

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

Churches of the Marsh Online

Morning Prayer is back on Zoom at 9 am each weekday morning and filming of the Eucharist in the wild places of Gower has resumed. As schools and offices re-open we may move to 8 am for MP so that the daily rhythm may be sustained. You are welcome to join us any time. New timings will be announced.

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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Churches opening

There is a Eucharist at St Cenydd's Llangennith Sundays at **11 am**.

St Rhydian and St Illtyd's Llanrhidian is now open Sundays **2 pm** until **4 pm** for private prayer. There will be a Eucharist next week, time TBA

St David's and St Gwynour's are working on risk assessments and will ask for permission to open before end of September.

Social distancing and related measures are in place in all instances.

North Gower Food Hub

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



People of the Marsh

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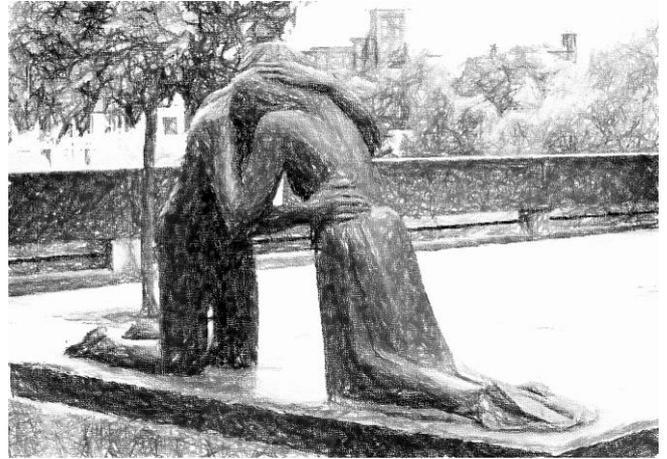
Love



does not
keep score

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The Church in North Gower



Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself (from the Collect)

'Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.' (Romans 13.10)

"I HAVE NO pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live," says God through the prophet in our reading from Ezekiel. The Way of Christ in the Gospels is not one of judgement and retribution for "sinners" but of forgiveness and reconciliation. Like wild John the Baptizer before him, Jesus' earliest message is of repentance. His central Gospel message, that the kingdom of heaven/God is among and within us, flows from this teaching that we must turn from whatever self-centred path we are on and back to the Way, back to God. This turning reconnects us with the kingdom of heaven, which hasn't gone anywhere. It always us who absent ourselves from the kingdom. It is not taken from us. In all our lives, this happens many times. We stray and we are called back.

Of course it is often the case that a person gets stuck in the "sinning" way. This might be completely unconscious. The multitude of programmes and pressures of living in the world and the magnitude of associated forces can easily put us to sleep. There is then a deep sense that things are not right and an emptiness which we try to fill with success, things, wealth, addictions, entertainments and other programmes for happiness. They do not work and anger or depression fills the void. Sometimes there is a conscious desire to hurt people or self-promote at the expense of others. Either way, oppression or aggression of one kind or another ensues.

Christ calls us not to judge and condemn but to open the paths to reconciliation. We are called to be the light and the love in the world. Everyone who is aggressive is in pain because of a perceived lack of love in their lives. The Way of Christ is to treat this with the love of Christ. To do this, we must first wake up to ourselves... *to be continued*