

This Week: -

Tuesday Funeral Bohdan Ludkewycz ("Danny"), St Rhydian's	11 am
Weds Feedback to Architects, development St Gwynour's	11.30 am
Thurs Funeral Steve Akland ("Straw"), Llanelli (11 am house)	12 Noon
GMA Eucharist St David's	7 pm
Friday Funeral Morian Davies, Morryston (11.15 house)	12 Noon
Saturday Ministry Area Away Day and Ministry Fest Brecon – see below	

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

First in Kingdom  October 30th, '16
The Church in North Gower

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love ... (from the Collect for today)



Rhydian

Dewi

Gwynno

OUR STORIES and "knowledge" about the Gower saints are cloaked in the mist of Merlyn and King Arthur: Knights of the Round Table laying down weapons and taking up contemplation and prayer in the "thin places" of the Celtic coastlands and islands. There are legends of hard travelling and coracular wave riding, with a double-edged mission of life-on-the-edge spiritual journey and gospel fuelled evangelization. Great stories. Inspirational reflection for *All Saints Day* (Tuesday Nov 1st). However, the truth is we don't really know anything about Rhydian or Gwynno and even what we think we know about Dewi is not easily disentangled from the legends of an Age far later than that in which he walked beaches and mountains of South Wales. Indeed, when Yves le Therisen (the Rhydian) came from Brittany this summer to find out about Rhydian, he had far more to tell us than we could offer him about the man or maybe woman who bares that name!

Fascinating as our local traditions are, the value of *All Saints* is less tribal and more universal. Our localized saints and martyrs and those from any other point in time and place are people who, just like us, struggled with the influences of their conditioning, social, political, psychological, religious and so on. And through the struggling, they have somehow left ripples in the water of human consciousness. Ripples that are subversive to the "norm", however that presents itself according to givens related to time and place. Ripples that flow against egoic tides of the "powerful" and travel instead in the stream of God's consciousness. These ripples of Love can refresh us as we travel and struggle for God and for Life in our time.

SOME GOWER DATES

5th November 10.00 am
Gower Ministry Area away day with Canon Chancellor Arthur Howells at Nicholaston House for Gower clergy, Lay Readers and Lay Worship Leaders

11th January 2017 Deanery Synod for Greater Gower Deanery, 7.00 pm Saint Catherine's Gorseinon with Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Peter Doyle.

17th January 2017. Greater Gower Deanery Away Day with Canon George Bennet at Nicholaston House Open to all clergy, Lay Readers and Lay Worship Leaders.

Early in the new year –training session and forum with Peter Davies Lay Worship Leader of South West Gower benefice on preparing and using reflections for Lay Worship Leaders, date and place to be advised.

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. Please pray this together whenever you meet.

GMA THURSDAY NIGHT EUCCHARIST St David's, 7pm



CENTRING PRAYER

A weekly taster session led by Emilia will take place through Advent. This will be a multi-faith group. Details to follow soon.

Bangers and Mash Fun Quiz Night - Friday 11th November, 7 p.m.

Llanrhidian Holiday Park.
Ticket £6. Please support this fund raising event.

Find us on

Jackie Sheills has now set up a Facebook page, *Churches in North Gower: People of the Marsh*. This is an excellent publicity and evangelizing tool. You can use it by posting from your personal page or via Jackie.

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DYSGU CYMRAEG LEARN WELSH

Right here in North Gower
Beginner to A level
Tutor - Sheila Geary BA Welsh,
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BEGINNER CLASS STARTS
1st November 12 til 2 pm

Intercessions: Please see rota in church. If you would like to lead prayers and don't yet, please tell Sue Medwell (Rhydian), Sandra (David) or Rita (Gwynour).

MISSION AND MINISTRY FESTIVAL

November 5th at 12-00, Brecon Cathedral. This is a celebration of lay ministry led by Bishop John, in which the donations from Bishop's Appeal will be given to this year's recipients. The service is open to all, with particular focus on those who hold Bishop's Licences for lay ministry. Please contact the cathedral office if you would like lunch.

11 am Next Sunday: Gower Confirmations

St Cenydd's, Llangennith, with Bishop John This will be the only service in Gower so please come and support the candidates from across Gower who are taking this important step in their journeys of faith.

Also Next Sunday: Golau Seren Gŵyr

Church for children at Llanrhidian Hall 10.45. All welcome. This service takes place every first Sunday of the month.