

final thoughts...

This Week:

Today St David's congregational meeting after morning Eucharist.
Confirmation class at Bishopston Vicarage **5 pm**
Monday Funeral for Rosemary Evans, Swansea Crem **10.30 am**
Thursday Burial at Llanrhidian, Audrey Morgan **12 noon**
at Llanrhidian Village Hall with Fr Tim **2 pm**
Friday Gower Chapter meeting, Knelston **9.30 am**
Sunday Holy Eucharist, S Gwynour's (others @ usual times) **11.15 am**
+ Llanrhidian PCC meeting after 11.15 service in church

Looking Ahead:-

FEBRUARY

27th St David's and St Gwynour's PCC at St David's Church **7 pm**

MARCH

4th Llanrhidian Mother's Union Centenary Service, with Bishop John, St Rhydian & St Illtyd's Church **2 pm**

7th World Women's Day of Prayer, St David's, Llanddewi

APRIL

15th (Tuesday of Holy Week)
Chris Eucharist + Lunch. Cathedral **12 noon**

JUNE

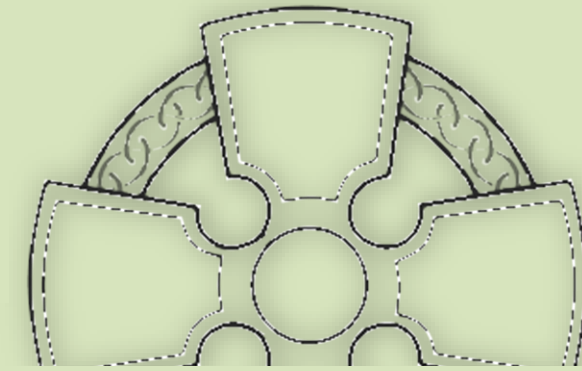
28th Ordinations - Cathedral **2 pm**

OCTOBER

11th Diocesan Conference **10 am**



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The Church
in North
Gower

Third Sunday Before Lent

February 16th 2014

'With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments...I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.' (Psalm 119.10-15)

MINISTRY AREA GOWER

There will be a short **Llanrhidian PCC** after the 11.15 service next week to discuss the proposed ministry area (see *Fr Tim writes* inside this newsletter). There will also opportunity to discuss it at the **Llanrnewydd PCC Feb 27th**.

Church in Wales Cycle of Prayer

Today

PLEASE PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

ARCHDEACON OF BRECON
Alan Jevons and his family.

In the week

Monday: Llandrindod (Trefonen) Church in Wales School, Governors, Staff & Pupils

Tuesday: Bishopston, Andrew Pierce

Weds: Benefice of Three Cliffs, Peter Brooks, Mary Evans

Thurs: Llangennith with Llanmadoc and Cheriton, Peter Williams and for all the Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Africa

Friday: Llanrhidian and Llanerwydd, Tim Ardouin

Saturday: South West Gower, Joe Griffin, Hilary Evans and the Deanery Curate of Gower Nigel Doyle.

The Law of God

The law of God is not a gate you make it through, not a finish line you attain. It is the road toward relationships of healing, blessing and justice.

The law of God is not a target you can hit or miss. It is the bow that shoots you toward perfect love.

The law of God is a metaphor for awe which you wonder about out loud until you become a metaphor for love.

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STEVE GARNAAS-HOLMES



Swansea Foodbank thanks the churches of Ss Rhydian & Illtyd, St David and St Gwynour for your continued and generous food collections.

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Living
Faith

Wednesday Evenings in
Llanrhidian, 7 pm till 9. For
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Diocesan Vision

GOWER

A brave new dawn for the church?

IN VIEW of our discussions over the next week or so at both Llanrhidian and Llanyrnewydd PCC, I ask you to read the following. Please pray and think about the proposals and give any feedback you might have to the church wardens for consideration at the meetings. Otherwise, just come along to one of them and give your opinion there. There will be further opportunity to give written feedback to the Diocese.

Our PCCs and those of North West Gower PCCs will make recommendation based on the following proposal after they have met.

“Proposed Archdeaconry Ministry Areas

- We are looking at how ministry may look different if based on areas rather than parishes.
- We are trying to work out where geographical coherence can be found - i.e. areas which are big enough to command resources but also hold together some sort of identity.
- We are looking towards Ministry Areas which are more self sufficient than they are at the moment. In some cases this will mean working across larger areas with more people and more Church buildings. It is envisaged that in time Ministry Areas will themselves address the issue of how many buildings are needed

within each area.

• It is envisaged that four enablers of ministry to families will be appointed - working with the current:

- * Brecon, Crickhowell and Hay Deaneries
- * Builth and Maelienydd Deaneries
- * Llchwyr, Gower and Clyne Deaneries
- * Swansea, Pendreri and Cwmtawe Deaneries.

• Each area will have a leader and a team made up of clergy and a variety of authorised lay-ministers. There will be mix of stipendiary and self-supporting posts. The size and detailed make-up of each team will vary according to the make-up of each Area.

• Governance - Ministry Areas will be overseen by a Ministry Area Council or some such body that has representatives from the constituent parishes. Ministers, lay or ordained, will be licensed to the whole Area.

Gower

- St. Mary, Pennard
- St. Iltyd, Ilston
- St. Nicolas, Nicholaston
- St. John the Baptist, Penmaen
- St. Teilo, Bishopston
- St. Iltyd, Oxwich
- St. George, Reynoldston
- St. Andrew, Penrice
- St. David, Llandewi
- St. Cattwg, Port Eynon
- St. Mary, Rhossili

- St. Cenydd, Llangennith
- St. Madoc, Llanmadoc
- St. Cadoc, Cheriton
- Ss. Rhidian and Iltyd, Llanrhidian
- St. Gwynour, Llanyrnewydd
- St. David, Llanyrnewydd”

At the moment Gower has 17 churches for a population of about 13,000, and has 6 stipendiary priests. Gower has by far the smallest population for any of the proposed areas in the Archdeaconry but has also many more churches. Cwmtawe, for example, has a population of around 89,000, served by 14 churches.

For discussion –

It is proposed that Gower form a single ministry area but two alternatives are offered for consideration:

- Bishopston be linked in a Ministry Area with Clyne 2
- That units within the Ministry Area cover North and South Gower as two teams.

South Gower parishes have voted for the formation of a single ministry area, with Bishopston included in it. The Gower Deanery Conference has voted for this also, subject to agreement from the North Gower parishes, all of whom will be meeting, in PCCs next week. We are requested to give written response to Canon Joe Griffin by the last day of February.



Regular Worship for North East Gower

Sunday Services:-

8 am	Holy Eucharist	St Gwynour's (Penclawdd)
11. 15	Morning Worship	St Gwynour's (First Sunday of Month)
11. 15	Holy Eucharist	St Gwynour's (Fourth Sunday of Month)
9.30	Holy Eucharist	St David's (Wernffrwd)
11.15	Holy Eucharist	Ss Rhydian & Iltyd (Llanrhidian)

Tuesday :-

9 am	Morning Office	Ss Rhydian & Iltyd (Llanrhidian)
10 am	Holy Eucharist	St Gwynour's (Penclawdd)

Wednesday :-

10 am	Holy Eucharist	Ss Rhydian & Iltyd (Llanrhidian)
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Thursday:-

5 pm	Evening Office	St David's (Wernffrwd)
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Owen Ardouin, Dick and Edna Beynon, Sandra Davies, Marian Evans, Alan Grove, Margaret Harvey, Dr Jo Judge, Bob Lloyd, Bill Measday, Ted and Sylvia Rowlands, Dorothy Tucker, Maria Watkins and all who are sick in hospitals or at home, as well as those who care for them.



PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terri Jenkins, Rosemary Evans, Carole Jones, Audrey Morgan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Intercessions Rota

FEBRUARY

INTERCESSION	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
St.Gwynour	Pam Dennis		Penny	Gloria
St.David's	Emilia	Sandra	Maldwyn	Derrick
St.Rhidian	Susan M		Peter J	Sarah L

The News Letter is written on Thursdays. If you would like to include someone in these lists, please give names to church wardens before then. There will be boxes provided in the churches for prayer requests soon.

God calls us all to intercede for one another. If you would like to do so during services, please speak to Fr Tim or Sandra (St David's), Maggie (St Gwynour's), Sue Medwell (St Rhydian's).

