

This Week:- j

- Tuesday** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian **9 am**
Meeting with chapel leaders to plan shared worship at the gym, *Cariad* **Noon**
- Thursday** Open prayer for St Madoc Centre, chapel **10 am**, Holy Euch, Killay **11 am**
- Friday** Open prayer for L'Arche Gower/Swansea, Blessed Sacrament, Gorseinon **10.30 am**
- **October 4th** Harvest Lunch, Llanrhidian, after 11.15 service.
 - **October 5th** Deanery/Ministry Area Conf, Llanrhidian **7 pm**
 - **October 6th** Tues MA meeting for all PCC members & congregation members, Rev Peter B, St David's **7.30 pm**
 - **October 10th** Diocesan Conference **10 am**
 - **October 13th** Llanrhidian School Harvest, St Rhyd's **9.30 am**
 - **October 15th** St David's/St Gwynour's Harvest Supper
 - **November 13th** *Bangers 'n Mash*,
 - **December 13th** Llanrhidian Christmas Service & Eucharist, St Rhyd's **11.15 am**

N Gower Sunday School This will take place monthly at St David's. If you can help please talk to Jess - Llanrhidian, Jo - St David's, Gloria - St Gwynour's.

Llanrhidian Offers of help and fruit, flowers, greenery etc. would be much appreciated. Please speak to Jill or Beryl.

Leading intercessions in October

4th Sandra (St D), Lilian (St G)

11th Maldwyn, Maggie

18th Emilia, Rita

25th Shared service at St David's

Finances

There is constantly much pressure on the finances of all our church communities. The quarterly payment of our Ministry Share (quota) is due and simple upkeep costs of buildings and local ministry keep rising. No doubt our Share will increase again next year. Suggestions of ways to increase our income would be welcome! Please contact your wardens if you have any.

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The Church in North Gower

September 27th 2015

Croeso! Our welcome and thanks to *Harvest* speaker, Nigel Mason. Nigel is a worship leader and musician from the Linden free church in West Cross. He is also a Mental Health officer with Swansea County. Nigel will be making connections between our Celtic Christianity, with the land and with our ancient ancestors' spirituality. It is to be hoped Nigel will also play some of his wonderful music!

"Jesus said, 'Do not stop them (casting out demons or healing in my name); for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.'"

There has been what seems to me a worrying trend in some of the world's leading Christian denominations over recent years, toward a renewed and zealous ultra-conservatism with regard to non-Christian religions. Newly ordained priests in the Roman Catholic church in this country and in America have been a notable example but I have seen plenty of signs of it in the Church in Wales too, both among newly ordained clergy and the laity.

Elitist attitude toward the other is born of fear and ignorance. It does not come from Jesus and it is at best a complete misunderstanding of his teaching. At worst, it is contemptuous of it. Jesus is *the Way, the Truth and the Life*. A religious constitution of any kind clearly is not.

There is much in common between our faith and the practices of the other major faiths. It is in honest dialogue with all God's children, that we and they might grow in faith and in relationship with the Creator and with each other. Learning from the spiritual practices of others and sharing with them our own, is surely a natural response to the God we find in the face of all creation.

Someone asked the Dali Lama on a recent visit to UK, "How do I convert to Buddhism". The wise one replied simply and quietly, "Go and become a better Christian".

Let us walk in peace, secure in the notion that we are journeying in humility, empathy and respect into the heart of the universal Christ. Amen.

Fr Tim