

## This Week:-

**Monday** Burial of ashes, Llanrhidian **11.30**  
St Madoc Trustees **6. 30 pm**  
**Tuesday** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian **9 am**  
Funeral Joyce Richards, Morryston Crem **12.30**  
**Thursday** Funeral William John Roderick,  
Morryston **3 pm**, Curriculum sub-committee  
**5 pm**, Brother Gildas at St David's **7 pm**  
**Saturday:** Christian Aid 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service,  
Brecon Cathedral with + John and ++ Rowan  
Williams  
**Sunday** Shared Eucharist with Harvest speaker, St  
Gwynour's **10 am**

- **October 4<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Lunch, Llanrhidian, after 11.15 service.
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>** Deanery/Ministry Area Conf, Llanrhidian **7 pm**
- **October 6<sup>th</sup>** Tues MA meeting for all PCC members & congregation members, Rev Peter B, St David's **7.30 pm**
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>** Diocesan Conference **10 am**
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>** St David's/St Gwynour's Harvest Supper
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** *Bangers 'n Mash*, fundraising Llanrhidian, *Purple Badger* **7pm**

**Llanrhidian** Donations toward flowers for Harvest welcome. Please speak to Jill or Beryl.

### Leading intercessions in September

Llanrhidian: 6th Sarah, 13th Susan, 20th Pam.  
St David's: Maldwyn, Emilia, Fr Tim  
St Gwynour's: Pam E, Pam D, Diane  
27th Combined Harvest Eucharist at St  
Gwynour's: Penny

**N Gower Sunday School** Please talk to Jess - Llanrhidian, Jo - St David's, Gloria - St Gwynour's.

**Brother Gildas is back!** *Missionary Journeys of the Celtic Saints*, St David's, Wernffrwd, **Thursday 7 pm**.

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**Gower Publishing** meeting soon to be announced.

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## Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr



### The Church in North Gower

September 20<sup>th</sup> 2015

*He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me...'*

*fr tim writes*

God is the servant. God is the child. It's not a trick. God doesn't come into our lives to the sound of heavenly trumpets or dressed in the finest clothes. He doesn't hold out certificates for those who've earned their way into social acclaim or public office. But nor is God pretending to be poor so that he can reveal himself like some kind of *frog-prince* to be really *Super-President* of the *United Kingdom States of Nations*! God comes to us in the lowest and the least because that's how God really is. And if we are truly willing to accept God as God really is, then we must be that way too.

Jesus' disciples were having serious trouble understanding where their ragged Messiah was coming from and where he was taking them. While he explained to them the Cross and what it was going to mean for him, for them, for the world, Jesus' *mighty-faith-warrior* Apostles squabbled about which one of them was to be considered the greatest! Well one day, those Apostles would come to understand that God was not playing games. God was not composing narratives of religious metaphor. God was revealing Godself.

Where and in whom is God coming to you right now? Where is God coming from and where is God taking you? Of one thing you can be sure. God means it. It is *not* a trick.