

## This Week:-

**Monday** Home communions fr 10 am

**Wednesday** Funeral, Morrison Crem,  
Anthony Alfred Grubb

**Saturday** Wedding Victoria Evans & Mark  
Smith, St Gwynour's **12 Noon**

**Sunday** Worship Group St Gwynour's **11.15**  
Eucharist St David's **9.30** St Rhyd's & Illt **11.15**  
Gower Show, Penrice fr **10 am**

### Coming Soon:-

- **August 9<sup>th</sup>** Worship Leaders Licencing –  
Pennard St Mary's **11 am**

*Please pray for Sarah, Gloria, Rita, Maggie,  
Lilian and Pam as they answer this calling.*

- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** Healing Service, Llanelen
- **August 29<sup>th</sup>** Swagger, Stagger, Strut –  
13 mile walk, Gowerton to Llanmadoc.
- **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** PCC at St David's **7 pm**
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** PCC Llanrhidian **7.30 pm**

### Intercessions Rota

### JULY

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>St.D</b>	Maldwyn	Fr Tim	Emilia	<i>Shared</i>
<b>St.G</b>	Maggie	Rita	Pam E	<i>Euch'</i>
<b>St.RI</b>	Fr Tim	Pam	Jo/Pete	Sarah

**Llanrhidian** Volunteers to join the rota to clean the church and do the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Beryl or Jill.

**Llanelen** Lost village? Community lost to the plague? Curses on neighbouring villages? Who knows the truth? But as a symbol of brokenness, what a setting for a Celtic Healing Service!

Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> yn y prynhawn (pm). More detail soon.

**Gower Publishing** We are blessed in Gower with the writers, artists and poets who can help make this *thin place* known that many spiritual seekers may be blessed. If you can help set up a publishing company, please contact Fr Tim.

## JULY 26<sup>th</sup>: TRINITY 8 (PENTECOST 9) LITURGICAL COLOUR: GREEN

*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3)*

fr tim writes

Saul thought he knew stuff. In fact Saul thought he was an expert in all things theological, religious and political. His ego was well massaged too by the finest education at the feet of the great teacher Gamalial, high honours in both Jewish and Gentile culture and, as and if all that was never enough, he thought pretty highly of himself too.

But that all changed on the dusty wilderness road to Damascus. Because somehow, even through Saul's mighty ego, truth broke in. Christ got inside his head and shot like Love right into the heart of the super-Pharisee. Saul became Paul and everything changed. Paul started blind and needed the church to help him see. But when his eyes were opened by the Damascan Christian, Ananias, he could already begin to perceive "the breadth and length and height and depth" of truth. But no longer did they constitute lines defining his notions and concepts about God. Now, as the shell of Paul's first half of life false-self crumbled into the dust, he was beginning to understand that God surpasses any sense of *knowing*. The love of Christ dances through every molecule in creation. It is the cosmic life force. But these too are words. And they can never be enough. No word, no symbol, no myth, no science will ever come close to naming or claiming the Divine Mystery. By Grace and by Faith may we walk in God's Light and so step gently to love and learn to love.

### Today's Hymns

157 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
214 Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer  
343 Be Thou My Vision

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## **2 Kings 4.42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 145.10-19**

**R** *You open wide your hand, O Lord and satisfy our needs.*

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you. **R**

They make known the glory of your kingdom,  
and speak of your power,  
That the peoples may know of your power  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. **R**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and merciful in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all those who fall,  
he lifts up those who are bowed down. **R**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand,  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature. **R**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways,  
and loving in all his works.  
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call on him faithfully. **R**

## **Ephesians 3.14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses

knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **John 6.1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.