

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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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 for
Eucharist Saturdays at **6 pm**.

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.

Streaming equipment will
be set up at St David's.

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

Forgive



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The Church in North Gower



give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth (from the Collect)

'forgive your brother or sister from your heart' (Matthew 18.35)

I ENDED LAST WEEK'S short meditation, "To do this (treat the lostness in another person with the love of Christ) we must first wake up to ourselves." That is, we must find a way to observe what makes us tick.

As Christians we "know," because we have been taught it, that Christ is in everyone and everything. This kind of "knowing" is intellectual. If we are to be able to "forgive from the heart", without reservation or condition, as Christ asks us to do in today's Gospel reading and in so many other places, then this kind of "knowing" is not enough. However well we might understand something intellectually and vow to make it our guiding principle, if it remains on this level it is no more than concept. Our minds are also filled with the programmes of self-preservation, judgement about right and wrong, good and bad, and much more. Moral codes alone cannot give flow to unconditional love. This kind of love flows only from the Divine, though it certainly can flow through us. For us to forgive from the heart, the Christ in us must meet the Christ in the other. It happens below the level of the indoctrinated mind. When we stay in the mind and try to work it all out, we get in the way of this flow.

Throughout the Bible, Christ and prophets teach us to be still and meditate. When we do this, the many thoughts and personality traits we have gathered in our lives come to the surface and we can observe them. When we do this, they begin to lose their power over us and some space appears. It is in this space that we can begin to hear Christ speaking to us. Here, Christ will transform us, through our lives, so we can stop getting in the way. Sometimes!

If the idea of sitting and meditating every day is difficult for you, don't worry. God has given us Nature to walk in and we can find the stillness there. Gower in the Autumn is none other than Wisdom herself. Walk in Peace. Tim