

This Week: Today – Holy Eucharist at St David's 9.30, 9 Lessons & Carols St Gwynour's 11.15, Morning Prayer St Rhydian & Illtyd's 11.15

This Week: Monday Centering Prayer, St David's 7 pm. **Tues** Morning Prayer Llanrhidian 9 am Burial of Ashes, St Gwynour's 11 am Gowerton Comp Christmas Concert, Llanrhidian 6 pm (rehearsals all pm). **Weds** Organ tuner Llanrhidian 10 am carol Service Swansea University Great Hall 6 pm. **Thurs** SCM meeting 10 am, Christmas Supper, Rake and Riddle 7 pm. **Saturday** Llanrhidian ladies Choir Concert, Llanrhidian 7 pm (rehearsals in pm)

Next Sunday (Advent 2) Holy Eucharist at St David's 9.30, St Rhydian & Illtyd's 11.15, St Gwynour's 5 pm

Some December Dates

11th Gowerton Comprehensive School Concert at Llanrhidian Church 6 pm
12th Swansea University Carol Service in the Great hall 6 pm
13th St David's Christmas Supper at Rake and Riddle 7 pm
15th Llanrhidian Church Coffee Morning, Purple Badger, 10 am. Llanrhidian Ladies Choir Christmas Concert at Llanrhidian Church 7 pm
16th Usual services but Llanrhidian School will be with us at Llanrhidian 11.15
23rd Usual morning services and Candle-lit Carol Service at St David's 6 pm
Christmas Eve: Candle-lit Service at St Gwynour's 5 pm, Midnight Mass at Llanrhidian 11.30 pm
Christmas Day: Christmas Eucharist at St David's 9.30
30th December United Benefices Eucharist at St David's 9.30 am

Diolch un fawr i Mark a'r bobl Welcome Inn for the Christmas tree at Llanrhidian this year. Many will enjoy it in the next weeks.

Also thank you to Ross for the 'blue tree' at the front of the church (well, it's white with blue lights!). This is to remember the emergency services, hospitals and all who need them this Christmas. Please attach your prayers there.

FAITH IN FAMILIES

How about inviting Faith in Families to your Christmas meal this year? It would cost you £21.07 – assuming your extra guest eats as much as everyone else eats. The suggestion is that you give £21.07 this Advent to Faith in Families – or more if you are going to drink champagne.

If everyone gave £21.07 to Faith in Families this Christmas it would enable us to continue supporting children and families throughout the following year. Please help!

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. Please pray this together whenever you meet.

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Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Let go of



your

fears!

Advent 2

December 9th 2018

The Church in North Gower



"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins" (Luke 1.76, 77)

"WHO? Me? Are you looking at me? Well I don't see anyone else, I'm the only one here. Are you looking at me?"

"Yes, child, I am looking at you. You are the Prophet of the Most High. Now go and prepare the way for your Christ. Give the people the good news of their freedom. Go and set my people free. Tell them plainly. Make the path straight for them. Set my people free!"

"But they won't listen to me. Hardly anybody goes to church now. I'm too old. I'm too young. I don't know what to say. I'm not a theologian. I haven't got any charisma. Even my children don't want to come with me to church. Are you sure you're looking at me?"

"Stop stressing. Look at me. No, not at my feet. Look me in the eyes. I have already set you free. Free to worship without fear. I have rescued you from your enemies. Your enemies are no one but your own fear. Don't be frightened. There is nothing to be afraid of. I have called you and you are mine. I will never leave you. You don't need to run or hide or think up new ways to do God's work, say God's words. I am right here. Within you. I have already moved all your obstacles. You just think they are still there. The traps and knots of your mind are just illusions. Their only power is the power you give them. All you have to do to end that power is let them go. There is nothing and no one to blame or to twist your emotions around, tie your thoughts to. I have set you free from your schemes and stories that can never be. Let them go. Look at me. Here I am. You are free to serve, free to love, free to risk, free to bring the light to those whose lives seem dark. Look at me. I am in them too! Just believe what you see here and then go and tell them what you see in them, and they will see me...go now, Prophet of the Most High...
...Prepare ye the Way of the Lord."