

This Week: -

Today Croeso Justin yn Lanrhidian y bore ma!

Monday Service for Christine Guy, St David's Garden of Rememb' **11 am**

Thursday MAC meeting at Penmaen Hall **6.30 pm**

Weekly GMA Eucharist at St David's **7 pm**

Friday GMA Spirituality Sub Group, St Illtyd's, Ilston **10 am**

Gower Morning Worship for all, St Illtyd's, Ilston **11 am**

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.

**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.

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).

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.

DYSGU CYMRAEG LEARN WELSH

Right here in North Gower
Beginner to A level
Tutor - Sheila Geary BA Welsh,
PGCE: 07977 904896
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BEGINNER CLASS STARTS
1st November 12 til 2 pm

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.

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.

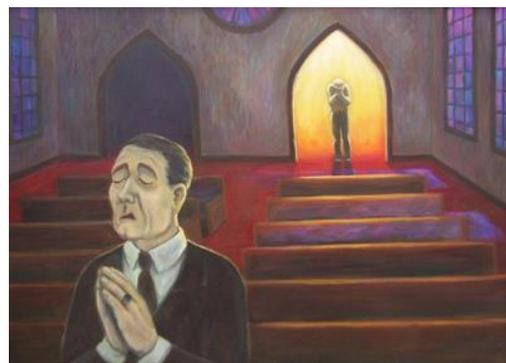
Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr



Last in Pentecost **October 23rd, '16**

The Church in North Gower

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector..." (Luke 18.11)



He told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt...

DUALISTIC thinking is the product of a materialist, purely rational, in the head, kind of perspective on *life* or on *reality*. Things are either right or they are wrong. People are righteous or sinful. If I do good things, then good things should happen to me. It is hot in the Summer and cold in the Winter. Humans are conscious, animals and plants aren't.

Christianity has been handed down along dualistic lines. I believe in Jesus and confess his name, so I am saved. Muslims have half a picture, I have it all. I go to the true church; those chapels and that church have got it wrong. This is so ironic. Jesus taught non-dualistic thinking. His signs and miracles, teachings and sayings, the company he kept, the people he held closest to him, all show a non-dualistic, spiritual perspective on existence. The ego is dualistic because it wants to feel pure, saved, moral, significant, justified, superior. But Jesus points beyond the ego to the true person, to true *being*. "We cannot allow God", says Fr Richard Rohr, "to come *down* to us, which is the meaning of the Incarnation (see Philippians 2:5-8); we think we've got to go *up* to God. We're usually going up the down escalator! And we miss Jesus on the way—as he de-escalates into our so very ordinary world." Stay where you are. He's right there. Peace.

Gower Confirmation Service

St Cenydd's, Llangennith 6th November. Bishop John will be at this special service to confirm candidates from all parts of Gower, time to be announced. This will be the only service in Gower that morning. Pray for Carrie and Jackie.

Fifth Sunday

October 30th is the fifth Sunday of the month so there will be a Benefice Eucharist at St David's at 9.30 (no service in Llanrhidian or Penclawdd.)

Golau Seren Gŵyr

Nov 6th Church for children at Llanrhidian Hall 10.45. All welcome. This service takes place every first Sunday of the month.