

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 in two weeks or three. So this week:

Youtube Eucharist On The Road streams from 8.15 Sunday Morning on channel Didji Gymru.

Next Sunday there will be a live streamed Eucharist from St David's at 11 am (if the internet is activated – if not, it will be recorded)

Easter Vestries are postponed again and the so officers' forms will be signed when we return to church, with Easter Vestries held over to 2021.

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

My words



will not pass
away

BIBLE SUNDAY

October 25th 2020

The Church in North Gower



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God (Paul to the Colossians)

LET GOD'S WORD live inside you, says Paul, and so from your heart sing psalms and hymns and make spiritual music. God's Word of course is Christ. It was there in the beginning, according to the prologue of the Fourth Gospel, agent of Creation and materialised, enfleshed, incarnated in the man Jesus of Nazareth, who was and is and always will be the Christ. The Word is also Wisdom. It is Holy Spirit. It is Holy Scripture. *Dabar*, in Hebrew, the Word is the original vibration, the sound through which all that comes into being comes into being.

Today, the church celebrates *Bible Sunday*. In our Hebrew Bible reading we hear about the priest Ezra who reads and interprets Scriptures so the people can understand it. These Scriptures are referred to internally as the Law (English translation of the *Hebrew Torah*).

The Torah is the first five books of what Christians call the *Old Testament* and the people of Ezra's time believed that these were written by Moses. So Ezra was interpreting the works of Moses, which included laws but were not literally a book called *Law*. The Torah was understood as God's teachings through Moses about the human, divine relationship; that is the interbeing of all physical manifestation (the world and the universe and all therein) with spiritual reality. The Torah is a collection of stories about love. These stories contain history but their true power is mythical and they were understood by the ancient Hebrews to carry the listener or reader to the heart of God through metaphor. Literal interpretation would have been laughable and of utterly no use!

This coming church year (beginning Advent 1) our Sunday Gospel will be St Mark's. Why not, this 'lock-down' two weeks, read *Mark* right through in one sitting. Read it as if you have never heard of Jesus. Let it speak to your heart. Don't struggle with it. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Then week by week during the year, let's break it down and talk about it. Let us together let God's Word live in us.