

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

Churches of the Marsh Online

Morning Prayer is on Zoom at 9 am each weekday morning. Contact Fr Tim for log-in.

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

The Churches of North Gower:

St Gwynour's Penclawdd
St David's Wernffrwd,
Ss Rhydian & Illtyd's
Llanrhidian
St Cattwg's Cheriton
St Madog's Llanmadoc
St Cenydd's Llangennith
+ occasional outdoor services
at the ruin of St Elen's Llanelen
And Cenydd's Island, Burry
Holmes

Christmas Carols with
Llanrhidian and Penclawdd
schools will be on YouTube

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Sundays

Holy Eucharist at St David's
9.30 am, Llanrhidian **9.30**
Llangennith **11.15** and St
Gwynour's **11.15**.

North Gower Food Hub

Thank the people of North
Gower for all your generous
donations. They would still be
very grateful for: tinned
meat, especially ham,
pickles/chutneys,
crackers for cheese, crisps
and nibbles (but not nuts) soft
drinks and any of the usual
tinned/dried goods in date
and undamaged.

Many thanks for the
generous donations to
Swansea's homeless support,
everything has been passed
on. If anyone wants to make a
further donation, these items
are requested: hats, scarves,
gloves, jumpers and socks.
We will receive donations at
next Sunday's services.
Blessings - Fr. Nigel

Christmas Services

Of course we have a much
reduced programme due
to COVID-19 restrictions
and must let go our
popular services by candle-
light with the communities
of North Gower. However,
we can come together for
Midnight Mass 11 pm
Christmas Eve Llanrhidian,
Eucharists 9.30 and 10
Christmas Day St David's
and Llangennith
Eucharist 11.15 Sunday 7th
December St Gwynour's.

*Midnight Mass will be filmed
and shown on YouTube



People of the Marsh

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Rejoice

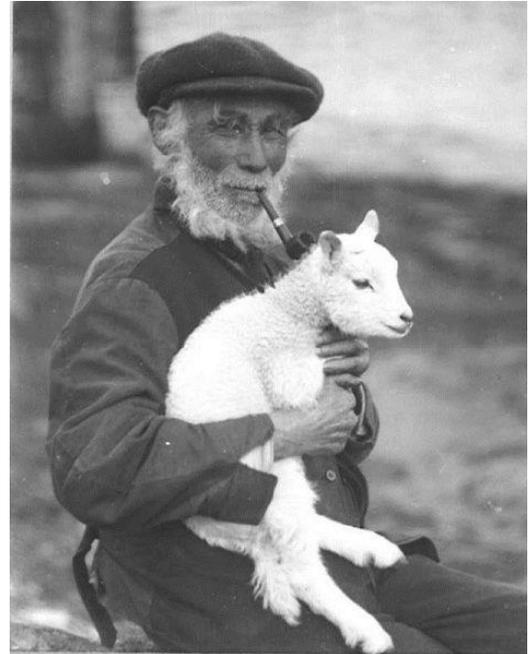


He is near

ADVENT THREE

December 13th 2020

The Church in North Gower



Dafydd Jacob, a joyful shepherd from Ystradgynlais

THE THIRD CANDLE on the traditional Advent wreath is often pink rather than the purple for the other three Sundays of the season. It symbolizes joy and is also called the *Shepherd Candle*, remembering of course the joy of shepherds who saw the angels of God in their fields during the middle of the night and received from them the astounding news that the Christ was born among them, in the dust and dirt, and this Christ loves and saves them. It is a candle that brings a light into the darkest moments of winter, a light that darkness cannot overcome or put out. It is the Christ light that comes in the deepest dark and meets us at our lowest ebb, shining in us the brightest joy.

This winter, like no other for a long, long time, has exposed for us all our vulnerability and the uncertainty of our daily lives. We used to make plans believing pretty much that whatever we wrote in our diary or on the calendar on our kitchen wall would happen. It was agreed, it was written, we were committed, it would happen. Now we make arrangements with the understanding that everything can change with an ad-hoc government announcement, a sudden closure of venues or a national lock-down. Every time we leave the house, or a family member returns from being out, we know that we might be coming into contact with COVID-19.

Into this comes the Candle of Joy, a candle of reassurance, a candle of certainty. Just like the shepherds, we are told that God is and God is here. Everything can pass away except this God that is here. This God that is here loves you, forever. Open your heart to this and you will know it is true. There is nothing to fear. Rejoice!