

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

## Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr Online

**Morning Prayer** takes place every weekday morning at **9 am** on Zoom – a free downloadable app – details posted every morning on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Churchinnorthgower/>

**Sunday Eucharist** (using “green book”) appears on Facebook and Youtube from **8 am** Sundays.

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

## Message from Jill

**McPherson** - Knitted squares needed for blankets for homeless. If you have any double knitting wool, any colour, please use your time to knit squares which will be sewn together to make blankets: 30 Stitches, 30 rows on 4mm. Needles (all knit). Hang on to them until such time as we can meet then pass them on to Jill McPherson at Llanrhidian who will take them into St Mary's Church! Stay safe.

## Local Businesses delivery update:

**Brian Jeffreys, Cricton farm** 07837069763

**Hugh Phillips, Penclawdd** - fruit and vegetable boxes, bread and some groceries as well as meat. Contact 850789 or

[www.bestonlinebutcher.co.uk](http://www.bestonlinebutcher.co.uk)

**Crofty Supermarket**- deliver orders over £25 850258

**Penclawdd Chemist** - Prescription delivery for isolated people with no support **850530**

**Pobbles Plastic Free Food & Crafts** – Organic fruit and vegetable boxes delivered 07901676661 [pobblesorders@mail.com](mailto:pobblesorders@mail.com)

**Howells Butchers,** Penclawdd 850371

**Paul Tucker Burcher,** Penclawdd 850084

**CO OP Gowerton** – delivery to people in isolation 875147

## Archbishop's Lent Appeal

The four charities for this year's appeal are:

- Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
- Faith in Families
- Helping Our Homeless Wales
- St Madoc Christian Centre

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# Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Peace



be with

you

**EASTER TWO**

**APRIL 19, 2020**

The Church in North Gower



*This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.*  
(Acts 2.32)

## KISS OF LIFE

*When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20.22)*

**"I ORDER YOU, O SLEEPER, to awake!"**

*I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell.  
Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.  
Rise up, work of my hands, you were created in my image.  
Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you. Together we form only one person and we cannot be separated!"* So goes part of Christ's dialogue with Adam which forms part of "The Divine Office" and is credited there simply, "From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday". The author is unknown it seems but the homily dates from the earliest church and is one of the most powerful homilies I have ever read. Christ may have descended to hell here, but he is speaking directly to our souls, "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and the Christ will give you light."

In John's Gospel the disciples of Jesus are dead inside as they hide from authority and anyone who might trace them to the crucified Nazarene and so demand their immediate arrest as accomplices to insurrection. But Christ permeates the defensive walls and locked doors of their hearts and minds to tell them, in the language of the ancient homily, "Love is always stronger than death, and unto the love you have now returned."

As the world waits out the course of the COVID-19 virus, many are very frightened and no wonder. However, many also, be they ignited by fear, or through having more time to reflect, or out of a deep desire to help others, are waking up from a hellish rat-racing sleep that has too long masqueraded as "life-style". How blessed is this Easter if it is to Christ's voice and Christ's presence all humanity now begins to rise. May it be so. May it be so.



People of the Marsh