Ash Wednesday at 10 am (March 6th) but then we’re going outside for our Celtic services on Thursday evenings (all meet at 7pm):
March 7th Renewal of Baptism on the Marsh (park at St David’s); 14th Penclawdd – earth meets sea meets sky (meet car park opposite *Cariad*); 21st outside Llanmadoc Church; 28th Llanmadoc Bulwark (meet at cattle grid, Llangennith side); April 4th St Cadoc’s, Cheriton; 11th Llanellen (meet Llanrhidian Holiday Park, main car park). In Holy Week we will travel through the six churches, beginning at St Gwynour’s on Monday.

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

I will go



where you
lead me

4 Before Lent

10th February 2019

The Church in North Gower



Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling (from Today’s Collect)

Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people’ (Luke 5.10)

BETWEEN THE MOMENT I felt God calling me to be a priest in Wales to the moment I was ordained, there was a period of time longer than you might imagine. About 30 years! Maybe half those years seemed at the time to be down to my own determined resistance. Far from, “Here I am Lord, send me,” my response to being overwhelmed with God in a dusty, hot church in the South of France, on the side of a road I was hitchhiking to pretty much nowhere, was more like, “What are you doing here? How did you find me? I’m only 17 and I’m traveling. Please leave me alone and let me live!” The second 15 years seemed to be about the church and rules about why my “vocation” couldn’t yet be tested. To be fair, my road to ordination was on many levels pretty extreme. However, I haven’t come across a single priest yet for whom it was straight forward. There is always a gap between what seems to be “the moment” or the “right time” and any real or noticeable action toward the priestly calling being manifestly recognised or authenticated, whether by the church or the one who feels the calling, or both.

In the end, it’s not about whether a person wants to serve God in any particular way or not. One reason why time is necessary is that discernment is necessary. Am I constructing a fantasy or career path, or is God calling me? It is by God’s grace only that we are called to service in ordained or lay ministry. The calling is awesome and fear is natural. But Christ says, “Don’t be afraid”. He always does, doesn’t he?! And Christ is right of course. In the end, we must go in his name. But when we do, the mission is Christ’s not ours.

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