

This Week:-

Tuesday Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian **9 am**

Wednesday Burial of ashes, Owen Nurse
10.30 am, Swn y Gan Communion **11.15**
Communion at Swn y Gan fb home
communions, from **11.15 am**

Thursday Holy Eucharist, St Hilary's **11 am**
Evening Prayer, St David's **5 pm**

Saturday Mission Area sub-groups meeting,
Pennard hall **10 am till noon**

Next Sunday: Holy Eucharist: St G **8am**, St D
9.30, St R&I **11.15**, all with Fr Tim

- **September 24th** Brother Gildas returns to St David's **7 pm**
- **September 26th** Christian Aid 7th Anniversary Service, Brecon Cathedral with + John and ++ Rowan Williams
- **September 27th** Shared Eucharist with Harvest speaker, St Gwynour's **10 am**
- **October 4th** Harvest Lunch, Llanrhidian, after 11.15 service.
- **October 5th** Deanery/Ministry Area Conf, Llanrhidian **7 pm**
- **October 6th** Tues MA meeting for all PCC members & congregation members, Rev Peter B, St David's **7.30 pm**
- **October 10th** Diocesan Conference **10 am**
- **October 15th** St David's? St Gwynour's Harvest Supper
- **November 13th** *Bangers 'n Mash*, fundraising Llanrhidian, *Purple Badger* **7pm**

Llanrhidian Volunteers to join the rota to clean the church and do the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Beryl or Jill.

Leading intercessions in September

Llanrhidian: 6th Sarah, 13th Susan, 20th Pam.
St David's: Maldwyn, Emilia, Fr Tim
St Gwynour's: Pam E, Pam D, Diane
27th Combined Harvest Eucharist at St Gwynour's: Penny

Start Sunday School? Volunteers for a team to plan and/or lead this welcome. *Fr Tim*

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Gower Publishing meeting soon to be announced.

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September 13th HOLY CROSS DAY LITURGICAL COLOUR: RED

...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life...

That is to say God so loved this God-condemning world, which

fr tim writes

takes its own path, so neatly tarred by human-made machines while forsaking the rough track through holy grass and the wind and rain, that he gave his only son over to the most obscene of all human-conceived torture-death horror constructions. The cross. Two branches crossed and nailed and hoisted high to terrorise anyone with the conscience or heart to question the motives or superiority of the powerful ones.

But to the Christian heart, the Cross has become the symbol of hope. The Gospels show the Cross of Christ to be the scene of Redemption. It is where God shows that holy salvation for humankind is the meaning of life and not destruction or retribution. The Cross points toward resurrection and the notion that a life lived in the light of Jesus' resurrection is so precious that those who perceive it in the world and in themselves already walk with one foot in eternity. "To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ", wrote Frederick Buechner, "is to live already in his kingdom."

The Cross stands for the crossroads between time and eternity. The centre, at the meeting of these two roads, is through where God pours pure love into a sick and aching world and brings all things to himself. Tangedfedd iawn. Holy Cross.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous-serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM: Psalm 22.23-28

Response: You are the Holy One, O God: enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them **R**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live forever!' **R**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the

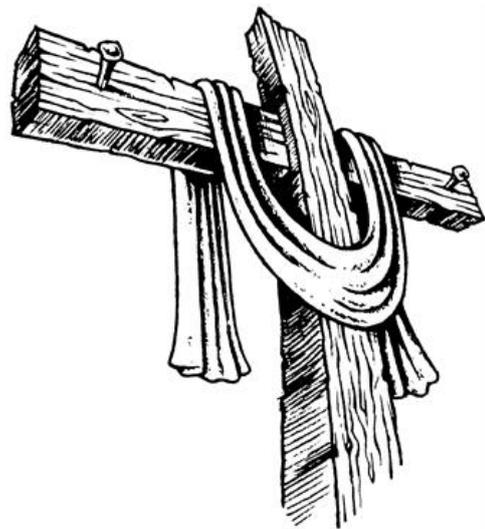
nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: John 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'



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