

# **Gower Ministry Area Annual Report 2023**

## **Introduction from the Ministry Area Leader (MAL), Revd. Peter Lewis**

During 2023, four former clusters of churches in Gower and Swansea amalgamated into the Gower Ministry Area, inaugurated by Bishop John on May 31st. 2023 was a year of recognising our new identity as congregations coming together which involved communicating the challenges and benefits whilst listening to people's concerns and listening to God's prompting. New procedures were introduced by the diocese to assist the transition, and these were combined with additional protocols from The Church in Wales in relating to safeguarding, accounting and recording membership data. It had been agreed that these would be integrated into our practices in 2024. New staff joined the team in the summer, with the Revd. Peter Lewis becoming responsible for the South West cluster and the Revd. Layfetta Masih becoming responsible for the East cluster. My approach as MAL has been to see all these changes as assisting us in our church life and mission together, and 2023 was a time of laying foundations on which we will build as we progress into 2024.

## **A list of all the Clergy, Officers and Trustees of the Ministry Area and those who serve on the Ministry Area Council**

Ministry Area Leader: Revd. Peter Lewis

Team Vicars: Ven Peter Brooks, Revd. Tim Ardouin, Revd. Layfetta Masih

Non Stipendiary and house for duty clergy: Canon Roger Donaldson, Revd. Nigel Doyle, Revd. Hilary Evans, Revd. Sue Waite, Revd. Nigel King

Licensed Lay Readers: Ross Davies, Barry Ecclestone, David Ball

Ministry Area Wardens: Marian Williams, Pam Dennis

Ministry Area Treasurer: Peter Townsend

Ministry Area Council (MAC) Lay chair: Barry Fox

MAC Secretary: Caroline Wassell

Ministry Area Safeguarding Officer: Sue Mobbs

Elected MAC members: Alan Glass, Catherine Thomas, David Harry, Megan Rosser, Roger Draisey, Kenneth Ellis, Penny Henderson, Mike Barnett, Helen Layne, Pam Meakins, Gillian Morgan, Celia Hall, Charlotte Foxell, Caralinda Jefferies.

## **MA representation**

Standing Committee: Fr Nigel Doyle, Ross Davies.

Diocesan Conference: Simon Davies

## **An overview of the work of the Ministry Area Council**

With new members of clergy and starting from a clean sheet, the MAC meetings in 2023 were necessarily centred on how we would function administratively and in governance, resulting in the preparation of a 'working agreement' for the MA, later to be ratified in 2024. From its inception in 2023, the organisation was an exempted charity but in 2024 the diocese will assist in its registration as a cio – charitable incorporated company.

The overarching leadership of the MAC was designated to the Ministry Area Chapter, who function as an executive group: the stipendiary clergy, MA wardens, MA treasurer and MAC lay chair.

The MAC set a finance subgroup, a property subgroup and an eco-subgroup (the last two subgroups followed on from the Gower cluster's previous buildings committee). An important step was to decide on how we would manage communication between the MAC and congregational committees for a good flow of information and decision making. The diocese encouraged MAs to create Mission Action Plans, which the MAC has deferred to 2024.

To help grow our connections, the MAC agreed that we would organise combined services in each cluster on the 5th Sunday of the month, enabling members of churches to choose to attend a service in their cluster or to join another cluster. Peter Lewis MAL

### **Report from the Ministry Area Wardens**

The wardens were elected to serve as Ministry Area Churchwardens at the first Annual Vestry Meeting of the MA held at St. Mary's Church in Pennard in May. July saw great excitement and hope for the future at the Licensing services of Rev'd Peter in Reynoldston and Rev'd Layfetta in Killay. Both venues were full to capacity as we celebrated together.

We recognise the importance of visiting as many of the other churches as we can and have enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month combined services. Each cluster was represented at Reynoldston on Good Friday, the Gower Festival highlighted the beauty and serenity of our churches, the centenary of the Diocese saw us joining together at Builth Wells, the Pilgrimage weekend was well supported, the CADW Open Doors event was well attended, there was a Ministry Area Confirmation Service at St. Illtyd's Church in Ilston and a wonderful day following the Stable Trail at Reynoldston. We both feel that coming together in this way is one of the ways in which our Ministry Area can grow. It has been a delight to read about all the events in the Ministry Area in the Magazine.

Marian Williams and Pam Dennis

### **Report from the Ministry Area Ministry Team**

The MAMT consists of the clergy and lay worship leaders in the MA, a group formed in 2023 with the aim of bringing fellowship and training to those who lead worship and teaching in our churches. Meeting monthly, we began to create a picture of our different roles in different congregations and to see how we can draw on each other's resources for the MA. The clergy meet each Tuesday for prayer and planning, working to share resources in mission and to create more joined up ways of working together such as wedding preparation and schools' work. In 2024 MAMT will be key to developing our discipling ministry together and planning events. We note that Darran Hickery, an ordinand from the MA, will be ordained deacon in 2024, to serve in Penderi MA.

Peter Lewis MAL

### **Report from the Ministry Area Administrator**

The diocese undertook a recruitment process for a part time administrator in September 2023 but there were no candidates presented. However, the role was subsequently filled in 2024 by Bethan Harvey. It was a critical time for administration, and much of this responsibility was shared between staff.

### **Report from the finance subgroup**

The discussions in 2023 were to support the congregational treasurers in the transition to the ministry area and to prepare allocations of the ministry share.

### **Report from the Property subgroup**

This group was formed in early 2024. In 2023, the diocese began a new programme of Quinquennial Inspection (QI) building reports and some of our congregations received visits from Richard Hollocks who is undertaking the QI for all diocesan churches. The Property subgroup will be supporting congregations as the Qis are produced and also joining up policies and provision procedures across the ministry area.

### **Report from the Eco subgroup**

This group was formed in early 2024 with a particular request of supporting congregations undertaking the Ecochurch audits, considering work with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty project (those in Gower).

### **Mother's Union Branches**

The MA has the following branches: St Hilary's Killay, Three Cliffs and Llanrhidian.

### **Church discipling groups**

Following individual congregations and joint Lent & Advent groups, a weekly online bible study was started on Tuesdays which is centred on the South West cluster of churches but open to anyone. This is a good pathway for people exploring faith and those who are looking to grow in their discipleship.

### **Missional and outreach activities across the Ministry Area**

The MAC has been a good forum to share vision and practice, leading us to create a bid for a Wellbeing Project in Gower, which successfully received £15K in January 2024 from the Swansea Rural Anchor levelling up fund and £15K from the Alun Walters Trust connected to Oxwich church. This is joint project emerging from out Leading you Church in to Growth training which several members of the MA attended in October. Unfortunately, the Gower Show was cancelled in August 2023 so we were unable to have a missional presence at the event.

The Lamplighter in Bishopston continued to be a place where people gather in the café, make purchases in the shop or worship. Celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2024, the MA gives thanks to Louise Rigdon who coordinates the volunteers and the business.

Many congregations support the North Gower Food Hub and other food banks in the Swansea area. Individual congregations have a particular focus on mission within their own communities including tots groups, steel bands groups, drumming groups, friendship groups and prayer walks.

Two groups were trained in Open the Book alongside Christians from other denominations and the Knelston group began their involvement with pupils being invited to explore Christmas at Port Eynon Church. Primary schools in North Gower and East cluster visited churches and more extensive plans are in hand for 2024 for us to partner with the schools. The Stable Trail Christmas event brought families together from around the MA.

### **Gower Ministry Area Magazine**

The Gower Ministry Area Magazine and is an important point of communication between our churches and people in our communities who don't attend services. Thank you to all who contribute from each congregation, distribute and collect monies. Nigel King, editor

### **Gower Pilgrimage Way**

Following its launch at St Mary's Church, Rhossili, in May 2022, the Gower Pilgrimage Way continues to be well trodden by both local people and visitors from as far afield as the USA. In September, a church group from Macclesfield stayed for a week at Port Eynon YHA and walked the whole route, and later that month we had a weekend of walks and services led by the Bishop of Swansea & Brecon and by Rev Sam Aldred, the bishop's Pilgrimage Officer. Our Facebook group, Gower Pilgrimage Way, continues to grow, with over 1,000 members, and the website pages are regularly visited, with over 10,000 page views over the last year.

David Pope

### **Report from the Ministry Area Treasurer**

The full report is part of the annual financial report. In summary:

- Thank you to all who are giving towards the finances of our church life and mission. Regular and realistic giving, especially through the Give Direct scheme, is commended.
- Thank you to all the treasurers and everyone involved in collection of monies and Gift aid for your work in this transition year.
- The investment portfolio held by some of the churches has seen a 6.5% rise in value over the past year.
- The Ministry Share for Gower for 2023 was paid in full.
- The consolidated accounts show a net movement of -£63K in unrestricted funds in 2023. This is reflected across the Ministry Area where all but two of the churches have seen a deficit in their income and expenditure accounts. In some churches this has put their finances in a precarious

position. Action has been taken already to alleviate some of the problems by adjusting Ministry Share targets so that in 2024 the most problematic churches have reduced targets. More will need to be done, however.

- Looking to the future, challenges lie ahead to introduce to the churches the My Fund computer software which will, in time, make it easier for churches to maintain their financial records, with support from the Ministry Area Treasurer

Peter Townsend

## **Reports from our twenty congregations in the Ministry Area**

### **St. Hilary's Church, Killay**

Thanks are given to Archdeacon Peter, Revds Peter & Judith for their leading during the interregnum, and to Revd. Layfetta for coming to be with us. Church life was full in 2023: celebrating the Coronation with our friends from East Gower, visit to Builth Wells for the centenary of the Diocese, Battle of Britain Memorial Day, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday held at the war graves in our churchyard, and an Advent course. We obtained Mission Grants from the Diocese which enabled us to purchase new IT equipment to live stream our services once more and to install a projector in our Minor Hall. Our Tots group and Sunday School restarted under Layfetta's guidance and have grown in numbers. Links were made with Brownies and new links were made with local schools. New hymns and worship songs became regular features of our services, with Nabeel taking the lead.

Mike Powell and Marian Williams

### **St. Martin's, Dunvant**

During the interregnum we had limited church services but after Sunday 24th September, when Layfetta Masih took her first official service in St Martin's, things then moved at a pace. October 1st saw our Harvest Festival with 28 members in our Congregation and members take an active part including Open The Book training session to enable them to visit our local school Pen Y Fro; 6 members volunteered to help Layfetta revive the Tot's Group which is going from strength to strength; 5 members assist with setting up and putting away on the monthly Wednesday service; Advent courses were held in St Martin's with average attendance of 22. December saw St Martin's host Christmas Experience on 2 separate days and 4 classes from Pen Y Fro school attending. We later visited the school's 2 reception classes to reinact the same story. December 17th our Community Candlelight Carol service saw 68 people hear the lessons read by local community representatives. Roger Draisey.

### **All Souls Church, Tycoc**

Church Life blossomed in 2023 including, Uniformed Brigades joined Mothering Sunday and Harvest services, Revd. Layfetta at Harvest Thanksgiving with our Harvest shoebox appeal donating 70+ boxes from the three East Gower Churches. The role of Acolyte has been introduced to the four young people of a family who join us. Christmas was especially celebratory with the interactive 'construct your own Christingle', with the families attending the updated Crib service choosing to join us for additional services.

Socially, we enjoyed a New Year Lunch, Summer Concert, and each service is followed by refreshments as an important way of maintaining our fellowship. A diocesan grant allowed us to buy a projector, screen and stand to extend our styles of worship and in 2024 we plan to take Messy Church in Sketty Primary School and complete the extension to the Garden of Remembrance.

Alayne Jenkins and Howard Richards

### **St Teilo's, Bishopston**

Last year was an encouraging period, with an increase in attendance as some of our old members returned from pre covid times, as well as new members attending. We've managed to instal a new toilet and wash basin as well as installing a water heater. The hall committee held a table-top sale, our first fundraiser since covid times which managed to raise £400. We look forward to the future here at St Teilo's, continuing with the upkeep of the Church (work on the chancel and handrail are planned for 2024) and the growth and welfare of our congregation.

Mike Whiffin.

### **St Mary's, Pennard**

We had several events in 2023 to bring people together: Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds, the July Garden Safari was a success in spite of disappointing weather, Carols on the Cliffs was also affected by the weather but enjoyed by those who braved the elements (the 2024 event will be a fitting tribute to the late Roy Phelps who organised the event for many years). Christmas at Heatherslade Home, Christingle. We have installed a swift box through the Gower churches biodiversity scheme. The Ven Peter continues to visit Pennard School and once again the school chose St Mary's Pennard as the venue for Christmas concerts. In 2024 we hope to make progress with installing the kitchenette in church , for which we have a faculty.

Catherine Thomas and Katharine Wilson

### **St. John's, Penmaen and St. Nicholas, Nicholaston.**

In September we had a mini Gower Pilgrimage week when a group from Cheshire called at St. Nicholas. They were very pleased to see our church and hear a little about its history. On Saturday 23rd September we opened and manned St. Nicholas for CADW. It was pleasing to see so many people again who were grateful to view our beautiful church and learn of its rebuilding. Conversations with visitors have led to a plan for St John's to be used for an event in a future Gower Festival. We had our first fund raiser in July when courtesy of Sian and Peter Burgess we had two garden open days raising £640. Sadly, diseased ash trees in the small woodland between St. John's and the main road were condemned by SCC Highways Dept. and plans are to remove these in 2024. We contacted the Gower churches biodiversity scheme to help consider how our buildings can be included in 2024 projects.

David Harry

### **St Illtyd's, Oxwich**

Our new incumbent, Revd Pete, "hit the ground running" arranging a new service schedule with Revd Roger to assist him – this plan allowed him to be present more frequently at our congregation. A generous legacy, left to St Illtyd's by Alun Walters, had been delayed by court actions, but was released in 2023. The congregation had given thought to how it could best be used for church growth and agreed to use £15K towards the wellbeing project, harnessing the wonderful environment of Gower with the churches and people, based in St Illtyd's, Oxwich. In 2024 this project would start with the employment of Chloe Thomas as Coordinator. To function effectively, the church would need to be upgraded by bringing in a potable water supply and installing a W.C. and kitchenette – plans are in hand for 2024. The Gower church biodiversity scheme will have further "bat-friendly" measures by the AONB Team in 2024. We strive to remain a welcoming church, reaching out to others through Summer Praise on August Sunday evenings, and a Village Harvest Supper. Alan Glass

### **St David's Church, Llanddewi**

Regular worship services have continued to be monthly Holy Communion on a Sunday, and weekly mid-week communion services, which latterly have incorporated a short Bible study. This has allowed the participants time to dwell on Scripture and share together. The Cluster Harvest service and tea was very well attended by people from a wide area, including young farmers and families, with a folky style band to accompany us. David Pope provided an informative talk about Churches in Gower and we had many

visitors through the Gower Pilgrimage Way. Our Financial circumstances give cause for concern, with expenditure exceeding our income and no legacies to support us. We depend on regular giving and fundraising, which challenge our small, scattered congregation. The Churchyard cutting area has been reduced, to reduce costs and to encourage natural habitat through the Gower churches biodiversity scheme. In 2023 we worked with the council to install a church sign board on the main road, but this was vandalised on two occasions, so will not be replaced. In 2024 we are looking forward to supporting our local primary school in Knelston through their visits to us. We continue to perceived a need for mission and ministry in Knelston and Scurlage, which are predominantly occupied by families and include social housing. Penny Henderson

### **St Andrew's, Penrice**

We have sustained our witness and worship each Sunday morning, and celebrated Easter, Ascension, Harvest and Christmas Day. Our Harvest Supper at the Britannia Inn was one of our largest. Given St Andrew's longstanding interest in older liturgies, we began to celebrate, on the first Sunday of the month, the Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. The precision of the language and the clarity of the old service is, of course, remarkable. We held three Penrice Lectures in 2023 which were well attended by 60+ neighbours and visitors. The Penrice Calendar for 2024 was produced thanks to the generosity of Jim Harford and sold out. Our charity work for 2023 was led by Cathy Dorran, an indefatigable supporter of people in need, including a wonderful Plant Sale in Horton hall. We undertook grant searches for repairs to the fabric and this, together with the faculty will allow us to commence the project in 2024. Mike Barnett.

### **St Cattwg's, Port Eynon**

Like all the churches in the South West cluster, we want to show our appreciation for Canon Roger Donaldson and lay members of the congregation for their leading of services and church life in the first six months of 2023. With the arrival of our new incumbent, Rev Peter Lewis, and the formation of the new Gower Ministry Area we entered a period of reflection and re organization. It was decided to change our Sunday service time from the morning to 5.00pm, enabled Rev Peter to attend our service every week. It has also had the added benefit of enabling worshipers who, for various reasons, were unable to get to morning services to join us in the afternoon. The availability of a kitchen and a toilet in church, the music group and our folksy, relaxed approach to worship has created a hub for us to experiment with different styles of services and discipleship. We introduced projection of words and videos as part of the worship and in 2024 would have a grant from the diocese to install a monitor system. Our outreach initiative, Café Cattwg, ran on alternate Saturdays bringing together members of the community, visitors to the area and other local churches.

Peter Williams

### **St Mary the Virgin, Rhossili**

During the past year we have been delighted to see the planned redecoration take place, with phase one completed in April and phase 2 in October. Rhossili resident and professional decorator Mark Nelson did a sterling job, sourcing appropriate materials and carrying out extensive repairs and preparation prior to painting with three coats of eco-friendly paint. We are also indebted to the amazing village team who came together to support the project. As always we are grateful to all the people who help to maintain the church, graveyard and car park, as well as ensuring the church is open every day for visitors to call in and enjoy the peaceful environment - thanks to Gill Wales and Steve Campbell-Kelly for diligently unlocking and securing daily. Every Thursday Revd. Peter extends an invitation to join his Ebb and Flow walk starting at St Mary's at 8.15am - an opportunity to reflect on nature and hope and to meet like-minded people (and dogs). In November, the art show Prayer Unwrapped was installed, as a fore-runner to the wellbeing project to help visitor reflect on faith. It was a delight to welcome couples to get married in church and to welcome the Gower Festival with music from international Carducci Quartet. Note in our church attendance we switched from having a monthly joint cluster Sunday service (average 26 attendees) to a monthly Rhossili only service.

Caroline Johnson

### **St. George's, Reynoldston**

We were delighted to welcome our new vicar, Peter Lewis and his wife Martine at the Licensing Service at Reynoldston Village Hall. Since then, we have experienced Peter's enthusiasm and technical innovations. Alongside services by the Worship Leaders and clergy, the Stable Trail returned, with the church being the location of the Three Wise Men. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday saw a large group from churches and chapels walk through the village to Cefn Bryn. A Memorial Service was held for Richard Laurie whilst the Remembrance Day Service was a most moving occasion, with special music, poems and prayers. The Social and Fundraising Group organised a number of events - Quiz Night, Harvest Supper and the Community Carol Singing, which benefitted the Salvation Army and the Gower Food Hub.

In 2023 Sheila Williams continued to carry the greatest responsibility for organising the practical side of church life and with her and David's leaving in early 2024 we created new rotas to share the job and revise how we manage practicalities. In 2024 we look forward to the restoration of the church bells, installation of upgraded media equipment for worship. Hugh Jones

### **St Cenydd's Llangennith**

St Cenydd's has been open throughout the year to a small but steady congregation, strengthened in the summer months by our regular summer visitors. Three weddings and one funeral took place during the year and the church hosted several well attended concerts as well as the Licensing Service for the new Ministry area by Bishop John at the end of May. St Cenydd's is open every day and receives large numbers of visitors who enjoy the peaceful, historic setting of the church.

The Church Council continues to meet regularly to manage church affairs and we continue to provide a weekly location in the porch for food donations to the North Gower Food Hub. Maintaining the fabric of the church and the churchyard continues to be a challenge, however tasks undertaken in 2023 include: Completion of the installation of the 3 phase power supply to enable the new heating and lighting systems to be installed; removal of ivy and Virginia creeper, monitoring of the tower wall cracks, regular churchyard grass cutting and the complete overhaul of the lych gates by the Melling brothers who kindly gave a considerable amount of time, to maintain the wonderful work of their late father, Bill Melling.

We received faculty approval for upgrading the lighting and heating system at the end of the year and it is hoped that work will commence early in 2024, some four years after starting to plan the project. This is very urgently needed as the power supply is totally insufficient for our everyday needs and hopefully will lead to a more comfortable experience for the congregation in years to come.

Gill Morgan

### **St. David's Church, Gwernffrwd**

In 2023 life in St. David's carried on very much as in previous years. Thank you to Frs. Tim and Nigel, Revd. Keith Evans and Reader Ross for ensuring that we have a Eucharist Service every Sunday which helps to keep the numbers in our congregation at a very satisfactory level. We celebrated some special services including our Patronal Service in March when we were joined by members of other churches in North Gower, the Ascension Day Breakfast Eucharist numbers were a little lower than previously but on Good Shepherd Sunday we were again pleased to welcome our friends from the Benefice along with two Suffolk rams who were blessed by Frs. Tim and Nigel in a short service in the churchyard. On Good Friday we were again joined by friends from other churches for a Last Hour service conducted by Ross. We also held special services to celebrate Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was really special with the church nearly filled to capacity with many people from the local community joining us.

The main events were a Coffee Morning at the Crofty Inn, a Summer Fayre, a Gift Day and a Christmas Draw together raised £2600. Members also donated to various charities including the North Gower Food Hub (in goods and cash), the Gower YFC tractor run for Cancer Research, Help for Heroes and a wonderful £200 raised at the Carol Service for Tŷ Hafan. We are grateful to everyone who helps in any way to keep our 'little church on the marsh' and its environs such a warm and welcoming place of worship. Sandra Davis and Barry Fox

### **St. Cadoc's, Cheriton and St. Madoc's, Llanmadoc**

Our churches continue to hold services weekly, alternating between St. Cadoc's and St. Madoc's. We have also continued to hold a monthly bilingual (Welsh) Eucharist service at St. Madoc's throughout the year. We thank Father Tim, the Rev. Nigel Doyle and Reader Ross Davies for their support and leading us in worship each week. We have struggled though, to increase the numbers attending our churches despite being a strong, committed congregation who enjoy welcoming visitors. The community particularly enjoys the carol singing around the village Christmas tree followed by mince pies and mulled wine which the church organises during the Christmas period. We also appreciate the Remembrance Service held annually at St. Cadoc's which provides an opportunity for the names to be read out of all those servicemen from the Parish who fought and died for our country.

Our annual church fete in August held in Llanmadoc church hall was an enjoyable occasion where we raised £3000 for much needed church funds. A 'snowdrop' open coffee morning was held at St. Cadoc's which provided an opportunity to welcome villagers into the church and raise money for our churches. We know visitors find comfort and peace visiting our churches as we read the positive comments written daily in our visitor books and we are encouraged by the numbers of visitors who are using our recently erected prayer trees.

We are in the process of applying for a grant for a flood barrier at St. Cadoc's. A new hedge has been planted at St. Cadoc's following recommendations made by the Gower churches biodiversity officer. A special mention goes to John Bevan who served as church warden for many years but has been hospitalised for much of the year, we thank him for all his work in the past and wish him well in his recovery. Helen Layne

### **St Rhyddian and St Illtyd's, Llanrhydian**

Our ancient place of worship, the church, still stands as witness to the faith and remains a place of worship in and for our community in Gower, although numbers attending services are small. Our Easter Day, harvest and Christmas services were joyful occasions. We express our thanks to Jennifer Griffiths, Elizabeth Verge and all who contributed to decorating the church for these occasions. At the end of October we were deeply shocked and saddened when Stephen Dunn, our Treasurer, passed away. We offer condolences to Beryl and all the family. Stephen will be very much missed by friends, and all within our church family, as he was at the heart of our church life.

We were pleased to hold several North Gower churches joint services in 2023. In July we were pleased to hold a concert given by the Carducci Quartet. We have welcomed weddings and baptisms in the church during 2023 and welcomed Llanrhydian Primary School for a concert and act of worship in December, after weekly drum and prayer sessions in the school. We have welcomed pilgrims through the year, and found accommodation in the local hall for one large group. A number of bat surveys were carried out by the Gower Biodiversity scheme with recommendation made to help divert the bats' flying path away from special areas of the interior. Church members continue to engage in outreach, through school and care home visiting, involvement in North Gower Food hub, community events and committees, community hall and garden, Samaritans and other charity organizations in Gower and Swansea. Pam Meakins

### **St Gwynour's, Llanyrnewydd (Penclawdd)**

We were happy to welcome some new members to our regular congregation in 2023 who are taking an active part in church life. We welcome pilgrims from the Gower Pilgrimage Way, held a lecture on the history of the church and are considering installing toilet facilities in the building.

Pam Dennis



## Church Statistics for 2023

The following table uses the average figures for attendance and reflects our church registers for Life Event services (occasional offices). In 2024 we will be use the Membership App created to record weekly figures in attendance.

<b>Gower Ministry Area Church Statistics 2023</b>	Llanymwydd	Wernffrwd	Llanidrian	Cheriton	Llanmadoc	Llangennith	Rhossili	Port Eynon	Llanddewi	Reynoldston	Penrice	Oxwich	Nicholaston	Pemaen	Ilston	Pennard	Bishopston	Killay	Dunvant	Tycoc'h	<b>TOTALS</b>
wedding services in 2023	0	0	11	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	32
infant baptisms in 2023	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	15
baptisms of 8 years+ in 2023	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
confirmees confirmed in 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
2023 Sunday service attendees	10	19	16	13	11	18	11	19	6	21	8	16	9	10	14	26	25	57	18	21	348
average number of 2023 mid-week Communion attendees	0	6	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	11	21	0	0	0	0	18	10	20	0	8	118
funeral services in church /grounds	6	1	1	0	0	1	4	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	16	6	10	0	1	57
funeral services clergy took (not in church/ grounds)	13						0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	10	0	1	0	0	28