

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

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr Online

Morning Prayer takes place every weekday morning at **9 am** on Zoom – a free downloadable app – details posted every morning on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Churchinnorthgower/>

Sunday Eucharist (using “green book”) appears on Facebook and Youtube from **8 am** Sundays.

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, SwanBrec

Local Businesses delivery update:

Brian Jeffreys, Cricton farm 07837069763

Hugh Phillips, Penclawdd - fruit and vegetable boxes, bread and some groceries as well as meat. Contact 850789 or

www.bestonlinebutcher.co.uk

Crofty Supermarket- deliver orders over £25 850258

Penclawdd Chemist - Prescription delivery for isolated people with no support **850530**

Pobbles Plastic Free Food & Crafts – Organic fruit and vegetable boxes delivered 07901676661 pobblesorders@mail.com

Howells Butchers, Penclawdd 850371

Paul Tucker Burcher, Penclawdd 850084

CO OP Gowerton – delivery to people in isolation 875147

Archbishop's Lent Appeal

The four charities for this year's appeal include:

- St Madoc Christian Centre*

Cancellations at SMC due to Coronavirus having serious effect on financial security.

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People of the Marsh

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the Gate

EASTER FOUR

MAY 3, 2020

The Church in North Gower



RETURN TO THE SOURCE

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2.25)

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture (John 10.9)

I DON'T KNOW how different the world's commercial and political affairs are going to be as these initial phases in the COVID-19 event begin to give way to whatever comes next. But faith suggests to me there is an opportunity for many, many people, whose tread-mill lives have been paused or broken down, to sense the call of the “Shepherd” and come back to the “fold”, back to the Source of being, back to the home of our soul-Christed, true selves. I pray with hope this will be so.

Like the early Followers of The Way in our readings from *Acts* and *1 Peter*, we are waiting in a time of danger and uncertainty for an unfolding of something but with no way of knowing what that something will be. It might involve systemic changes, redistribution of power, resources and wealth, radical re-workings of patterns and life-styles, or perhaps rather a tightening of systems and increases in influence of those already administering the channels of control. We can't even know when the virus will lose its power or how many more people will die first, businesses and institutions will have to give up etc etc.

What we can know however is that God is with us and that, whatever temporary travails we go through, sufferings we have to endure, God is eternal, God is Love and Love wins! How can we know this? No, not by clever arguments or unshakable doctrines of faith but by simply coming, in humility, to the Source in prayer. It is not necessary to plead or bargain with God. It is enough to simply come. Be still. Hear the Shepherd(ess) in you. “I Am the Gate...Do not be afraid...I AM...”