

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.

***no film this week. Working on live stream for next.**

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

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

North Gower Food Hub

Feeding Local People in
Crisis

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Christmas donations

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Please donate for those in
food poverty in our local
community.

*We are looking for the
following in date items:

Tinned ham

Minced pies

Christmas cakes

Selection boxes

Chocolates

Sweets

Toiletries

Thank you for your help

GOWER ECUMENICAL ADVENT COURSE

'Living in hope'

MA Leader Justin is
leading a discussion
course on Zoom. It is
open to anyone across
the Ministry area.

4 sessions:

1. Living Well
2. Dying Well
3. Hell - bent on
destruction ?
4. Going to Heaven
when we die ?



People of the Marsh

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Surrender

your fear.



Invest your

Love.

KINGDOM 3

November 15th, 2020

The Church in North Gower



The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents (Matthew 25.16)

HERE IS A PICTURE of Nigel investing his talent for playing the trumpet to bring you the Gospel during last Sunday's Service of Remembrance. It doesn't look like he's doing something difficult, does it? I'm sure, however, that whether you have ever played a trumpet or not, you know that just getting a sound out of that twisted piece of metal is hard enough without deciphering the dots and squiggles of the music, transliterating them with lips, lungs and hands and sending the music out into the world across the marsh and through a video camera in such recognisable form that people can know they are listening to the *Last Post* and reflect accordingly. If you look closely, you can see Nigel's foot is actually grounding the music stand which wants to fly with the wind. There are horses just out of shot, who might be about to stampede in his direction. They are certainly interested and are moving towards the scene. Nigel is not a seasoned performer in Ronnie Scott's 47 Frith Street Soho jazz club or anywhere else. And yet, here he is making it all look so easy.

This is what investing the "talents" in Jesus' metaphoric parable is all about. We are called to give freely what we are given freely. This is what investment is really. When we invest even literally with money (a *talent* was £6000 denarii) we have to let go of the money to give it a chance to grow. We have to accept we could lose it altogether. Fear might tell us, "No, no, hide it, keep it safe, you might lose it, don't tell anyone about it and they won't think to steal it..." If we let the fear rule us then what we have received will obviously yield nothing.

I have no idea how afraid or not afraid Nigel was when we were recording last week but what I do know is that he waited patiently until whenever the camera was ready and to be called to "action". Intention is everything. Intention to give the Gospel, no matter how, is all that is necessary. When that intention is there and it truly is rooted in Christ, well then fear hasn't got a chance! Not even a prayer! Ha ha ha ha! Don't be shy. Invest in the Gospel! Deep peace.