

HAPPY PENTECOST SULGWYN HAPUS

This Week:

MONDAY Llanrhidian Schl Gows 5 pm; SMC Trustees 6 pm; Centring Prayer, St David's 7 pm. **TUES** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian 9 am
WEDNESDAY Swn y Gan 10.30; SCM meeting 1.30 pm. **THURS** Celtic Eucharist, St David's 7 pm. **FRIDAY** Wedding rehearsals Llanrhidian 6 pm and 7 pm. **SATURDAY** Weddings Llanrhidian - Rachel & Ben 1 pm; Lowri & David 3 pm.

Next Sunday Holy Eucharist at St David's 9.30 am, St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.15 and St Gwynour's 5 pm.

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

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 9th June – Eid in the Park (Muslim festival, open invitation) Singleton Park/Swansea University

Saturday 22nd June – Llanrhidian Choir Concert, Llanrhidian church 7 pm

Friday July 5th – Sun 7th School of Christian Mysticism Retreat, St Madoc Centre.

Sun 4th August – Gower Show (Churches + Interfaith tents)

Sat October 12th – Diocesan Conference.

Thursday October 24th 7 pm Sketty Parish hall – Safeguarding (all church officers and Bishop's licencees asked to attend)

Treasure in the Field Gower Retreat

School of Christian Mysticism
5th to 7th July 2019, St Madoc Centre, led by Jo Jamila Parsons, Tim Ardouin & Viv Little.
Bookings – Jo 0750 231 5861
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Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

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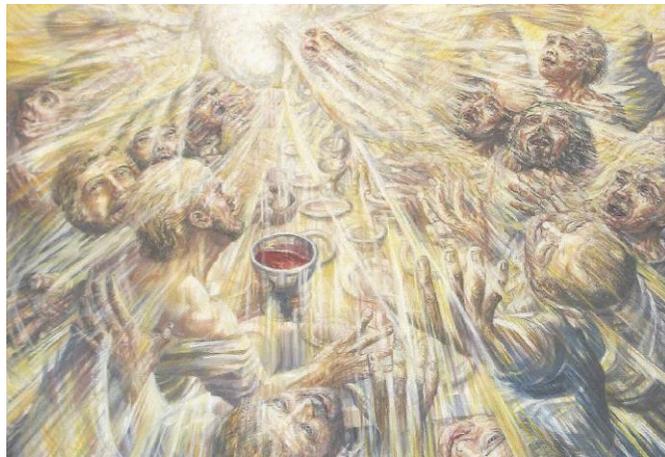


Spirit!

DAY OF PENTECOST

9th JUNE 2019

The Church in North Gower



This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees her nor knows her. You know her, because she abides with you, and she will be in you.

DONALD TRUMP last week in London vowed to give Britain a "phenomenal" trade deal after Brexit in a parting gift to Theresa May as they stood on stage together, all smiles and awkward body language. The President boasted how he could "double or triple" UK-US trade, as he paid tribute to the "tremendous" PM and beat the right-wing drum for a soon-as-possible Brexit, with or without "a deal". On such promises are the hopes of many for a "secure future" built. Such hope is futile. It is based on the whim of an egotistic "world leader", who might change his mind in a flush of *tweeting* angst at any moment, or who could, in any case, lose his shaky mandate to presidency, with little warning, almost as quickly. This is the nature of human "power", whether wielded according to varying pretences of democracy or with the apparently solid backing of a mighty army for dictatorship. All the planning and politics in the world will not build lasting "security", even if everyone in the world were subjected to sufficient brainwashing to render all speaking one language. No tower of Babel can connect any human-conceived system with שָׁמַיִם – Shamayim – the Heavens. If the world's current "superpowers" were to unite under one flag and tread the rest into submission, there would always be a passion and a need to rebel against the inevitably soul-imprisoning system that would emerge.

Pentecost is not about all tribes becoming one tribe under one mighty leader. Pentecost is about the unifying oneness of being, at ease with difference, that comes to us from the freedom of outpouring love: God's love, poured out through Jesus Christ in the *ruach/rucha/shekinah* spirit/breath/wind of all authentic being, or as John says, "The Spirit of Truth".

Marsh Light



Saturday Church,
Penclawdd –

Every fourth Saturday of
month.

ASDA Gorseinon – If you go there, please put blue charity tokens in St Madoc Centre box (€)