

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER for
St. Illtyd's Ilston, St. John the Baptist Penmaen, St Nicholas
Nicholaston, St. Mary's Pennard, St. Teilo's Bishopston
Churches in the Gower Ministry Area
(Reg Charity No C10 1210801 Website gowerma.org)
Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday

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NB British Summer Time begins 29th March

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LIFE WITH JESUS IS BETTER THAN LIFE WITHOUT HIM

God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday 27th March

11.00am St Georges Reynodston Welsh Service

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday

10.00am Joint Service St Mary's Pennard

Wednesday 1st April

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist with Mothers Union

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

9.30am Lamplighter Celtic Communion

7.00 pm St Illtyds Ilston Eucharist

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

2.00 pm St John's Penmaen Eucharist

2.00 pm St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday

7.00pm St Mary's Pennard

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

9.30am St Illtyds Ilston Eucharist

9.30am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am Pennard Community Hall Service

11.15am St Nicholas Nicholaston Eucharist

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday in the

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Children, Youth and Families Outreach Lead Clare Morgan, we also pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia and those who follow Jesus in Kyrgyzstan

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious Lord

We bring our bring plea to you in prayer. In the midst of strife and war we pray that you will grant: Wisdom to the leaders of all nations, Comfort to the fearful, Relief to the suffering and Protection to the innocent. Dear Lord, we pray for Peace. Amen

Dear All

As is traditional and as will be done in the other clusters of the Ministry Area we will only have one service this Sunday It will be 10.00 am at Pennard Can wardens please bring the Palm Crosses from their churches to be blessed for subsequent distribution and for members who are there on the day to have.

Many thanks

Peter

Dear Friends,

On Palm Sunday we commence the Holiest week in our Christian Calendar.

It begins with our Triumphant Entry that leads to the Cross and ends or begins again you may say with the Empty Tomb.

Once more I invite you to join me not just for the huge celebration that is Easter day but all of the services whatever church they may be in. To truly experience the joy of Easter Day we must experience the betrayal and the death of Jesus as well as that strange moment in time on Easter Saturday when the mystery of the resurrection unfolds.

Do come and join us where and when you can.

Peter

During Lent I would ask you to hold in prayer throughout the season those who serve your churches as officers and those who provide worship and assist.

This is so important at this time of change and sometimes we just don't realise all the hard work they do behind the scenes with buildings, people, finance and a myriad of other matters that truly make everything work I will be publishing a prayer point each week in our bulletin

This week we think of all our Treasurers

Tearfund With the continuing problems in Israel and Gaza Tear Fund is in need of our support as they are part of The DEC in addition to our monthly contribution of £60 people can give their contributions to Sue Waite or put them directly into the Tearfund account. Sort Code: 30 90 89 Account No: 37039368

Here is a current list of what we need at West Cross Foodbank.

Tinned Custard

Instant, packet pasta, Pasta/cooking sauces

Smash, Baked beans, Tinned potatoes

Tinned Spaghetti, Pulses, Milk

Biscuits, Salt and pepper small pots

Washing up liquid, Shampoo, Soap

Drop off to Lamplighter or in Church Hall at Sunday Service or Linden Church Monday 11-30-2.30, Wed 9.30-12, Fridays 10-3.

Co op collection baskets at Mumbles, Brynmill and Bishopston.

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Have you visited us in The Lamplighter recently?

We are a welcoming, friendly place, that serves Gower Coffee, has beautiful cards & locally crafted gifts in Bishopston! We have regular groups & friends that use us as a meeting place to have a cuppa! Come in to see our Easter cards, Lent studies and so much more!

Pop in to see what we have!

Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 - 3:30

Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00

ADVANCE NOTICE

**SPRING COFFEE MORNING
10-12 FRIDAY 24th April
ST TEILOS CHURCH HALL
COFFEE CAKE AND RAFFLE 5.00**

**Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Palms

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (21.1-11)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'

The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 118. 19-24

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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The Liturgy of the Passion

A reading from Isaiah (50.4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31. 9-18

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from the hands of those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

A reading from Philippians (2.5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**