

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr **The Church in North Gower**

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' (Matthew 1.23)

Nadolig Llawen!



"God with us" by Owen Ardouin

The renegade priest and peace activist Daniel Berrigan repudiates the world's alternate gospels of pseudo-salvation in his poem *Credo*:-

*I can only tell you what I believe; I believe:
I cannot be saved by foreign policies.
I cannot be saved by the sexual revolution.
I cannot be saved by the gross national
product.
I cannot be saved by nuclear deterrents.
I cannot be saved by aldermen, priests,
artists,
plumbers, city planners, social engineers
nor by the Vatican,
nor by the World Buddhist Association
nor by Hitler, nor by Joan of Arc,
nor by angels and archangels,
nor by powers and dominions,
I can be saved only by Jesus Christ.*

Happy Christmas!

St Paul calls this "the gospel of God" in the epistle for this week. It's a gospel that deconstructs every other false hope.

"Come and save us," the psalmist implores God (80:2).

And in a call-and-response separated by 1000 years, the gospel proclaims, "He will save his people" (Matthew 1:21).

That's the Christmas good news, that the birth of a baby signals the redemption of the world — that "God was in Christ reconciling the cosmos to himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Nadolig llawen. Keep it simple! God bless.

Christmas Services

Sunday Dec 22nd - Nine Lessons and Carols, St David's 6 pm

Christmas Eve - Crib service - St Gwynour's 5.30 pm

- Midnight Mass - St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.30 pm

Christmas Day - Christmas Eucharist - St David's 9.30 am

This week:-

Christmas Eve: Fr will sing and play at the Dolphin 9.30 pm, before Midnight Mass. There will be a chance to warm up carol voices.

There will be no Tuesday Eucharist at Llanynnewydd nor Wednesday at Llanrhidian for 2 weeks.

Diary 2014

January 7th St Rhydian & St Illtyd's PCC - Llanrhidian Church 7.30 pm

January 14th Meeting at St Gynour's – Archdeacon Robert, Paul Baker + congregation and community.

Swansea and Brecon Diocese want to support our community action in Llanyrnewydd. This is an opportunity to clarify what can be done to enable it to happen. All who are interested are welcome to attend - Holy Eucharist at 10 am – Meeting at 11 am.

- Feb 4th MU Service at Llanrhidian with Fr Tim-2 pm
- Feb 27th St David's and St Gwynour's PCC at St David's Church 7 pm
- March 4th North Gower Mother's Union Centenary Service, with Bishop John, Llanrhidian Ch'ch 2 pm
- April 15th (Tuesday of Holy Week)
Chrism Eucharist + Lunch. Cathedral 12 noon
- June 28th Ordinations - Cathedral 2 pm
- October 11th Diocesan Conference 10 am

Worship in NE Gower

***Sunday Services:-**

- 8 am Holy Eucharist St Gwynour's
- 9.30 Holy Eucharist St David's
- 11.15 Holy Eucharist Ss Rhydian & Illtyd

Tuesday :-

- 9 am Morning Office Ss Rhydian & Illtyd
- 10 am Holy Eucharist St Gwynour's

Wednesday :-

- 10 am Holy Eucharist Ss Rhydian & Illtyd

Thursday:-

- 5 pm Evening Office St David's

Thank you! Jill McPherson would like to thank you for your bags of clothes for homeless people you gave to the Mother's Union appeal.

Thank you! also to Gowerton Comprehensive School and Llanrhidian Primary School for the wonderful concert and service last week. The generous collection from the service will be sent to Christian Aid towards helping Syrian refugees, as requested by Ysgol Llanrhidian head teacher, Donna Caswell.

Into the daily cycle of our lives
When all seems well
With us and with the world
When our yoke is easy
And the burden light
You break in

And scatter our complacency

Into the daily cycle of our lives
When we are comfortable
And at our ease
When the fire is lit
But eyes are closed
You break in

And challenge our dependency

You break into
Our daily prayers
Humble hearts
Lay souls bare
You break in
You break in

You break in
When defences are down
With an Angel's shout
Or the quietest sound
You break in
You break in



And we
change
**And all
things
change**
When you
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