

This Week: Today – Holy Eucharist St David's 9.30 am,
Llanrhidian 11.15. Celtic Morning Prayer St Gwynour's 11. 15

This Week: Monday Prayer at SMC 1.30 PCC Llanrhidian at Stavel
Newydd (Beryl's house) 7.30. **Tues** Morning Prayer Llanrhidian 9 am.
Weds Assembly at Llanrhidian, Tim & Glyn 9 am, MU at Llanrhidian Hall
(with Fr Tim) 2 pm.
Thurs Trustees and friends of SMC prayers 9.30 am;
burial of ashes, St David's Noon; Celtic Eucharist, St David's 7 pm.
Next Sunday Holy Eucharist at St David's 9.30, St Gwynour's 11.15, Morning
Prayer at St Rhydian & Illtyd's 11.15

SOME DIARY DATES

Mondays at St David's –
Centering Prayer 7 pm

Thursdays at St David's
Celtic Eucharist 7 pm

Thurs Jan 31st MAC
Penmaen Hall 6.30 pm

Mon Feb 4th – Llanrhidian
PCC

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 Feb 28, MAC tbc

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

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

These are for anyone thinking
about offering themselves to
lead worship in church and for
existing leaders, licenced or
awaiting licencing, who would
like to refresh, share
experience....

Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Could you drive the people of
Gower to where they need to
go (doctors appointments,
shops, dentists etc)? 50p a mile
paid. Please ring Hildegard on
851942 to volunteer.

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
Llanelen (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

One God



One

Love

5 Before Lent

3rd February 2019


The Church in North Gower



*Then we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all
your people...and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ (from Today's Collect)*

WE PRAY this morning to the Source of Light that,
through the Gospel of, concerning, about, more than all
that, according to Christ, will shine into the hearts of all
God's people. If God created all people, all creatures,
plants etc, then the shining we ask for is for everyone
and everything. This is a beautiful prayer and it comes
from the deepest awareness of Christ. But we need to
stay with this deepest awareness if we are to be at all
effective as agents of the Gospel we believe we proclaim.

Christian author, Amos Smith, wrote: "My core truth
about Jesus isn't rooted in mainstream Christian
tradition. It's rooted in Jesus' essence. It's about the
deep stillness of silent prayer and a theology big enough
to give that blessed stillness words" (*Healing the Divide:
Recovering Christianity's Mystic Roots*, 2013). The love
that St Paul wrote about in 1 Corinthians, which simply
remains when all else is stripped away, and the Cosmic
reality that wise Simeon and prophet Anna knew to be
Christ as they beheld the child Jesus, may be talked
about in theology and in ideas but even the most fine-
tuned doctrines cannot contain or transmit its essence. If
we simply identify with that which we think we know,
then we are closed. Knowing always brings conflict into
the world because it comes up against someone else's
concept of knowing, which being of the mind is
necessarily different. The only way to retain the sense of
knowing is to annihilate the other. The way of Love, of
Christ, is to let go of knowing, come to stillness, wait in
silence. If we do it, we may
teach it. Then may come
great light.

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