

## This Week:-

**Tuesday** Service of thanks giving for the life of Brenda Clarke, St Rhydian & Illtyd's, Llanrhidian **Noon**  
Rev Glyn's licencing, Cheritin **6.30 pm**

**Thursday** Eucharist, St Hilary's **11 am**

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Group, St gwynour's **11.15 am**

Usual services at Llanrhidian and Wernffrwd.

- **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Arthur Howells new book signing (Advent reflections) Lamplighter, Bishopston
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance. See below.
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** *Bangers 'n Mash*, fundraising Llanrhidian, *Purple Badger* **7pm**
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>** Llanrhidian Christmas Service & Eucharist with school, St Rhyd's **11.15 am**

**Gorlau Seren Gŵyr** Thanks to Jess, Jo and Pam M, a church for young people in Gower is ready to start November 8<sup>th</sup> at St David's, 10.30 am. It will happen monthly, and may well move around the villages.

**Remembrance Sunday** Our main act of worship on November 8<sup>th</sup> will be at Penclawdd Gym following the gathering on the green. It is an opportunity for us to remember and to reflect, to pray for peace and to come together in communion with God and with God's people.  
**Prayers first @ St Rhydian 9 am, St David 9.30, St Gwynour 10 am. Green 10.45, Gym 11.30.**

### Leading intercessions in October

**4th** Sandra (St D), Lilian (St G), Susan (St Rh)

**11th** Maldwyn, Maggie, Pam M

**18th** Emilia, Rita, Jo

**25th** Shared service at St Rhyd's, Emilia

### Messy Church Stable Trail

Planning for this Advent's outdoor event in Reynoldston is underway. If you would like to perform a role, help with organization or publicity, offer to help with serving refreshments, please contact Fr Tim or the messy Church organizers direct. This is a wonderful opportunity for witness and outreach, with over 300 people following the trail the first time. This will be the second time we have staged the event.

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## Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

**The Church in North Gower**

October 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

WHO would think of taking the *Mabinogion* or *Aesop's Fables*, the *Tao Te Zing* or countless other works of profound literature literally? Surely anyone with a mind to read them would understand they are metaphorical in nature and the wisdom they convey could not be written in literal language. Metaphor takes us way deeper than any straight reporting could even begin to hint at. So why would Ancient Hebrew writers be limited to literal thought patterns? Well they were not!

The Bible is about God and humankind and Creation, Jesus, time and space, death and resurrection... true... but the Bible is about you and me. When I read the Bible, any part of it, it teaches me much about all these things but its most challenging gift is that it shows me myself, with all my struggles, my hopes, my dreams... It shows me the light and the darkness within me and without. Now this is a wonderful gift but it comes with a lot of pain and it compels me to go through the agony and challenges of change and growth, of transformation from child of earth to child of God. Through the peeling away of the programmed skins and defences of ego, the true self emerges in my consciousness and it is only then I can truly *come to Christ and receive life*. In this way all Scripture leads us to the Christ who is closer to us than our own breath. *fr tim*

### CHRISTIAN AID 70th ANNIVERSARY

Bishop John's wife, Jo Davies, has cycled across Wales, Caernarfon to Chepstow. for Christian Aid, who have asked if each parish would donate £70 to the charity. Bishop will match-fund if so.

**LENT APPEAL 2016** Bishop John invites suggestions for beneficiaries in 2016.