

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 and the filmed Eucharist in the wild places continues, streaming on Youtube (Channel Didji Gymru) Sundays from 8.15 am. You are welcome to join us any time for MP. Contact Fr Tim for log in details if you don't have them.

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

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This Sunday

Churches closed due to COVID-19 national 'lock-down' in Wales. We pray that we will be able to return a week or two.

Youtube Eucharist for All Saints streams from 8.15 Sunday Morning on channel *Didji Gymru*.

Once again we are hoping **Next Sunday** there will be a live streamed Eucharist from St David's at 11 am (if the internet is activated)!

Easter Vestries for Llanrhidian and Llanyrnewydd have been granted dispensation to be held over to Easter 2021, in light of the current uncertainty.

North Gower Food Hub

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For donations, collection points at: Llanmadoc Community shop, CK stores, Penclawdd.



People of the Marsh

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Blessed are



the poor in
spirit

ALL SAINTS

November 1st, 2020

The Church in North Gower



After this I looked, and there was a great multitude... from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands (Revelation)

OUR CELTIC ANCESTORS believed that at certain times of the year the boundaries between the mortal and otherworldly realms break down and this for them was especially true at the time of *Samhain*, across what we call now *All Saints'* (November 1st) and *All Souls'* (2nd). They believed the dead were repositories of wisdom and lore and that during this blessed period they may return to speak to their descendants. The indigenous South American *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) honouring dead loved ones and making peace with the eventuality of death by treating it familiarly, without fear and dread, was similarly 'Christianized' when the Spanish started to colonize Mexico. In Western Christian practice, the liturgical celebration *All Saints'* begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October, *All Hallows' Eve* (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of 1 November, the day before All Souls' Day, which commemorates the faithful departed.

The celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the 'Church triumphant'), and the faithful living on earth (the 'Church militant'). All Saints' celebrates the *unnamed* saints, those who have been raised because God knows whom they really are but who are not famously remembered for their great deeds or outstanding charisma. Nevertheless, it is also a time to give thanks to God for the lives and witness of the renowned and canonized. So at this time we remember Elen, Cenydd and Illtyd, Peter, James and Paul, Augustine, Catherine of Siena, Joan of Arc, Oscar Romero and all the mighty ones we know and love and admire. At this time too we thank God for our granny, our great uncle, our teacher and so many more who touched our lives with the light of Christ, whether they knew it or not, before they joined the "great multitude of all tribes...standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white, with palms in their hands..." God bless them ALL and may we all one day be with them again.