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The theme for February  
**'Creativity in service of God's Kingdom'.**



Whatever use are painters? We all take pictures with our mobile phones these days. We don't need people to paint pictures for us.

Whatever use are musicians? There are stacks and stacks of songs, symphonies and sambas already recorded for us to sing along to. Why would we need more?

Whatever use are people who write poetry and plays? Half the time no one can understand what they are trying to say and, when something *does* seem understandable, it is usually clear that the point of it is either completely wrong or, alternatively, that it is just what everyone has always said – and so not worth saying again.

We need people who know how to put in new bathrooms and fix computers. We don't need artists! What do you think?

I hope you don't agree!

Suppose the world was coming to an end and humanity got together to build a great space ship - a modern version of Noah's ark with room for only a few hundred people to save from destruction. How would you pick the ones to save? Along with the astronomers, doctors and engineers I am sure you would include at least some 'creative' people.

But *why*?

Because creativity is at the heart of the human soul! It is essential. Without it we wouldn't be able to share ideas; or understand what other people are thinking; or make sense of the world we live in. We wouldn't be human. Without it we wouldn't know where we were going; or why we were going there. We wouldn't have any reason to get up in the morning.

It is through stories that we understand that things can be changed for the better. It is through poems that we touch the rhythm of the world and feel its heartbeat. It is through pictures that we know what is going on in the heads of other people. It is through music that we hear God's voice and know how to answer him.

I have the feeling that most people understand this if they think about it for a bit. Oh! They would not, perhaps, use the same words that I have used. Some would avoid bringing 'God' into the explanation but pretty well everybody knows that 'something' is needed if we are to make sense of existence and join us to other human beings.

You and I know, of course, that God is the creator of everything and we know, too, that we are all his apprentices. After all, what does it mean that "...*we are made in God's image*" if it does not mean that we are creative as he is? The Creator of everything - who is older than time and bigger than 14 billion light years - surely doesn't have two legs; two arms and a head as we do! But he has chosen to share his creative power with us. We join things together in new ways and make pictures. We tap

out rhythms and sing songs. Creativity is at the heart of what it means to be human.

You see, the Creator of everything has left little bits of the universe he has made unfinished. *Our* bit is unfinished. There are details to fill in. As long as our bit is unfinished we will always be dissatisfied. We will always know that there is work to do. It is understanding this that gives us 'purpose'. It is what gives life meaning.

To pay the mortgage and put food on the table, many of us have become more 'consumers' than 'creators'. It is for this reason that we need people who specialise in creating to make up for the inactivity of the rest of us. The creators are really important.

I have the idea that their number among us and the respect that we show for them may be an indication of the health of our society.

In February therefore, let us celebrate creative people.

Let us celebrate our Gower poets and painters; our musicians and story tellers. We have many of them.

And, on February 14 let us celebrate Cyril and Methodius, the patron saints of ecumenism - because they created the first alphabet for Slavonic languages. It was the pre-cursor of modern Cyrillic now used by 250 million people.

On February 18 let us celebrate the Renaissance painter nicknamed Fra Angelico (brother angel) because of his life using pictures as a way of preaching – because of the beautiful faces he painted.

On February 27 let us celebrate the

seventeenth century Welsh poet George Herbert whose poems explain things otherwise inexplicable.

He wrote:

*‘Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back’*

You will have to find this poem on the Internet and read it if you want to know what happens at the end.

Read his poem *‘The Pulley’* too while you are about it!

Nigel K



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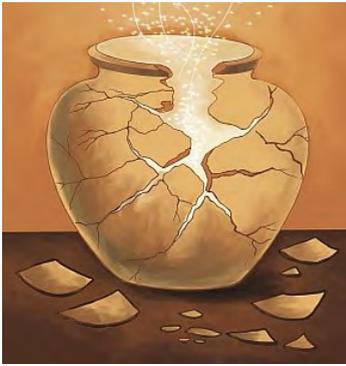
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# From the Ministry Area Team Leader

## Peter Lewis



**When it feels like the world is falling apart, where might we look for Peacefulness? In uncertain times, what might inspire a new pattern of living for us, shaped by hope not life's troubles?**

Gower Ministry Area is inviting people to a group that will seek to try and make sense of our world and ask some of the Big Questions of life through conversations about faith and what makes us tick.

We're running groups which are less about providing 'all the answers' and more about a space for discovery, reflection, and growth. Imagine a safe haven for those searching for meaning, those healing from hurt, and those simply looking for a fresh start. A diversity of stories and perspectives that enriches the experience for everyone involved.

We're offering two different groups:

- An online group meets on Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday nights from February 3rd. Meeting ID: 897 2887 2933; Passcode: 823812
- An in person group meets at 6pm on Mondays at St Hilary's Church Hall, Killay from February 23rd. This group will also offer an evening meal together.

Every week features a short film on topics like meaning, purpose, and belief - followed by open, honest conversations. You're encouraged to express curiosity, raise doubts, or simply listen in. Many people who considered themselves non - religious or unsure have found these sessions to be a refreshing place to think, discuss, and connect without obligation.

Our approach is that faith should be explored, not imposed. So we have no assumptions and no expectations. Alpha is open to all - regardless of your background or beliefs.

How to take part? You can let us know you'd like to come along by contacting Peter by text or WhatsApp on 07944056335, or [peterlewis@cinw.org.uk](mailto:peterlewis@cinw.org.uk)

Our February Welsh Language service is on Friday 27th at 11am in Llanddewi Church to celebrate St David.

Gower Ministry Area

**LENT** 

**Wild Church:**

Book here...



21 Feb 10am **Rhossili?**

28 Mar 2pm **Wernffrwd?**

**Ash Wednesday** 18 Feb

945am St Mary Pennard

10am **Llanrhidian church**

1030am St David **Llanddewi**

1030am All Souls **Tycoch**

7pm Lamplighter, **Bishopston**

**Mondays 6pm from Feb 23 at St Hilary's Church**

**Hall** Follow the Alpha Course to explore the Christian faith



**Tuesdays 7pm from Feb 24: Lamplighter Shop,**

**Bishopston.** Exploring a Pilgrimage to 6 Welsh Cathedrals

**Tuesdays 7.30pm from Feb 11 online** Follow the Alpha

Course to explore the Christian faith and bring your questions.

Zoom Meeting ID: 897 2887 2933 Passcode: 823812



**Wednesdays 3pm from Feb 25 at The King Arthur,**

**Reynoldston,** Lent Course exploring some of Jesus' Prayers.

**Thursdays 7pm from Feb 19 at The King's Head,**

**Llangennith** Jesus turns to Jerusalem:

**Lent discussion within the Holy Communion: All**

Souls Tycoch Wednesdays 1030am, St Hilary's

Killay Thursdays 11am

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## **Gower Wonder of Wellbeing creating inviting spaces for renewal and hope**

### **WoW Creative Workshops:**

#### **When Not Seeing You Is the Best News of All!**

Chloe: Running weekly or ongoing workshops is one of the greatest privileges of my work. It means seeing the same faces regularly, building trust, and forming relationships that last. So, it may sound strange to say this, but recently I've found myself feeling overjoyed when certain participants stop coming!



Not in the way you might think...because when parents don't, it is an absolute thrill to hear they've taken that next step with their baby and are beginning their lives together outside the hospital walls. As I've shared before, we were thrilled to be invited to run wellbeing workshops for parents from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Singleton hospital last year – and have been asked to continue with more, such was its success with both patients and staff!

#### **Layers of Love**

To give you an idea of what we do, each session began with simple breathing exercises, helping parents gently transition from high-stress environments into the space. The workshop itself was called Layers of Love, using explosion boxes - a type of layered scrapbook often used for gifts. It is a powerful exercise, as when words fail, visuals often speak in ways language can't.



Head Occupational Therapist, Amanda, beautifully reframed them as celebration boxes - a way for parents to document their baby's journey, mark progress, and celebrate even the smallest wins.

Knowing parents were in survival mode & not up for thinking about what to put in them, I created prompt cards EG:

- *If I could wrap my baby in one word, it would be...*
- *What do I want to tell my baby today?*

We also brought a small inkless printer to print photos of their babies which became an instant hit. These photos allowed parents to share stories, introduce their babies, and connect with one another - parents, babies, staff, and us.

## The Power of Presence

Our project lead, Rach, suggested that Dan (our Faith and Wellbeing Guide and father of two) to join us. His presence made a profound difference. In the time we were there, three fathers attended which issomething staff shared had never really happened before!



Dan has a gentle sensitivity, knowing when to chat, when to listen, and when to simply hold space. His presence brought normality, safety, and permission for dads to open-up. Two fathers shared how grounding it felt and how, for a short while, they didn't feel like they were in a hospital. Conversations shifted to hobbies, walking, sports, and life beyond crisis.

Mothers shared that having their partners there made them feel more secure during an incredibly vulnerable time. Anxiety softened. Tension eased. Staff often described it as if you could physically see the stress melting off them!

## Gratitude and Hope

I remain in awe of the parents in NICU. I don't think they realise just how extraordinary they are. Their positivity, mutual encouragement, and celebration of even the smallest victories is something truly special. We are so looking forward to continuing this relationship and partnership this year. So, sometimes the greatest joy comes from not seeing familiar faces because it means they're exactly where they're meant to be: home, together, beginning again.

## WoW Wild Church:

Marian: This was the last Wild Church event of the year, with numbers growing every time. There was a definite chill in the air, but the glorious sunshine attracted 25 walkers and 8 dogs, all eager to stretch their legs after Christmas. We met at St. Mary's Church, Rhossili for an easy circular walk to the Coastwatch



Station overlooking Worm's Head and returning through the Vile, stopping for prayers and to sing carols in the open air.

Dan introduced our walk, by reading a poem written by Liliane Davies entitled,

‘In All the World God Shines.’ At the beginning of this poem, she writes about the meadows and the hills, deep pools, roaring seas, in the village, on the beach... Did Liliane have Rhossili in mind when she wrote these words because they could not have been more appropriate!

Our first carol was, ‘Away in a manger,’ which we sang on the cliff path just past the National Trust shop. Dan talked about the name Jesus, so familiar to us, but explained that his parents would have known him as Joshua or Yeshua. We were asked to think of who Jesus is to each of us personally, how does his life and example challenge or inspire us and to identify the ways in which we experience the presence of Jesus in our own lives today. Before leaving this spot, Dan handed us a pebble with the name Jesus painted on it, to be placed on the wall nearby.

Our second carol was, ‘Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.’ Again, we were challenged to think of other names for Jesus - Saviour, Prince of Peace, Counsellor, Almighty - but we were also asked to consider the choice of King. How does the idea of a King sit with the modern world? Do kings have real power? Do we acknowledge Jesus as a King? When we read the Gospels, it is very apparent that Jesus did not have any of the wealth and possessions we might expect of a King. He was an ordinary person, born in a stable with animals, visited by shepherds who were outsiders and forced to become a refugee as his life was threatened. He was humble, cared for the sick, mixed with people considered to be outcasts by others, but built up an increasing number of followers as he opposed injustice and challenged those in power. A second pebble bearing the name King was placed at this point.

Our third carol was, ‘O come all ye faithful,’ sung on the cliff top overlooking the sea with Worm’s Head in the distance, with Revd. Pete and Sian Smith singing the descant beautifully. Our last carol was, ‘O Come, O come Emmanuel,’ sung to the tune of ‘Christians Awake’ which added a new upbeat dimension to this familiar Advent carol. The pebble with the inscription Emmanuel was placed nearby.

Finally, back to St. Mary’s we were able to view Chloe’s Advent art installation ‘In Light of This’ over tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits. Once again, a few wonderful hours, walking in beautiful scenery and singing familiar carols which Dan linked so skillfully to some of the other names by which Jesus was known.

### Sign up with us!

If you would like to be updated with news and opportunities of all that is happening with the WoW project, then please sign up on our website: [The Wonder of Wellbeing Gower](https://www.wonderofwellbeinggower.org.uk)

If you would like to ask us a question or offer some time to volunteer at an event, then please email the team at:

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*St Andrew's, Penrice; St Cattwg's, Port Eynon;  
St David's, Llanddewi; St George's, Reynoldston;  
St Iltyd's, Oxwich; and St Mary's, Rhossili.*

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## WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

<b>Every Tuesday</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Reynoldston
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Communion/Bible Study at	Llanddewi
<b>Every Thursday</b>	8.15am	Prayerfulness Walk	Rhossili
	10.30am	Prayers at Reynoldston Methodist Church	
<b>Sunday 1 Feb</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Penrice
Presentation of	10.30am	Holy Communion	Reynoldston
Christ in Temple	11.00am	Holy Communion	Oxwich
	5.00pm	Holy Communion	Port Eynon
<b>Sunday 8 Feb</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Penrice
2nd Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion	Rhossili
before Lent	10.30am	Holy Communion	Reynoldston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Oxwich
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Port Eynon
<b>Sunday 15 Feb</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Penrice
1st Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Reynoldston
before Lent	11.00am	Holy Communion	Oxwich
	5.00pm	Holy Communion	Port Eynon
<b>Sunday 22 Feb</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Penrice
Lent 1	9.30am	Holy Communion	Llanddewi
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Reynoldston
	11.00am	Morning Service	Oxwich
	5.00pm	Blessings Café	Port Eynon

### **Bible Study Groups**

- In Llanddewi church every Wednesday at 9.30am as part of the mid-week Communion service.
- At Highmead, Overton Lane, Port Eynon, every Wednesday at 10.30am for 11. Further information from Richard Herbert on 01792 390300.

**Caffi Cattwg** in Port Eynon Church: Saturday 7th and 21st February 10.30am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

## REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

### St David's, Llanddewi

On the Sunday after Christmas we were delighted to again welcome people from the wider area to our service of Carols and Communion, with refreshments afterwards. It is always good to spend time with people from the communities around us in this little set-apart church at Llanddewi. (Many people don't know it's here, although it's so close to the A4118 road and a B road linking north and south Gower!) We are looking forward to an afternoon tea at The Granary Café in Scurlage (SA3 1BA) on 14 February. Do join us to enjoy tea, cakes and company, and help us to raise much-needed funds for Llanddewi church.

Our mid-week study group has started thinking about the meaning and implication of individual words of the Jewish Shema prayer, found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one God. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.'

The theme for this month's magazine is 'Creativity in the service of the kingdom of God'. Creative service in the kingdom of God encourages us to recognize that the Kingdom of God is in the people and places where God reigns, fulfilling his loving purposes in creative service, thinking outside the box and acting by faith. The church has pioneered many forms of practical creative service, notably through mission agencies like hospitals. Worship songs, music, poetry, literature and art conveying spiritual

meaning have played a major part in creative service through the centuries. Recent creative ways of serving God include re-ordering church buildings to offer spaces and resources to serve social needs like foodbanks, counselling, art and music, and outdoor activities that encourage wellbeing and make connections between creation and God.

God, the Creator of all things, has created gifts within us and for us, to bring blessing. When we recognise the gifts and resources we have to offer, see the possibilities, and offer them back to God, the way is opened for healing, hope, and transformation - new creation, new life.

*Penny Henderson*

### St Illtyd's, Oxwich

The Christmas decorations have been taken down and now we only have memories of Christmas 2025. Most memorable in Oxwich was the Christmas Eve service when every seat was taken, showing that a religious element is still important to very many people. Our services since have been increased by some of our intermittent visitors. We now look forward to the first signs of spring and creation's reawakening of the snowdrops in the churchyard and the odd daffodil showing its leaves.

It is time in our own gardens to become creative to make them as attractive as possible, in praise of God's Kingdom. Living on Gower,

we are so very aware of these changes. Others have different gifts, write beautiful prose and poetry, make pots and glassware and sew and knit. Swansea has produced poets and musicians for a long time, no doubt influenced by the surrounding scenery, notable of course being Dylan Thomas and his friends, Daniel Jones and Vernon Watkins. Another poet, Edward Thomas, called Swansea 'a horrible sublime town', whereas Dylan's description was 'an ugly lovely town'. I wonder what they would say about the town today? The Duncan Family were painters of note and there are all types of music to be found very frequently all over the city and Gower. Hymn writers such as George Herbert and Frances Ridley Havergal, who lived in Caswell, used their talents to write wonderful hymns. The British Empire Panels in the Brangwyn Hall, or the Swansea china in Swansea Museum can have such an effect as well as the beautiful scenery we experience so often on Gower.

Where there is beauty evoking an emotional response there must be a spiritual effect of this in the service of God's kingdom. How blessed we are to live in such a place with abundant creativity in evidence all around us exhibiting God's kingdom.

*Rosemary Wigley*

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

We continue to hold our Sunday services at 8.30am. In early January it was still dark when we opened the church and not only dark but very cold. We have been trying to balance the

cost of heating with a certain degree of comfort, however, despite the cold spell and members of the congregation suffering from coughs and colds everything has continued as normal. Our two very stalwart clerics have always arrived on time and never complained about the low temperature. Hopefully the weather will soon be milder as signs of spring are already appearing in the form of the snowdrops in the hedges at Penrice.

Reynoldston Chapel was packed, for the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jane Gronow. Jane was the epitome of kindness and warmth, much loved by many and highly regarded by friends and neighbours. Her quiet strength and willingness to help and support were upheld by her strong faith and dedication to others. Stuart, Mari and Scarlett are very much in our thoughts at this time of great sorrow.

We recently met to plan our summer events and have several good ideas for the 2026 season of lectures. The first event, on 15th April, will be given by Ian Prothero, who has an enthusiastic interest in geology which he often combines with history. The title of Ian's lecture is 'A Simple Geology of Central Gower and a Couple of Related Historical Consequences'. Ian is well known to us and has attended many lectures at Penrice and is sure to make the evening a great success. . At the meeting here was much discussion about finance and how to finance our ministry share to the Ministry Area while continuing to

maintain the fabric of the Church. Fund raising seems to be the key to keeping things stable, but it is increasingly hard to provide value for money when thinking of ideas to raise cash. We are fortunate that our calendars sell so well as it makes a huge contribution to our funds. We are very grateful to Richard Dorran for taking the photographs and to Jim Harford of Print Partnership for doing all the printing.

*Angela Barnett*

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

January 24th marked St Cattwg's Day, the anniversary of the saint's death. As this coincided with a session of our popular Caffi Cattwg, a small celebration was held there, alongside a workshop for Wild Church. A team of twelve worked for several hours giving the church and café area a thorough clean, rewarded by a delicious lunch provided by Alison Carman and Chris Williams.

'Creativity in the service of God's Kingdom.' God himself, being the first and greatest creator, has given the inhabitants of his kingdom scope to create for themselves and to further his work by all the means he has put at their

disposal. Some have the 'divine spark' of spectacular ability in music, art and drama, talents that attract popular attention. The names of King David and of the legendary Orpheus have come down in history as supreme musicians. Artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo have represented biblical scenes which are admired to this day. Handel and other composers of oratorios have glorified God in heart-stirring works. However, we should not overlook the less obvious contributors to God's kingdom: the agriculturists who first tilled his earth and those who have continued to do so in innovative ways; practitioners of medicine and surgery who have learned how to cure and prevent ailments; researchers and problem-solvers; astronomers; architects and erectors of magnificent and of humble buildings for worship or dwelling; leaders of communities; preachers of God's word; all who serve others.

Earliest man discovered his own ability in pressings of his hands on



*most of the team of twelve at St Cattwg*

cave walls and by wonderful drawings of animals and hunting parties. Even some birds, animals and fish use artistry in courting and nesting. All represent the creative gifts of God through which we can serve.

*Susan Morris*

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

The clergy and lay readers in our churches are very much in our prayers as they will have to bring in changes resulting from the final retirement of Canon Roger in April. Roger has contributed so much to our church life here in Gower. Impossible to replace but, in fact, not to be replaced.

January saw the welcome return of our organist, Olivia Craddock, after an operation. Many thanks to Penny Henderson who has so willingly stepped up to the keyboard on a number of Sundays.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mike Lee. Mike was known to many of us, working alongside his father Lyndon, sister Shirley and brother Alan at the shop on the Lower Green. For many years Mike was a member of the Fire Service, a keen sportsman and football coach.

Members of the Afternoon Club learned a great deal about creativity in Reynoldston when Kirstine Dunthorne gave an excellent presentation about artists who were inspired by the Gower landscape. A number of them made their home in this village whilst others visited and painted. James Harris Senior and son James lived at the Bryn, and were eminent marine artists.

Allan Duncan, also a resident here, painted the picture of Reynoldston Fair in 1885, on view at St George's. Several generations of the Duncan family were associated with Horton – where the last two sisters lived until the 1960's and made a significant contribution to Port Eynon Church and village life. Reynoldston has a link with the French Impressionists through Lucien Pissarro, a distinguished artist and son of Camille Pissarro. Lucien was a frequent visitor to Gower and stayed at Brynfield in 1933, painting Cefn Bryn and some village scenes. Many residents and visitors to Gower have been much comforted and felt blessed by God through the wonderful creativity of these artists and feeling for the land around.

*Valerie Beynon*

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

We have prayed for some time that our numbers at St Mary's might increase and yes our prayers have been answered in that we are achieving double figures in our monthly service. It is comforting to know that people are coming to live in properties in the village and that some of them are attending church services.

The 'Meet the Artist' event at St Mary's drew some 23 people to what turned out to be a lively and thought-provoking evening. Chloe Thomas explained her thoughts behind the panels and how they related to the Light of the World.



People expanded on why they were drawn to a particular panel from their own experiences. These panels will be in place for a few more weeks before being changed for a new set.

*Roger Button*



*January 24 St Cattwg's Day*

## Three Cliffs Cluster of Churches

### **Bishopston, Ilston, Pennard, Penmaen and Nicholaston**

#### **Sunday Services:**

Ilston at 9:30 am February 1; February 15

Bishopston at 9:30 am February 1; February 8; February 15; February 22

Pennard Church at 11:00 am February 11; February 18; February 22

Pennard Community Hall at 11:00 am February 1 (Family Service)

Nicholaston at 11:15 am February 1; February 22;

Penmaen at 10:00 February 8

#### **Weekday Services:**

Wednesday Eucharists at Pennard 9:45 am on January 7, 14, 21, 28.

Thursday Celtic Communion services at the Lamplighter 9:30 am on January 8, 15, 22, 29

#### **The venue for Bishopston services for the next few weeks.**

*Peter Brooks writes:* We cannot heat St Teilo's at the moment because of a gas leak. After the service on Sunday January 25 the congregation voted on what to do. The majority decided to continue in church rather than switch to the Glebe Hall. We will try this for a week with a Space Heater. The services will be 'said' with no hymns and a shorter reflection. We may have to reconsider.

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#### **Three Cliffs Mothers Union**

At the AGM in January the Secretary reported on 2025, a year of a varied and interesting talks and activities. The Treasurer reported that we start 2026 in a secure financial position thanks largely to Barbara Morris's sponsorship effort. Barbara stepped down as Branch Leader and was warmly thanked for her years of service.

Catherine Thomas was appointed Branch Leader with Virginia Evans and Ailsa Howell remaining in post as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Louise Rigdon, our newest member, thanked everyone for the warm welcome. We then enjoyed afternoon tea, served by the Committee

Next meeting of the Three Cliffs Mothers Union: 17th February, 2.30pm in Pennard Parish Small Hall when Rod Cooper will entertain us with his talk 'The Two-Legged Fox.' All welcome. Please speak to one of us if you'd like to know more.

## St Teilo Bishopston

*Mike Whiffen writes:* Like all Churches December was a busy month for St Teilo's.

At St Teilo's we had a full house for our service of Lessons and Carols and were fortunate to have John Hooper to accompany us on the violin as well as playing a solo. With Alun Tregelles Williams on the organ the music and the singing were excellent. Sue Waite along with Louise Rigdon led the service and prayers.



On Christmas Eve the Church was packed with parents, grandparents and children for our D.I.Y. Nativity. We never know what is going to happen. This year we had three Mary's quite a

few angels and stars but were lacking male participants We had to coax and encourage a few reluctant shepherds and wisemen to take part. It was a fun afternoon which all ages enjoyed. A big thank you to all who helped especially Sue Waite and Dave Ball and his family.



## Community Cinema

Last month's film – Downton the Finale was well attended.

February's film is on Tuesday February 10th and is:

**PENQUIN LESSONS**

- starring Steve Coogan

At this time of writing I have just been notified of the Passing of Nick Brownlie Hughes, wife of Betty. Nick was a long-standing member St Teilo's and our love and prayers go out to Betty and family.

## Bishopston's 'Do It Yourself' Nativity



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### News from Nicholaston & Penmaen

*Frances Owen-John writes*  
**Services during February.**

1st Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 11.15 at  
Nicholaston,

2nd Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, am at  
Penmaen

3rd Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February No service.

4th Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 11.15 at  
Nicholaston.

### Church Council Meeting

On Sunday, 8th February there will be a meeting of the Church Council after the 10 am service at Penmaen Church at the home of Jane Shaw. Notice of the meeting has been sent out and the object of the meeting is to consider the Parish Share and Clergy costs for 2026, along with approving the accounts for 2025.

## **Work at Penmaen Church:**

We understand that we are on the top of the list for the contractor to commence work in 2026. In the meantime David has put down a temporary floor to the side of the organ to facilitate the safe reading of the electricity meter, etc.

## **Coffee morning**

Next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 7th February at Penmaen and Nicholaston Village Hall.

**Please continue to pray for the sick, the bereaved and those having and recovering from, operations, and peace to those countries at war.**



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## **Pennard Church St. Mary's**

*Catherine Thomas writes.*

Welcome to St Mary's, Pennard! Now with safer, easier step-free access for all!



This month's creativity theme has awakened some memories for me. One of the presents in my stocking on Christmas morning 1962 was Dylan Thomas's, 'A Child's Christmas in Wales.' I crawled back under the covers and read it from cover to cover. We were living at that time in an upstairs flat in the Uplands and the very next morning I awoke to the scene Thomas evokes when, "All the Christmases roll down toward the two-tongued sea . . . December, in my memory, is white as Lapland." Dylan Thomas says he could "never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six." Little did we know on that long ago Boxing Day that it was going to snow until mid-February!

In December 1963 we moved to Pennard, partly thanks to the encouragement of Gwen Watkins, wife of Dylan's close friend and fellow poet, Vernon Watkins. My mother and Gwen had become friends after meeting on a number 64 bus from Swansea to Pennard. Vernon Watkins often attended the 8am Communion Service in St Mary's, Pennard, where there is a plaque in his memory and below it an icon created by his daughter-in-law.



The making of icons is an excellent example of 'Creativity in the Service of God's Kingdom.' The process is fascinating and involves fasting and prayer.

It was understandable that a smaller than usual congregation met for our first service of 2026 in the Community Hall on a bitterly cold and icy morning but we enjoyed celebrating Epiphany and the arrival of the Magi. We hope to see more of you on Sunday 1st February.

If you left a Christmas wreath or other floral arrangement anywhere in the churchyard please remove it within the next few weeks. My thanks to the people who have already done so.



At the end of our service on Sunday 11th January we sang 'Happy Birthday' to Gordon. 88 years young!

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Every Thursday	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Hilary's, Killay
Sunday February 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's, Dunvant
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	All Souls, Tycoch
	9:45am	Bubble Church	St. Hilary's, Killay
	11:00am	Lay Led Service	St. Hilary's, Killay
Sunday February 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Lay Led Service	St. Martin's, Dunvant
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist	All Souls, Tycoch
	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Hilary's, Killay
Sunday February 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's, Dunvant
	9:30am	Lay Led Service	All Souls, Tycoch
	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Hilary's, Killay
Sunday February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Martin's, Dunvant
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist	All Souls, Tycoch
	11:00am	Holy Eucharist	St. Hilary's, Killay
Wednesday February 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Ash Wednesday Service at All Souls.	



*Marian Williams writes:*

## **Creativity in service of God's Kingdom**

Creativity in worship is a concept which can be found in the narrative of the Bible. The liturgy provides specific instructions for worship, but the implementation varies so much in different churches. If we watch Songs of Praise, this highlights the difference in ways in which we are called to worship and how this worship is offered to God. Revelation 4 v 11 states, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." How this glory, honour and power is expressed is left to the individual. Some people are artists, others musicians, others are great writers, great architects, landscape gardeners or inventors.

In Genesis 1, we see the hand of God the creator of the World and the trust which he placed in Adam to be the steward of his creation. Now, it is our duty to care for this world, using the gifts which we have been given. We need to care for all living things and ensure that our actions do not damage the fragile ecosystems which surround us. The way that we live our lives has contributed towards global

warming, desertification, extinction of many species and the devastation caused by extreme weather around the world.

David was a great musician, many of the psalms refer to singing or making music and we know that music plays a prominent part in the Bible. Ephesians 5 v 19 talks about, "speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." Our organists, music groups, choristers and congregations use these gifts in service of God's Kingdom.

Many of the great Renaissance artists depicted Biblical scenes in their works. Michelangelo's famous frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, the Pieta in St. Peter's, his statue of David in Florence, Leonardo da Vinci's mural The Last Supper in Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan. The gilded bronze doors created by Ghiberti, referred to the Gates of Paradise for the Baptistery of San Giovanni in Florence are all world famous. Not as well known, but just as fascinating are the paintings recreated on the walls of St. Teilo's church at St. Fagan's.



*St Teilo Images from St Fagan Images*

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We have enjoyed beautiful sunrises and sunsets recently, enabling us to look with awe and wonder at what we are seeing.



*Sunset in Oxford, taken at Harris  
Manchester College*



*Sunset in Killay*

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The work to repair our Lych Gate at St. Hilary's has recently been completed. Creativity in service of God's Kingdom is definitely evident here. The creativity, craftsmanship and talent of Tom Banfield is superb. The Lych Gate was blessed and Rev. Layfetta cut the ribbon at the end of our service on January 18th. Thanks to Roy Chapman for driving this project and members of the MA Property Committee for their support



Our East Cluster New Year Lunch was held at Pennard Golf Club at the beginning of January. Delicious food, convivial company and beautiful surroundings. A special thank you to Sylvia and Mike Powell, for their organisation, attention to detail and tireless devotion to duty in the service of God's Kingdom.



Gogledd Gŵyr-North Gower group of churches  
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**St. David's Church, Gwernffrwd**

*Sandra Davis writes:* Christmas seems a very long time ago now but we did enjoy a lovely Christmas season in St. David's. On the Sunday evening before Christmas we held our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which was once again well supported by the community resulting in a church nearly full to capacity. Thank you to everyone who read the lessons, Keith for accompanying the carols and Elsie Steadman for taking the collection, which raised £255 for Tŷ Hafan. Refreshments were served after the service, thank you to everyone who provided and served these and cleared away afterwards.

On Christmas Day we saw a larger than usual congregation for the service conducted by Fr. Nigel. It was a really happy and relevant service for Christmas Day with several carols and a delightful chat with Tadgh and Idris, Anwen and Sophie's little boys, who told us about their presents from Santa, especially the tractors he had brought them.

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant actually falls on a Sunday this year so we will be holding our bi-lingual Eucharist service on Sunday March 1st. at our usual time of 9.30 am. Please come and join us for traditional Welsh hymns and refreshments, everyone is welcome.

We send our love and sincere condolences to Jean (Hamer) and family on the recent death of Wynford, their husband, father and grandfather recently. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please also remember all our friends who are unwell at present at home, in residential care or in hospital, especially remembering Eileen, June, Gillian and Kay.

*Sandra Davis*

*A note from the Editor.*

*Sandra tells me that this is her last article for the magazine. I was devastated. She has been one of the best and most reliable of all our contributors. Sandra, we are sorry to see you go and wish you all the best for your retirement.*

## Ss Rhidian & Illtyd Llanrhidian

*Pam Meakins writes:*

"Wednesday 18th of February is the beginning of Lent - Ash Wednesday. With the sign of the cross on our forehead in ashes, fill our hearts with sorrow for our past failings. The season of Lent is a time for healing, when we ask God to renew within us his love . Our journey through Lent is an opportunity to make small changes which make a big difference. The journey through Lent and Holy Week will bring us to Easter Day and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the realization of our Christian faith. Lord God, grant us strength, protection and healing to support us through all temptations. Amen

On Friday the 20th of February St Rhidian's Mother's Union members will keep the Wave of Prayer, focusing on the work of the Mother's Union throughout the world and for our prayer partners uniting members in fellowship.

From the registers: Holy Matrimony - 31st of December 2025 - Daniel Dyer and Leah Walker. We wish them much happiness in their future life together.

Please pray for all who need our prayers especially those ill at home or in hospital.

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# Dear Children

Dear Children,

Do you like stories? Silly question! Everybody likes stories. We need stories because they are the way we understand the world around us and they are the way we tell other people what we have understood.



But stories are not all equally useful. I was thinking about a ‘not-very-useful’ story the other day... I’ll tell you ‘why’ in a bit. In this story, there are a lot of gods who meddle in human affairs. These gods are totally selfish. They don’t care in the slightest about the people they meddle with. Sisyphus, the king of Corinth, manages to upset them and as a punishment he is made to spend eternity rolling an immense boulder up a hill only for it to roll back down every time he nears the top - so he has to start all over again. This is an old story – nearly three thousand years old. It seems to have been written to warn us not to think we are smarter than the gods for this will surely upset them. It isn’t nearly as useful a story as our story about Jesus, which tells us that that God does care about us.

To explain why I was thinking about Sisyphus I have to tell you a story myself: Once upon a time - eighty or ninety years ago now – there was a Frenchman who knew many stories. His name was Albert Camus. He knew the Bible stories. He knew the ancient Greek stories. He knew French stories. He knew the stories of Stendhal, Herman Melville, Fyodor Dostoyevsky and Franz Kafka. He knew a lot of stories and tried to decide which of

them was true. Then one day a dreadful idea came to him. What if none of the stories were true? Perhaps all the stories in the world are delusions? They all try to explain the meaning of life but, perhaps, really and truly it doesn’t have any meaning! Perhaps it is absurd for us to look for one? He became sure that this was right. Oh dear!

I started out today telling you that human beings need stories and cannot do without them. So Albert Camus had to have a story himself, even if he rejected everyone else’s stories. What did he do? He did an extraordinary thing. He embraced the story of Sisyphus! Out of all the stories he knew about - all he could have chosen - he decided on the one implying that we are pointlessly struggling with never-ending tasks and eternally failing to achieve them.

It was surely a poor choice!

*Nigel*

P.S. Children, I beg you, do not choose a gloomy story to believe in. There is a wonderfully cheerful one that you can choose.

# The Gower Church Magazine

## One hundred years ago – February 1926

by Valerie Beynon



The February Magazine entries from all the churches described in detail their Christmastide celebrations in worship and in their communities. Bishopston reported *The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The majority of Communicants made their Communion and the carols were well rendered by the Choir.* At Cheriton's *Annual Watch-Night Service on New Year's Eve, quite a number came together- spending the last few minutes of the Old Year and the first of the New Year in God's House.*

Llangenydd and Penmaen both reported that *It is proposed to hold at least a seven days Mission in November; this is to be a universal Mission throughout the whole of Gower, and we shall think of it and prepare for it as the time goes by.* Pennard was glad to announce that *we have now been able to arrange for a Sunday School to be held in Parkmill as well as Pennard. Mrs Griffiths of Footlands will act as*

*Superintendent ....She acted as a teacher in Pennard for many years and we are most fortunate in securing her services.*

Reynoldston reminded readers of Lent. *This solemn season, beginning February 17th, is intended for the deepening of repentance and the quickening of the spiritual life. We trust that there will appear visible signs of its real observance amongst us in a more frequent reception of the Holy Communion, if possible in the early morning....and an increase of, or more regular attendance at church.*

The short days and long evenings made Winter the convenient season for gathering together for socialising and entertainment and the Christmas and New Year season was the peak time. Llandewi held a *Christmas Tree and Public Tea. This Annual event took place on December 31st and was one of the happiest evenings we have had for a long time. The gifts were distributed by Father Christmas in traditional costume. Nine prizes were awarded for good attendance. Later the company adjourned for the Watch-night Service. The Church was full and the Service very impressive. Later in the week there was also an exceedingly jolly Carnival Ball*

Port Eynon's *Xmas Tree and Tea*, turned out to be a greater success than ever... In addition to the numerous presents provided on the tree, prizes were given by each of the teachers for their class.

At Nicholaston and Oxwich there was a Sunday School party and another one for the Choir and Church Officers on New Year's Eve at the Rectory. There was also a Children's Operetta in the Schoolroom arranged by Miss Sainsbury.

Penclawdd 's Sunday School performed 'The Christmas Cantata' on January the 7th and 10th. Notwithstanding the real difficulties of practice in consequence of the bad weather, the work was very well done. In Bishopston, the children had a great time. On the Tuesday after Christmas there was a splendid Parish Tea, followed by jolly amusement such as Punch and Judy, a conjuror and ventriloquist, and songs. On New Year's Eve the 'Christmas Tree'... organised for our Sunday School by the teachers, was a programme entirely given by local talent and was great fun. The young people had their Annual Fancy Dress Dance on Boxing Day. Reynoldston's production of Cinderella came up to the highest expectations. The singing, costumes, acting and setting were all good and

we congratulate Miss Howell and all concerned.

In Rhossili The annual Sunday School Tea and Prize-giving took place in the Parish Hall. A large number came together....and songs, recitations and dances were indulged in.

Fund raising continued. Bishopston boxes brought in £4.14.10. for the Waifs and Strays and Llandewi collected £1.19.5. for the same charity as well as £1.9.7 for the SPG.

Port Eynon collected money for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and members were thanked for the gift of all the prizes for the Whist Drive held in aid of the Day School Repairs Fund. Pennard announced receipts of £6.7.1. from Socials and £5.18.4 from Whist Drives.

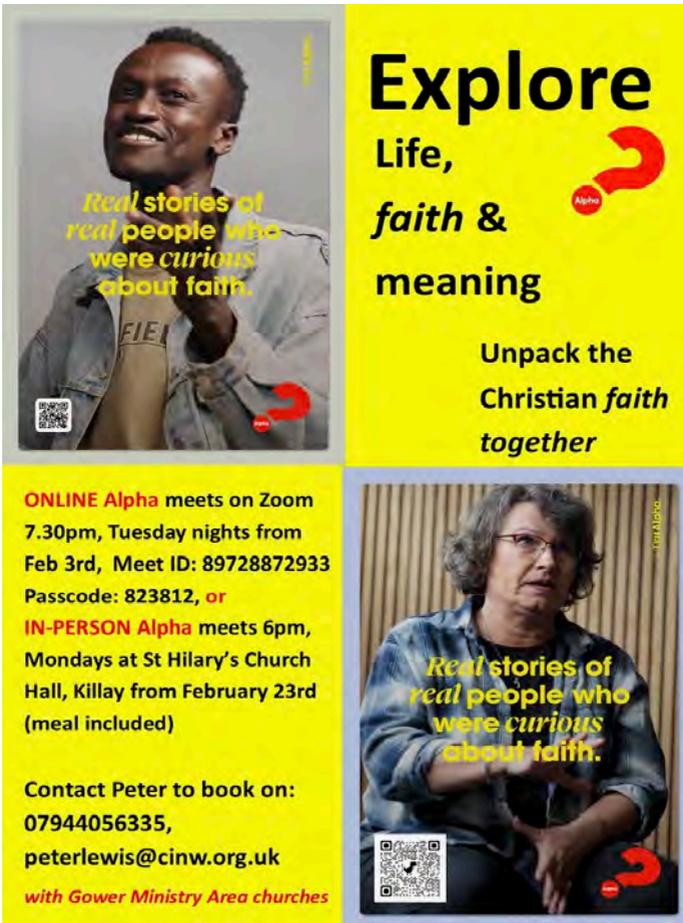
Nicholaston and Oxwich reported The Quota for 1925 was fully paid up by the appointed date, but not without strenuous effort. The amount for which we are assessed is £40 and the Treasurer expects this is to be paid in quarterly instalments. If all parishioners would give as generously as some do, this would be an easy task; as it is, it is a cause of much anxiety to those who have the honour of the parish at heart.

Penmaen Mother's Union reported *We have received a letter of thanks from the Secretary of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for the sewing done by the members of the Mothers Union. She says 'The work done by the mothers of Penmaen is the greatest help in providing clothes for necessitous patients.*

Pennard announced *We have decided to restart a branch of the Mothers Union in the Parish.*

Penclawdd reported *The severity of the weather during January has necessitated the postponement of the re-opening service to St David's Day, March 1st. We are pleased to report that a generous response has been made to the appeal for certain requisites in previous numbers of the Magazine.*

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Where is Liliane?  
Reading a book -  
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Go & Fetch her!

"Mum said 'Come & wipe  
Up the spoons!'"  
Liliane! peel the potatoes  
'What a mess!'  
Draining board & sink  
Covered in peelings!  
'Oh No! What a mess!'

On my bike  
Flowing with the wind  
Freedom from all the noise  
Smabbles, fights  
Freedom!  
Sailing, on my imagination  
Again & Again  
Enid Blyton's Adventures  
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Climbed high into  
A bluebell wood  
Above my desk  
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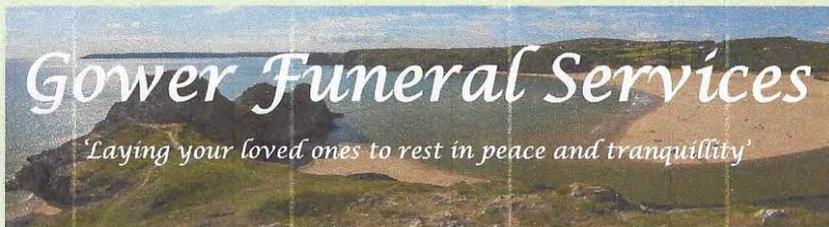
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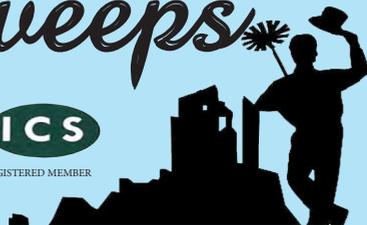
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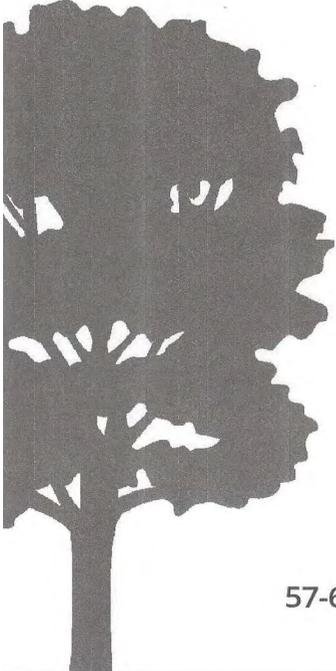
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## *Llangennith : St Cenydd's*

The name Llangennith indicates an early place of worship called a llan and the circular footprint of this original enclosure can still be traced around today's churchyard.

The church consists of a long chancel and nave and attached to the north-east corner of the nave is a massive square-sided saddleback tower with true lancet windows and evidence of a blocked-up substantial Norman archway at its base on the east side. This may have been the main church entrance or given access to the nearby priory. The large porch on the north side is thought to be C13. A variety of building rocks were used on the site – local Old Red Sandstone, Carmarthenshire Pennant Sandstone and Dundry oolitic limestone from south of Bristol for window embellishment. The last quarries closed in the C15, having supplied stone for numerous well-known buildings, including Wells Cathedral and St Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol. Bath stone was used in the C19 restoration when the chancel arch was remodelled from Norman to a wide, lofty neo-gothic form. Behind the arch is a niche, a remnant of former rood steps. The architect for this was John Bacon Fowler who at the same time was responsible for the design and construction of St John's Church at Gowerton.



The result at St Cenydd's is more restrained than much Victorian work which took place in other churches. The East window of three lights received the stained glass in 1945 and depicts the risen Christ between, St Cenydd and St David, the main pillars of the early Celtic church. Between 1960 and 1980, a number of fine features including, the font lid, the altar-frontal chest, a memorial cabinet and the churchwarden's wands were made by local resident William Melling. On the church gates he carved scenes from the life of St Cenydd. The lych-gate itself is the only one in Gower and was given to the church in 1903 by the Helme family of Hillend.

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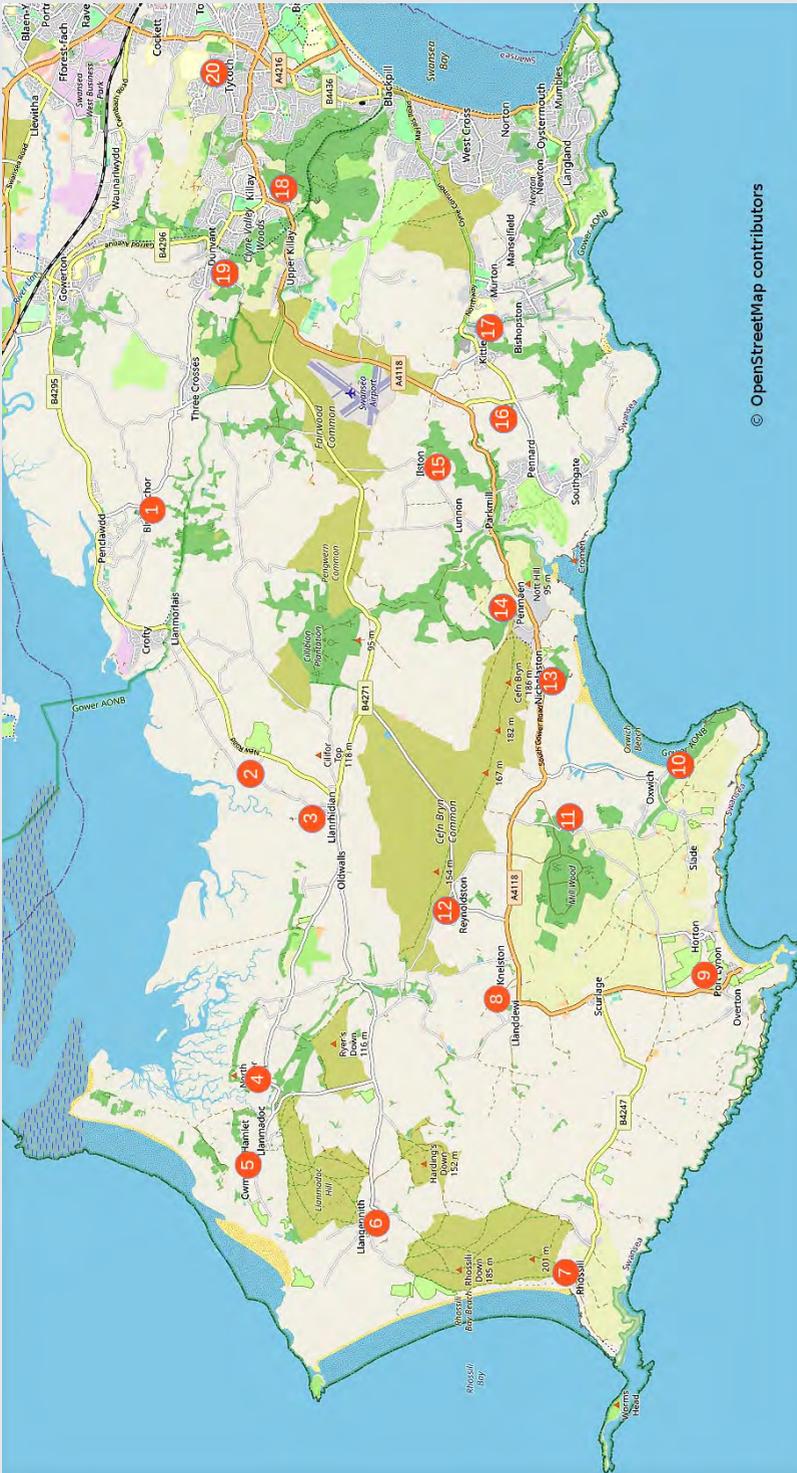
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### Church Locations

- 1: St Gwynor, Penclawdd SA4 3JH
- 2: St David, Wernffrdw SA4 3TR
- 3: St Rhidian & St Iltyd, Llanrhidian SA3 1EH
- 4: St Cadoc, Cheriton SA3 1BY
- 5: St Madoc, Llanmadoc SA3 1DE
- 6: St Cenydd, Llangennith SA3 1HU
- 7: St Mary's, Rhossili SA3 1PL
- 8: St David's Llanddewi SA3 1AU
- 9: St Cattwg's, Port Eynon SA3 1NL
- 10: St Iltyd's, Oxwich SA3 1LS
- 11: St Andrews, Penrice SA3 1LN
- 12: St George's Reynoldston SA3 1AA
- 13: St Nicholas, Nicholaston SA3 2HL
- 14: St John the Baptist, Penmaen SA3 2HQ
- 15: St Iltyd's, Ilston SA3 7LD
- 16: St Mary's, Pennard SA3 2EA
- 17: St Teilo's, Bishopston SA3 3JT
- 18: St Hilary, Killey SA2 7DZ
- 19: St Martins, Dunvant SA2 7UL
- 20: All Souls, Tycoch SA2 9LP

# The Pulley

WHEN God at first made Man,  
Having a glass of blessings standing by—  
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can;  
Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie,  
Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way,  
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure:  
When almost all was out, God made a stay,  
Perceiving that, alone of all His treasure,  
Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)  
Bestow this jewel also on My creature,  
He would adore My gifts instead of Me,  
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature:  
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,  
But keep them with repining restlessness;  
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,  
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness  
May toss him to My breast.

GEORGE HERBERT

