

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

This Week:

TODAY Gower Show, Penrice **TUES** Morning Prayer, Llanrhidian **9 am**. Wedding meeting **9.30**. **THURS** SCM **9.30**. Celtic Evening Prayer, St David's **7 pm**. **FRIDAY** Wedding rehearsal **6 pm**. **SATURDAY** Wedding meeting **11.30**, Wedding Fay and Julian **1 pm**.

Next Sunday Holy Eucharist at St David's **9.30 am** and St Rhydian & St Illyd's **11.15** (with Nigel) and at St Gwynour's **11.15**.



Marsh Light
ALL AGE WORSHIP
All Welcome
STORY MUSIC
CRAFT SONGS CAKE PRAYER
PENCLAUDD COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT 11.30AM
AUGUST 24TH
SEPTEMBER 28TH
OCTOBER 26TH
NOVEMBER 23RD
PIC-COLLAGES

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 – Oxwich
Hymns & Celtic Worship
7 pm
Tues Sept 10th – Swansea
Interfaith Forum – St
David's **9 am**

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
organized and came to St
David's Summer Fayre.
You raised £900+ !

Gower Show
Today - all day
Penrice Castle Fields

Churches Together Tent
with input from Mother's
Union, Marsh Light,
Gower churches,
Methodists and more.

Interfaith Yurt
opportunity to meet and
interact with leaders and
practitioners of many
world and indigenous
faiths - with music & food



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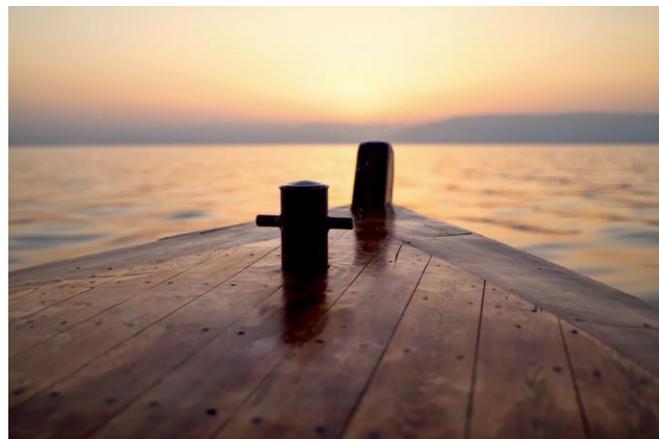
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SEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

4th AUG 2019

The Church in North Gower



"I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst"

...author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your
great mercy keep us in the same

HOSEA'S PROPHETIC message this morning contrasts
religious tendency toward idolatry with the faith encountered
truth that God is God and God is here, now, and gracefully
beckoning God's beloved to be free and truly live. God has
made us in pure love simply to walk in the Garden of Eden,
live in and from the kingdom of heaven, which is the "Way,
the Truth and the Life" that Christ embodied two thousand
years ago and holds open for us now and always. However,
somehow we get caught up with our own religions,
philosophies, politics, our material, mental, emotional and
spiritual attachments and myriad distractions and concerns.
Why?

Why? Because we are afraid. We are afraid to let go of the
incessant delusion that we need to take control of our lives.
We are taught pretty much from birth that we need to build
our own lives, work to our maximum ability and capacity to
take care of our future and/or the futures of the ones we
love, whom we single out as being our primary concerns in
life. We are taught to earn, to save and manage everything so
that we can build and grow great "barns" and eventually we
can say to ourselves, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for
many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." The whole *Brexit*
thing, *America First*, North Korea, Syria, Iran, all the dividing
walls, missiles, global warming crises, abuses of commercial,
political, military and any other kind of power, stem from
living in and from this delusion. This delusion has made
humanity sick but it hides in our fear. Even religion gets
popular it seems only when it buys into the delusion. But such
popularity is fake. The great barn is meaningless: "You fool!",
says Jesus, "This very night your life is being demanded of
you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

And yet God still loves us. God still has faith in us. God still
has hope for us. "I will not execute my fierce anger... I will
return them to their homes," says I AM". Faith not religion!!!