

**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**  
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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.**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

10.00am St Johns Penmaen Morning Prayer

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

7.00pm Thy Kingdom Come Initiative Lamplighter

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am Celtic Communion Lamplighter

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am St Teilo's Bishopston Morning Prayer

9.30am St Illtyds Ilston Morning Prayer

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 5th Sunday after  
Easter. In the Diocesan Cycle of**

**Prayer** we pray for Retired clergy and their families we also pray for The Church of Pakistan (United) and those who follow Jesus in Yemen

**St Teilo's Flower rota**

May 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Jean Wade and JanDale

**St Teilo's ECO Church**

St Teilo's has achieved a Bronze Award in the ECO Church Scheme

We are sad to announce the death of Mr Mark Smith of Southgate and also of Mrs Eileen Hall likewise of Southgate

Mark is well known in the community and Eileen through many organisations locally.

Their funerals will take place at the end of May when we have more details.

**A Prayer for Peace**

Gracious Lord

We bring our 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

**What's Happening Next?**

Following on from our Lent Bible reflections from around the Church in Wales we are looking at what comes next.

On the 13th and 20th May at 7.00 pm in the Lamplighter we will be looking at prayer and how we pray and why as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative

From June 3rd we will commence a six week look at the Gospel of Luke. This again will be at 7.00 pm on a Wednesday night  
All welcome.

**Please note this FURTHER change of details**

The Annual Vestry Meeting for the Gower Ministry Area will now take place at **4.00 pm 31st May in St Cattwg's Port Eynon**

All are welcome to attend to receive the annual report and to undertake any other business that is necessary on this important occasion  
Peter

**COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Our next community cinema will be at 7.00pm Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Glebe Church Hall as usual. This month's film is "HAMNET" starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal

**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 Church at Sunday Service or Linden Church Monday 11-30-2.30, Wed 9.30-12, Fridays 10-3.

**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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from Genesis** (8.20 – 9.17)

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of

the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.'

God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

**Psalm 66. 7 – end**

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life, and suffers not our feet to slip.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens on our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you

fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, but in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

### **A reading from Acts** (17.22-31)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

'The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

'Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John** (14.15-21)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Bountiful God, your Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**