

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

This Week: Monday Penclawdd school 9.30 am; funeral Pauline Senger, St David’s 1 pm (prayers at house 12.30); Centering Prayer, St David’s 7 pm. Tues Morning Prayer Llanrhidian 9 am. Weds Eucharist ‘Gennith 10 am fb Clergy chapter 11 am. Thurs SCM 9.30 am; funeral Susan Turner, St Gwynour’s 12.30; MAC Penmaen 6.30; Celtic Eucharist, St David’s 7 pm. Fri Wedding rehearsal 6 pm. Sat Wedding 1 pm
Next Sunday Holy Eucharist St David’s 9.30 am, Llanrhidian 11.15. Celtic Morning Prayer St Gwynour’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, All Age Church, Penclawdd Community Centre 11.30 am

Saturday March 2nd – Lay Ministry Day at venue tbc

Tuesday March 26th – Clergy Synod Llandrindod

Tuesday 16th April – Chrism Eucharist – 12-00 noon – Cathedral

Thursday April 25th – GB members meeting with Bishop. Venue tbc

Tuesday 16th July – Clergy Synod – Brecon

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....

Voluntary Drivers

Drive people of Gower to where they need? 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 cattle grid Llangennith side); April 4th St Cadoc’s, Cheriton; 11th Llanellen (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

Epiphany 4

27th January 2019

The Church in North Gower



Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit... unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...'

THE PEOPLE OF Nazareth were delighted with Jesus as he finished his first sermon in their synagogue, according to Luke. But within moments they were chasing him out to a cliff where they wanted to push him to his death! (*this bit comes just after our reading ends today). Why the sudden change?

The answer to this is similar I think to that which might answer another question: Why is it that, in the Creeds we have been handed down by the 4th Century state church of the Roman Empire, there is only a comma and subordinate clause separating “born of the Virgin Mary” from “crucified under Pontius Pilate”? It is as if the entire life, ministry and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth is, according to our most “orthodox” affirmation of faith, utterly irrelevant!

The clue is in Jesus’ assessment of Isaiah’s prophecy, which he had just read in the synagogue. In his recognition that the mission to do God’s work that Isaiah communicates is his mission, he has thrown a stone into the ego of the people of his home village. The same stone breaks through the self-appointed authority of the state religion our Creeds were designed to uphold. In fulfilling Scripture, Jesus has one authority and one only. God. It is no coincidence that this event in Luke’s narrative follows directly the temptations by Satan in the wilderness. No earthly power, no hometown favoured people, no religion nor party political can control him. This is the Christ we confess, not with formulae and platitudes, but with our very hearts and souls.

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