

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

This Week:

MONDAY Funeral Simon Charles Thake, Llanelli 11 am. Burial ashes Edward Jones, St Gwynour's 4 pm. **TUES** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian 9 am. Llandeilo, meeting 11 pm. **Weds** home communions etc **THURS** Celtic Evening Prayer, St David's 7 pm. **FRIDAY** Wedding rehearsal 6 pm. **SATURDAY** Wedding Lowri and Matthew 1 pm.
Next Sunday Holy Eucharist at St David's 9.30 am and St Rhydian & St Illtyd's 11.15 and at St Gwynour's (with Nigel) 11.15.



Marsh Light
ALL AGE WORSHIP
All Welcome
STORY MUSIC
CRAFT SONGS CAKE PRAYER
PENCLAWDD COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT 11.30AM
AUGUST 24TH
SEPTEMBER 20TH
OCTOBER 26TH
NOVEMBER 23RD
PIC-COLLAG

Upcoming Dates

Sat October 12th –
Diocesan Conference.
Thursday October 24th
7 pm Sketty Parish hall –
Safeguarding (all church
officers and Bishop's
licences asked to attend)
Sun Sept 1st St David's –
Annual Gift Day
Tues Sept 3rd MU Autumn
Eucharist – Llanrhidian
2pm
Sun Sept 8th – St Illtyd's,
Oxwich: Hymns & Celtic
Worship – 7 pm
**Earth meets Sea
meets Sky**

MARSH LIGHT

SAT 24th – 11.30
**Penclawdd
Community Centre**
We will be going outside
this time (depending on
weather!) to give thanks
to God with songs and
music, making things, and
drumming and dancing in
the garden. Come and join
us however young or not
so young you think you
are.
Croeso ti!



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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*

Many thanks to all who
took part in the Gower
Show to represent
churches and/or world
faiths. Tangnefedd o Wŷr

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

I AM



with you.

Now.

EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY

11th AUG 2019

The Church in North Gower



By faith Abraham obeyed ... and he set out, not knowing where he was going (Hebrews)

They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth... they are seeking a homeland (Hebrews)

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom... You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour" (Luke)

"NOW FAITH is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen", writes the author of the *Hebrews* letter we are reading this morning. So faith is not about pleading with some powerful benefactor god that all might turn out well or that the 'faithful' one(s) might be spared from this or that trial or tribulation. Faith is not about trying to appease an angry god through lavish sacrifices or beautiful, dramatic, uplifting, sombre, joyous or any other adjectival religious display or practices. Religion of this nature is nothing more than idolatry and "is an abomination to (the LORD)" (Isaiah). Religion can be a great help to us on our journey to the "homeland" (Hebrews), the kingdom of heaven, that which Jesus teaches we find to be already within us when we travel, physically/spiritually by foot and by prayer meditation. But when religion becomes the destination or a means to "get God" to do or not do something, it becomes useless, nothing more than an ego boosting pastime or, far worse, a mechanism by which to exercise control on people. This truly is abomination and Christianity is just one of many religions that has been/is being hijacked to such effect.

Jesus was never about religion, other than to expose misuse of it and to seek to redirect those who administer or practice it back to its true purpose, that God (JHWH – That Which Is) may be revealed to the "seeker"/ "spiritual traveller" and that all mental/physical obstacles in them to full-flow kingdom of heaven living, be removed. Faith is living like this. It is trusting that whatever is happening to us at any time in our life, death, life experience, we are not alone and God will bring us through it. What makes no sense now, will make sense. We don't need to know that sense now, just stay with it. Wait. No rush for resolution. See. God is here.