

This Week:-

Today Croeso Justin who leads the service in Llanrhidian and congratulations on selection for ordination! Welcome Emmie Grace and her family for her baptism at St Gwynour's!

Monday Mince pies Evening at St David's **7 pm**
Tuesday Coffee Morning Llanrhidian Hall **10.30 am**
Llanrhidian School show **1.30 pm**
Thursday Day of Prayer for Refugees, Fr Tim will be at Llanrhidian Church **10.30 am – 12**, St David's **5 pm**
Next Sunday Llanrhidian School will lead the service at Llanrhidian church **11.15 am**

Christmas in NE Gower

Sunday December 13th: Holy Eucharist and carols with Llanrhidian School - St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.15 am (also Eucharists at St Gwynour's 8am, St David's 9.30 am)

Sunday December 20th: Nine Lessons and Carols - St Gwynour's 11.15 am (also Eucharists at St David's 9.30 am, St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.15 am)

Nine Lessons and Carols - St David's 6 pm

Christmas Eve: Family Candle-lit Carol Service - St Gwynour's 5pm

Midnight Mass St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.30 pm

Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist - St David's 9.30 am

Sunday Dec 27th: HE St Gwynour's 10 am (no other services in NE Gower)

Leading intercessions in December

Llanrhidian 6th Jo; 13th Fr Tim; 20th Pam; X Eve Susan
St David's 6th Sandra; 13th Maldwyn; 20th Emilia
St Gwynour's 6th Rita; 13th Pam E; 20th Pam D; 27th Diane

Golau Seren Gwyr

There will be Sunday School at **St Gwynour's 11.15** first Sunday of every month led by Gloria. Jess and Jo will lead the young church in Llanrhidian Hall on the second Sunday each month **10.45** and bringing them into church for the Eucharist.

Magazines

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School Service Dec 13 Llanrhidian

Donations of mince pies would be much appreciated.

the stable trail is back!

THIS SATURDAY. TRAILS SET OFF FROM VILLAGE HALL EVERY 10 MINS. 10.30AM TILL 12.30 AND 2 PM TILL 4.

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Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr



ADVENT II

The Church in North Gower

December 6th 2015



...crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord..."

John the Baptist went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Lk 3)

JOHN THE BAPTIST proclaims a baptism of repentance that leads to release from sins. Release (Greek *aphesis*) is the same word that Jesus uses twice in *Luke 4:18* to describe his mission: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me ... to proclaim release to the captives and ... to let the oppressed go free ... " The release or forgiveness that follows repentance does not undo past sins, but it does unbind people from them. It opens the way for a life lived in God's service. By proclaiming such release, John fulfils his own father's prophecy: "you, child, ... will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness (*aphesis*) of their sins" (Lk 1:77). This salvation looks like a new dawn for those trapped in darkness and death's shadow. It is light that reveals a new path, the way of peace (Lk 1:78–79). Preparing the Lord's path toward peace requires overturning the world as we know it.

*And from across the great divide
In the distance I saw a light
Of Jean Baptiste
Walking to me with the Maker
(Daniel Lanois)*