

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

**This Week:** TUES Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian 9 am; Penclawdd Memorial Gardens Committee 6.30 pm. WEDS HMP Swansea 10 am, Chaplaincy Swansea University 2 pm. THURS St Madoc Centre: prayer – staff 9 am trustees 9.30, meeting staff/trustees 10.30; wedding rehearsal, Llanrhidian 5 pm. Celtic Eucharist, St David's 7 pm. FRI Wedding Nicola Ball & John Mayson 1 pm. SAT Gower Churches open for prayer (see below) and Harvest decoration! NEXT SUNDAY Harvest at St Gwynour's with shared harvest meal 11.15 and Llanrhidian with baptism Hallie May Poland, fb harvest lunch. Communion Bethel 6 pm.

## Bethlehem, Banksy & the Beatitudes

Nicholston House: Quiet day of reflection led by Fr Mark Griffiths and Fr Nigel Doyle. 10 am – 4 pm. £20 includes light lunch, tea, coffee. EMBRACE the Middle East: Book by email [su.mcclellan@embraceme.org](mailto:su.mcclellan@embraceme.org) or call 01494 897950

## Day of Prayer

It is asked that all Gower churches be opened all day **Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>** for people to drop in and pray about the current divisions and anxieties associated with "Brexit" and the political and social upheavals of the last couple of years.

## Upcoming Dates

**Sat** October 12<sup>th</sup> – Diocesan Conference.  
**Thursday** October 24<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Sketty Parish hall – Safeguarding (all church officers and Bishop's licensees asked to attend)

**DONATIONS: Harvest Flowers, Llanrhidian**  
Please give them to Beryl Dunn  
**2019 GIFT DAYS**  
**Sept** St David's raised £1000+  
**Sun Oct 27** St Gwynour's

## GOWER RECIPES

## GOWER PHOTOS

The Gower Churches magazine will publish these each month. If you have a recipe or old pictures, please contact Rev Nigel King: [nigeledward.king@btopenworld.com](mailto:nigeledward.king@btopenworld.com)



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**Llanrhidian School Harvest** Llanrhidian church, Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am.  
**Harvest services** St Gwyn Oct 6; St Rh & I Oct 6; St David's Oct 13

# Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

The LORD



is in this Place!

**MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

**29 SEPT 2019**

The Church in North Gower



*"He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place."*

*"Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree"*

**I CAN'T TELL** you that I've seen angels but then again I would be lying if I said for sure that I haven't. Anyway, two moments from formative days still come back to me sometimes when I contemplate 'angels' 'under the fig tree' of my own daily practice.

When I was 12 or 13, it was fishermen who comforted me. I had run away from home 'forever'. It was a cold, winter evening; I had smuggled out a sleeping bag and a couple of candles and gone highish on the rocks to the east of Pobbles beach, where I was going to make my new home. It was freezing up there, the sea was loud and the stars and moon lit up the shore, where two fishermen stood fishing at earth meets sea meets sky. Squeezed between two boulders, I huddled, trying to get warm. If I can just sleep, I thought, the cold will leave me alone. The candles weren't making any difference so I blew them out. Half an hour, or maybe minutes later, two fishermen woke me up. They had seen the light go out and wondered if someone was in trouble. A short talk later, I was ready to go home to my worried parents. I was in a hot bath by 8 pm!

A few years later, I found myself at a remote railway shelter somewhere in Italy. It was cold again, November time, and I had been walking and hitchhiking all day with nothing to eat, just occasional river water to drink. I was frightened that night, cold, wet and hungry. I prayed to God, "Please protect me". I was held so tight in that little shelter all night that when I woke in the morning all fear had gone. It has never returned. All ground is holy. There is nothing can separate us from the LORD. Angels or no angels!