

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

This Week: TODAY Wedding Natasha & Richard, St Gwynour's 1 pm. Wedding rehearsal, Llanrhidian 6 pm. **MONDAY** Wedding Hannah & Connor, Llanrhidian 12.30. **TUES** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian 9 am. MU Eucharist, Llanrhidian 2 pm. **Weds** Worship team Llanrhidian 9 am. **THURS** St Madoc Centre prayers – staff 9 am, trustees 9.30. Fr Tim at Cardiff Baptist College 4 pm. Celtic Evening Prayer, St David's 7 pm. **FRI** Wedding rehearsal, Llanrhidian 6 pm. **SATURDAY** SCM meeting, Llanrhidian 10 am. Wedding Emma & Laurence 2 pm. Bristol 6 pm. Ukulele concert, St Gwynour's 7 pm.

Being Church

Following the way of Christ

A symposium with ++ John, Rev Canon Dr Mark Clavia, Rev Dr Ainsley Griffiths, Prof Norman Doe and others – St Peter's Cockett, Sat Sept 28. **Ross - lift for 3/4** £5 lunch. Details www.cockettparish.org.uk

Live Ukulele Concert

St Gwynour's
(in support of the
Llanyrnewydd community
church project)
Sat 7th Sept, 7pm - £6



"live music and food"

Yr Eglwys yng Ngogledd Gŵyr

Come to the



Fountain

ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY 1st SEPT 2019
The Church in North Gower



...they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. (Jeremiah)

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

Sun Sept 8th St Illtyd's,
Oxwich: fave hymns, with
music by *Celts* – **6 pm**
meditations
Earth Meets Sea Meets Sky

MU Coffee Morning at
the Purple Badger 10.30
a.m. Saturday 21st
September
2019 GIFT DAYS
Sun Sept 1st St David's
Sun Oct 27 St Gwynour's

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NEXT
MARSH LIGHT
SEP 28th – 11.30
Penclawdd Community
Centre

HERE IS AN EXCERPT from a book called *British Goblins* (1881) by Wirt Sykes. He was writing about St Illtyd and the origin of the sacred well at Llanrhidian:

'It appears that the saint was very pleasantly established on an estate consisting of a field surrounded on all sides by plains, with an intermediate grove, but was much afflicted by the frequent overflowings of the sea upon his land. In vain he built and rebuilt a very large embankment of mud mixed with stones, the rushing waves burst through again and again.

At last the saint's patience was worn out, and he said, "I will not live here any longer; I much wished it, but troubled with this marine molestation, it is not in my power. It destroys my buildings, it flows to the oratory which we built with great labour." However, the place was so convenient he was loth to leave it, and he prayed for assistance. On the night before his intended departure an angel came to him and bade him remain, and gave him instructions for driving back the sea. Early in the morning Illtyd went to the fluctuating sea and drove it back; it receded before him 'as if it were a sensible animal,' and left the shore dry. Then Illtyd struck the shore with his staff, and thereupon flowed a very clear fountain, which is also beneficial for curing diseases, and which continues to flow without a falling off; and what is more wonderful, although it is near the sea, the water emitted is pure.'

The fountain of living water came for Illtyd after he had finally tired of trying to control nature, his life, the lives of his llan, and returned to God, ready to let go his beloved land and home. Then came the angel and the power of God. So it is when we stop struggling against the flow of God's Grace that we find ourselves at the fountain of Life.