

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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Sunday 19th July 2026 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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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 July 19th

9.30 am St. Illtyds Ilston Eucharist

9.30 am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd July

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

7.00pm Thy Kingdom Come Initiative Lamplighter

Thursday 23rd July

9.30 am Celtic Communion Lamplighter

Sunday 26th July

9.30 am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

11.15 am St Nicholas Nicholaston Eucharist

Sunday 19th July Trinity 7 in the

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the
Unity of the Church we also pray for the
Episcopal Church Sudan and those who
follow Jesus in Pakistan

St Teilo's Flower rota

July 19th Brenda Moses

July 26th Ann Timothy

Gracious Lord, grant your people the blessing of peace in your world. Incline world leaders to favour compromise over conflict and your people to favour compassion over hatred. Incline people of all faiths and none to respect one another and live peaceably together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The funeral of **Margaret Waymark** will be at 2.00pm on Monday 27th July at Llanelli Crematorium.

The funeral for **Mr Rhidian David Lewis** -will be on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 11 am at St.Mary's.Pennard Followed by the committal at Swansea Crematorium at 12:30 pm.

The funeral of the late **Peter Deal** will take place at Swansea Crematorium on Thursday 23rd July at 10,30am

The funeral of the late **Shirley Anne Smith** will take place at St Mary's Pennard at 1.30pm on Thursday 23rd July followed by Swansea Crematorium at 3.00pm

The Memorial Service for Gwen Watkins will take place at St Mary's Pennard on Saturday 12th September at 2.00pm.

What's Happening Next?nnard

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

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.

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.

LAMPLIGHTER

Dear Friend's

The Committee are writing to you because of your valued support and custom and wish you to be aware of an appeal we are putting out to sustain the Ministry, Mission and Hospitality of the Lamplighter Time change and whilst we have been blessed and fortunate for over 30 years we are now looking at tough financial times ahead.

Therefore we are going to circulate this appeal as widely as possible.

We are not giving in...

We are not closing....

We are not stopping praying, hoping and simply being the Lamplighter at the heart of our Community

Many thanks for reading this

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For details of how to make a donation and

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Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Isaiah (44.6-8)

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there

any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86. 11-17

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore;

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For great is your steadfast love towards me, for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

A reading from Romans (8.12-25)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who

hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (13.24-30, 36-43)

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house.

And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lord God, your Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**