

# GOD BE WITH YOU: Y TAD, Y MAB. A'R YSBRYD GLÂN.

**Tuesday** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian 9 am. **Weds** Reception of Derrick Coppin into St David's Church 4 pm.  
**Thurs** Funeral for Derrick – St David's 11.45 am, Llanelli 1 pm. Celtic Eucharist, St David's 7 pm.

**Next Sunday: Candlemas** Holy Eucharist: St David's 9.30, Llanrhidian 11.15, Morning Prayer with Llanyrnewydd Worship Leaders 11.15

## Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

It is no longer I  
who live...



But Christ who  
lives in me

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY** Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

The Church in North Gower

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

I would like a great lake  
of beer for the King of  
Kings. I would like to be  
watching Heaven's  
family drinking it  
through all eternity.

St Ffraid, Brigid of Kildare

### Marsh Light

This is a church for young  
people, for people who don't  
usually go to church and  
everybody else! It is an  
outreach of the churches of  
the marsh and the hill and  
takes place in Penclawdd  
Community Centre on  
Saturdays (4<sup>th</sup> Sat of the  
month at the moment)

### Upcoming Dates

**Tues Feb 4** MU (Tim)  
Llanrhidian Hall 2 pm

**Mon Feb 17** Funeral at St  
David's Myra Howells  
11.15 am (Swansea 12.30)

**Wed Feb 19**  
MAC, Penmaen Hall 6.30  
pm

**Wed Feb 26** Ash Weds –  
ashing Llanrhidian 10 am  
(also at Thurs evening Celtic  
Eucharist, St David's 7 pm)

**Sunday March 1**  
Cymanfa Ganu:  
Reynoldston Village Hall  
3 pm. Salvation Army, SW  
Gower Choir, Nelston  
School, Conductor Alun  
Tregelles Williams. Details:  
Rev Hilary Evans 01792  
234230

**Fri March 20** Wedding  
Teresa and Meirion,  
Llanrhidian Noon

**Sat March 28** Wedding  
Samantha and Robert, St  
Gwynour's 12.30

**Fri May 8** Reynoldston  
Village Hall – Rowan  
Williams speaking 7 pm

**Weds July 1**  
Brother David (Caldey  
Community) at St David's  
on the marsh for the  
world premier reading of  
his new book of poetry  
7 pm (tbc)



*"...proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power...For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (St Paul, 1 Corinthians)*

**THERE IS IRONY** in Paul's requisition to proclaim the gospel without eloquent words or ideas. Paul was an accomplished orator and philosophical thinker, and his letters are testimony to such talents! Indeed his teaching here is saturated in rhetoric. However, following his Damascus Road meeting with the risen Christ, it is clear that Paul was also a mystic. Everything he taught from that moment on was rooted in and emanated from his experience of Christ. By Paul's experience of Christ, I don't just mean that initial meeting but rather his ongoing and continual experience through prayer. That is what a mystic is – someone who experiences divine reality rather than just thinks or reads about it. A mystic is not a special person with special gifts that others can't aspire to. We are all mystics, though we aren't all aware of it.

Anyway, what Paul is saying here, is that we are to proclaim the gospel. That is our calling and our purpose. It is our duty even. We are to bring the gospel to all who have ears to hear it but we must bring it and teach it through our experience of Christ, not through our thinking, our cleverness, our apologetics or reasoning. In the gospels, Jesus tells us similarly, "...don't worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say."

In proclaiming the gospel, not everyone will receive it. Perhaps very many will not. This is not our problem nor our concern. It is between them and God. If they do receive it, that is also between them and God. It is enough that we proclaim the gospel, having trusted Christ at his word that he will give us what is necessary at the time. In the meantime, what must we do? Simple. Experience Christ! How? By praying as he taught us to pray. Without words (Matthew 6.6). Nothing more to say.



People of the Marsh

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