

This Week:-

Today Holy Eucharist Wernffrwd **9.30** Llanrhidian **11.15 am**
9 Lessons & Carols Llanyrnewydd **11.15** Wernffrwd **6 pm**

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.

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Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda!

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All love
All peace

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ADVENT IV

The Church in North Gower

December 20th 2015

*as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,
the child in my womb leapt for joy*

There are moments in all our lives when something kicks inside us and just seems to say, "Pay attention here, this is the truth." We might pay attention or we might rationalize and/or ignore it. We have free choice, that most gracious gift from the One who is.

Mahatma Gandhi spoke about the inner voice, a sacred place within each human being – some Christians call it conscience – but an inner sanctuary in which God calls to and speaks to each human being - every human being. Free will is to hear this voice and to follow its call. We can sense it when something is right, a call into the light, a call to work for peace in the world, in our lives, in the lives of others.

But we live in a world that values competition, material wealth, displays of power and strength. It respects and rewards the arrogant, the self – promoting, the successful. The inner voice is not promoted and it can easily be drowned out and forgotten.

Part of our Christian calling, surely, in this time is to cultivate our own ability to listen to the inner voice and to give witness to it so that others may be drawn to the inner voice within themselves. Gandhi again: "*The inner voice is something which cannot be described in words. But sometimes we have a positive feeling that something in us prompts us to do a certain thing. The time when I learnt to recognise this voice was, I may say, the time when I started praying regularly.*"

Among our readings today, we will say together the *Magnificat* from Luke's Gospel, the wonderful song from the lips of the blessed young mother to-be, Mary. Why not use this in your prayer rhythm over Christmas and into the new year? Recite it each morning when you wake and in the evening before sleep. Notice how Mary's prayer becomes your prayer and then listen, as the voice within you whispers your name. Nadolig llawen ☺ *fr tim*

