

This Week:-

Tuesday Morning Prayer Llanrhid 8 am
Gower Ministry Area meeting w Bishop John 11 am

Thursday Prayer for St Madoc Centre, in the chapel, trustees/staff 10 am
Br Gildas, St David's: Missionary Journeys of the Celtic Saints

7 pm

Friday Wedding Rehearsal LlanR 6pm

Saturday Ministry Area Team Meeting, Nicholston Church 9.30 am
Wedding Lisa Bailey & Phillip White, Llanrhidian 12.30 pm
then Llanrhidian Choir rehearsal 2 pm
Llanrhidian Choir Concert 7.30 pm

Next Week Monday – Thurs: Clergy in Warwick University.

Coming Soon:-

- **July 11th** Messy Church, Oxwich 2 pm
- **July 12th** Kite Festival, Llanmadoc Centre – free from 3 pm
- **July 18th** Llanrhidian Fayre 2 pm
- **July 25th** St David's Summer Fayre 2 pm
- **August 2nd** Gower Show
- **August 9th** Worship Leaders Licencing – Pennard St Mary's 11 am
- **August 29th** Swagger, Stagger, Strut – 13 mile walk
- **Gower Summer Healing Service** TBA

Intercessions Rota

JUNE

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
St.D	Emilia	Fr Tim	Sandra	<i>Combined Euch'</i>
St.G	Pam D	Diane	Penny	Lilian
St.RI	Jo/Peter	Sarah	Pam M	<i>St Gwynour's</i>

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JUNE 28th: TRINITY 4 (PENTECOST 5) LITURGICAL COLOUR: GREEN

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. (Mk 5.21)

fr tim writes

LAST week we saw Jesus woken up by panicking disciples, as he was trying to sleep in the stern of the boat, through the night storms, between engagements with the lost, the sick, the poor and the needy, incessantly pressured and hassled at the same time by the authorities. Having just sailed away from the Geresene demoniac adventure, here is Jesus again landing on a beach. New beach. New morning. New crowd. And what a crowd! Had he slept better last night? Who knows? What we do know is that the morning is not slow to take off! Off goes Jesus to minister to a dying little girl. The crowd follows and they don't leave him alone on the way.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

Power had gone from him and Jesus felt it. *Dynamis* is the word Mark uses in his narrative for power. *Dynamite*. Some of the Healer/Master's dynamite had left him.

These stories are familiar to us. We meet many of them again every year even if we only receive Bible teachings through the Sunday lectionary. We might notice some of the flavours of a particular version as Mark, Matthew and Luke speak alternately but rarely I think do we focus on the human and spiritual impact the events have on the man Jesus of Nazareth, at least until the Passion narratives kick in. We might reflect on the effect on the lives of healed ones, searching ones, the disciples or the antagonizing ones and we might think about the theological

significance of the Christ moments. But let's not miss the human Jesus this time.

The human Jesus must surely be exhausted by now. He's not sleeping much and there isn't much time to eat or even wash. The crowds are getting bigger no matter where he goes. And he does try to get away! But they find him and they interrupt what he's doing, all the time. The people want more and more of him and they are both insistent and persistent. When Jesus doesn't seem to be giving them what they want or when he behaves unexpectedly, the crowds are liable to get ugly. If Jesus does manage to get his disciples free from them for a moment, then the disciples start moaning or berating him for teachings they just can't seem to grasp. *Dynamis* depletes as it is constantly drained.

But Jesus keeps on going. Driven by his mission, strength returns and, when it is necessary, Jesus gives the orders:

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James...

... "Do not fear, only believe" ...

*... Then he put them all outside
He took her by the hand and said to her,
"Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get
up!"*

Jesus might well be exhausted but nothing will stop him doing the work of God, no crowds, no demons, no irate authorities and no numb-headed disciples. No impediment is strong enough to hold back the Divine flow in the one who truly knows God. The key to this unstoppable dynamite can be found in today's Psalm (130):

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his
word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord more than those
who watch for the morning, more than those
who watch for the morning.*

Practice in the calm times the Office, Centring Prayer, Lectio Divina, didge prayers, whatever works for you, and in the fast times and the storm times, though *dynamis* drained, you will, by God's Grace prevail.



Peace. Tangnefedd.

Llanrhidian

Would you be willing to clean the church and/or provide flowers for the altar? There are vacancies on both lists so please have a word with Beryl if you are able to help.

Gower Churches Review

The surveys carried out in all the Gower churches at the end of 2014 have been collated and reviewed. There are some copies of this review in church but you can find it on the Church in Wales's website here:-

<http://swanseaandbrecon.churchinwales.org.uk/>

Gower Show

If you would like to help greet visitors to the church tent or be a showground chaplain for the day please contact Rev Peter Brooks (01792) 232928

Social Evening

Living Faith and house-groups and churches – "I am having a social at my place (St Madoc Centre) on Sat 11 July at 6pm. Please bring a plate of food. I will provide beer and soft drinks. I really hope you can come." Please RSVP Sarah 07557 665478.