

# 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 Cadoc's Cheriton  
St Madoc'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 on the Marsh**  
**9.30 am.**

**St Cenydd's Llangennith**  
**11.15 am** and **St Rhydian**  
**and St Illtyd's Llanrhidian**  
**11.15 am.**

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

**Next Sunday** as above.  
Services will be streamed  
from St David's when  
internet connection  
complete.

Short **Easter Vestries** will  
be held this month for  
Llanrhidian Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
after the service and for  
Llanrnewydd at St David's  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

## North Gower Food Hub

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For donations, collection  
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Community shop, CK  
stores, Penclawdd.



People of the Marsh

# Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Good news



on the  
road

**LUKE EVANGELIST**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**The Church in North Gower**



*Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. (Luke 10.3)*

**LUKE'S GOSPEL** and its sequel *The Acts of the Apostles* are books of the road. They are about stepping out to take the message and teachings of Christ to those who have ears to hear them and the heart to absorb and live by them. These writings are no pious workings of an idealist sitting at his desk in some library far removed from the action he describes. Luke travelled with Paul and, though famous as the physician and healer evangelist, he is clearly a man of the road. It is Luke to whom the liberation theologians and activists look. In his Gospel is seen God's "preferential option for the poor" (South American liberationists Gutiérrez, Boff, Segundo etc) and the subverting of worldly hierarchical schemata to "turn the world back the right way up" (eg *Magnificat*, *Beatitudes*, *Nunc Dimitis*).

Luke was writing around the 80s AD from and into a community displaced from the synagogues and outcast from both Jewish and Gentile societies. Life for his community was raw and dangerous. Jesus sends out disciples to evangelise and heal, announcing the imminence of the kingdom of God for all who will receive it. "Go on your way", he says, just get out there and don't take anything you don't need. Travel light. You are like lambs among wolves so don't get side-tracked or sucked into any negative debates, just go in faith. If they won't listen, kick off the dust and move on. Of course our Celtic ancestors in the faith were inspired by this and that is how they did their ministry. We are called to be just as brave in bringing the Gospel in our time.

I am not saying that, however young, old, fit or unfit we might be, we should all leave everything and start walking and hitch-hiking into the distance! I am saying, however, that we must be bold in sharing our faith in Christ and our belief that his Way is the only way to live authentically and peacefully where we are and/or where we go. Shed the irrelevant bits and so be God's "labourer" clearly and simply. God bless you always. Tim