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**Luke = 25**

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The theme for June  
**Grace**  
chosen by David Ball

**“Let’s call it what it is—let’s call it grace.”**

*(from the song “Call It Grace” by Unspoken)*

Do you have an image or a word that captures an essential truth? At the heart of Paul’s message of good news there is one defining word: grace (translating the Greek word *charis*, χάρις). This word appears 157 times in the New Testament.

Luke, Paul’s travelling companion, uses it 25 times, while Paul himself uses it 102 times—together accounting for most of its use; Paul’s usage occurring in the earliest writings we have in the New Testament that were written some 15 – 20 years after the crucifixion.

Grace is a rich and complex word. It describes not only the gift, but also the generosity of the giver, the new standing it creates in the recipient and the grateful response it evokes. Paul’s repeated return to grace reflects his own story. As someone who once persecuted the church, he knew his apostleship was not earned. His calling

embodied the truth that God’s grace is given without regard to worth.

In Philippians, Paul describes himself as a “Hebrew of Hebrews,” listing his credentials and even pointing to his persecution of the church as evidence of his zeal. Yet after encountering Christ, he re-evaluated everything. All those previous achievements became loss. He even describes them as *skubala* (σκύβαλα) —rubbish or dung—compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ.

This stands in sharp contrast to our culture that is often focused on self-worth, constantly reinforced by comparison—especially through social media.

Paul’s understanding of worth, grounded in grace, is deeply subversive. In God’s eyes, worth is not measured by success, status, wealth, productivity, or even good deeds. Instead, our worth is defined by grace alone: the gift of salvation through Christ,

offered by a God who loves the world enough to give up his only Son.

Paul wrote “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (*Ephesians 2:8–10*)

The statement, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith,” underpins Paul’s gospel message. God does not give grace because it is deserved or earned. Rather, grace is given while we are still sinners:

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (*Romans 5:8*)

However, some perceive a tension between Paul’s emphasis on grace and the that of action and good deeds portrayed in the letter of James, who writes: “Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.” (*James 2:18*)

The theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrestled with this, distinguishing between “cheap

grace,” which leaves a person unchanged, and true, ‘transformative’ grace.

In reality, there is no contradiction. The richness of the Greek word for grace already includes transformation of the recipient and Paul himself affirms this in our passage from Ephesians:

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...”*

Grace comes first, but it leads to a changed life, expressed in good deeds.

As Martin Luther wrote, “*The love of God does not find, but creates that which is pleasing to it.*”

One example of this truth - that God’s love does not find worth but creates it—is seen in the communities Paul founded, and which churches continue to seek today. These are communities where differences remain but no longer divide. Ethnicity, social status, gender, success, and failure are all placed under a higher allegiance to Christ. At the Eucharist, especially, all come empty-handed - acknowledging

spiritual poverty and receiving anew the only wealth that matters: 'grace'.

Given the depth of meaning of the word, I have found the following mnemonic helpful in capturing some of its essence:

**G R A C E =**

**God's Redemption At  
Christ's Expense.**

As noted above Luke, Paul's companion, learnt from him and recognised the importance of grace, reflecting it in his writing.

Across the centuries, others have also celebrated grace in word and song—from John Newton's "Amazing Grace" to the modern refrain, "Let's call it what it is—let's call it grace."

May we also rejoice in this word—grace—which so simply and powerfully captures the heart of the Gospel message of John 3:16:

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



# From the Gower Ministry Area Annual Report

## Revd. Peter Lewis

Since the inauguration of the Gower Ministry Area by Bishop John on 31st May 2023, it has been immensely rewarding to witness the strengthening of our shared identity and vision across our twenty congregations. There has been a noticeable growth in the sense of unity and purpose as clergy and laity alike have found a nurturing environment in which to develop their gifts. This supportive context has enabled members of our ministry area to be encouraged, to seek fruitfulness in their daily lives and to put Church Growth high on the focus of our shared lives.

During the past year, we celebrated and gave thanks for the ministry of Revd. Hilary and Fr Nigel Doyle as they entered retirement. At the same time, we welcomed the Venerable Peter Brooks into his new role as House for Duty following his retirement. Although the reduction in the number of clergy in our team presented challenges, it also prompted a thoughtful re-evaluation. As a result, lay members of our congregations are invited to take on greater leadership and step into new areas of

responsibility, helping to sustain and grow our shared mission.

Over an extended period, each congregation was encouraged to reflect on God's purpose for their particular fellowship and wider community. These reflections culminated in a comprehensive report, which now serves as a valuable guide and reference point for our ongoing church mission and life together.

We have been intentional in reaching out to children, young people, and those who are not typically connected to church life. Many within our congregations have sensed and enthusiastically supported this renewed vision. In 2025, we were delighted to receive a grant from the Church Growth Fund, which enabled the launch of The Wonder of Wellbeing Project. This initiative, led by the team of Rachelle, Chloe, and Dan, has already begun to make a positive impact in reaching out to locals, church members and visitors to Gower and surrounding area.

## **News from the Minster**

### **Gaia**



Swansea Minster will host ‘Gaia’ a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, this October. Measuring seven metres in diameter and created from 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth’s surface, the artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet, floating in three dimensions.

The Minster plans to host multiple cultural and religious events centred around the installation, which will take place from October 12-31.



## Gower Wonder of Wellbeing

*creating inviting spaces for renewal and hope*

### School Engagement: St Madoc's Residentials

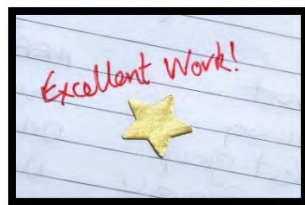
Another wonderful four mornings were spent at St Madoc Christian Youth Centre, this time with Knelston Primary, Ysgol Hendre Felin Primary, Mayals Primary, and Pen-Y-Fro Primary enjoying a calm and creative collaging session to round off their residential. We explored what it meant 'to belong' reflecting on Abraham's call by God to move away from all that he had ever known. Each child shared something beautiful about the images they created, and it was lovely to see the teachers getting involved too!



### Great News @ Knelston Primary School!

We were delighted to read the words of praise included in the recent Estyn inspection report for Knelston Primary School. Although WOW was not mentioned by name, with contributions grouped under the heading of 'church,' we recognise that the wider picture reflects the impact of our projects, services, and events with pupils at the school. Alongside this, the relationship nurtured by Rev Peter Lewis and the dedication of those who volunteer for Open the Book have all played a significant part. Everyone involved can take real pride in their contribution, which helped the school receive the following commendation:

*"Thoughtful planning, relevant visits, and strong links with the local church support pupils' spiritual, moral, and cultural development effectively, helping them to be considerate, reflective and respectful of others."*



### Wild Church: St Gwynnour to Hermon Chapel

We were truly blessed with beautiful weather, wonderful company, and a stunning landscape for April's Wild Church outing. Together we reflected on

on the theme of “good news” as we walked from the Church of St Gwynnour to Hermon Chapel, along the hillside in Penclawdd, taking in the views across the Loughor and Burry Estuary.

*As Mandy Bayton reflected, “It was a lovely gentle, reflective space. Dan led our time together and invited us to think about “good news,” and as we walked, I kept noticing the quiet power of spring. There’s something grounding about the way the world works, the steady rhythms God has set in motion. Just like gravity grounds us, the seasons turn. Winter doesn’t get the final word.*

*“Spring comes. And signs of Spring are everywhere right now, dandelions, buttercups, daisies scattered across the meadows, bluebells and cow parsley lining the hedgerows. Life pushing through again. It felt like a quiet reminder of hope and the very good news that death isn’t the end.”*



### Gower College Cultures Week

We were invited into four campuses: Llwyn Y Bryn, Tycloch, Gorseinon and Jubilee Court, to take part in their culture’s week - introducing students to different expressions of faith. In total, we had 58 conversations, along with some really encouraging interactions with other stall holders and the college itself. Great fun was had with students when creating plant prints who, when finished, all wanted to take home and show them off to their parents!



### Networking: Future Opportunities

Dan recently had the opportunity to meet with Clive Scott, who is involved in organising the Gower Walking Festival. It was encouraging to hear about the exciting plans taking shape for this year’s festival, with several being linked to the Gower Pilgrimage Way. These include a longer route connecting three churches dedicated to St Illtyd, as well as an accessible walk across the marsh, linking St Illtyd and St Rhidian in Llanrhidian with St David’s Church in Wernffrwd. This latter walk will



provide a wonderful opportunity for those who use mobility aids to experience and enjoy the beauty of Gower.

He has also been in conversation with Jonathan Parker from Gower College, exploring ways to use digital resources to help people engage more deeply with the Gower Pilgrimage Way and the churches within the Gower Ministry Area. This opens up exciting possibilities for those who feel connected to these places but are no longer able to visit in person.

In addition, he met with Mark Cutcliffe to discuss how Wonder of Wellbeing Gower might be involved in the Essence Festival - a Christian arts festival held at Llanmadoc Christian Youth Camp. This could be a valuable opportunity to share and celebrate what we are doing in a creative and collaborative setting.



### Proudly Displaying Local Artists @ St Mary's Church

We're excited to be showcasing a vibrant mix of local artists in next exhibition in Rhossili. The show will feature an inspiring range of creative practices, including poets, painters, graphic designers, driftwood makers, and much more! Our theme, "New Beginnings: A Sense of Gower," has invited each artist to explore ideas of renewal, hope, and the natural beauty of the Gower landscape and will be on display until the end of June.



### Created to Create @ The Lamplighter

Our created to create workshops include simple wellbeing practices with based around creative activities. You'll be gently guided, with time to create and space to reflect with no pressure and no expectations. . These sessions are free and are open to everyone - whether you have a faith or not, and whether you are confident with art or just starting out.



## **Try something new and invite a friend!**

### **Friday 26th June - 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

➤ “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). This watercolour workshop offers space for gentle reflection on the values that shape our home and daily life.

### **Friday 17th July - 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

➤ “Follow me” (Matthew 4:19). In this driftwood workshop, participants will create a hanging fish mobile inspired by Jesus’ call. We will reflect on what it means to listen, respond, and follow.

### **Saturday 15th August - 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

➤ In this styrofoam workshop, participants will reflect on the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23). Through the imagery of fruit, we will consider which qualities we feel drawn to, which we notice growing in our lives, and which we may wish to nurture more deeply.

## **HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WoW?**

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Instagram & Facebook: [@wonderwellbeinggower](https://www.instagram.com/wonderwellbeinggower)

If you’d like to hear more about what we’re offering, please click the link below where you can fill out a short form to let us know your preferences: <https://forms.office.com/e/L6Q67UAr0z>

## **The Wonder of Wellbeing Team**

# THE SOUTH WEST GOWER CLUSTER OF CHURCHES

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

**Website:** [gowerma.org](http://gowerma.org)

**Facebook:** *South West Churches in  
Gower Ministry Area*

## WORSHIP IN JUNE

|                        |         |                        |             |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Every Tuesday</b>   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer         | Reynoldston |
| <b>Every Wednesday</b> | 9.30am  | Communion              | Llanddewi   |
| <b>Every Thursday</b>  | 8.15am  | Prayerfulness Walk     | Rhossili    |
| <b>Sunday 7 June</b>   | 8.30am  | Holy Communion         | Penrice     |
| <b>Trinity 1</b>       | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | Reynoldston |
|                        | 10.30am | Holy Communion         | Oxwich      |
|                        | 5.00pm  | Holy Communion         | Port Eynon  |
| <b>Sunday 14 June</b>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion         | Penrice     |
| <b>Trinity 2</b>       | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | Reynoldston |
|                        | 10.30am | Holy Communion         | Oxwich      |
|                        | 11.00am | Holy Communion         | Rhossili    |
|                        | 5.00pm  | Evening Service        | Port Eynon  |
| <b>Sunday 21 June</b>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion         | Penrice     |
| <b>Trinity 3</b>       | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer         | Reynoldston |
|                        | 10.30am | Holy Communion         | Oxwich      |
|                        | 5.00pm  | Holy Communion         | Port Eynon  |
| <b>Sunday 28 June</b>  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer Penrice |             |
| <b>Trinity 4</b>       | 9.30am  | Holy Communion         | Reynoldston |
|                        | 10.30am | Morning Prayer Oxwich  |             |
|                        | 11.00am | Holy Communion         | Llanddewi   |
|                        | 5.00pm  | Blessing Café          | Port Eynon  |

## Bible Study Groups

- At King Arthur Hotel, Reynoldston, every Wednesday at 3pm.
- 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 13th and 27th June.  
Everyone welcome

## **Annual SW Gower Churches Plant and Cake Sale**

This year's Plant and Cake Sale took place in Port Eynon Village Hall and was again a very successful event. As well as friends from all parts of Gower we were very pleased to welcome more visitors than ever, many from the local caravan sites, so that the hall was especially crowded. As ever there were numerous tables crowded with a wonderful selection of plants plus an excellent range of cakes and bakes. Again the result of very hard work on the stalls, plus the raffle, realized £1891 in just over an hour and a half. This was very much appreciated by the Missionaries of Charity who provide meals to the homeless in Swansea. Parish Priest, Fr Browne replied 'We are deeply thankful for your kindness, generosity and support of our work... please be assured of our prayers'.

Many thanks to all those who again gave so much time and effort to make such a successful and happy event possible and to all those from our communities and visitors who supported and responded so generously. Congratulations to everyone involved!

## **REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES**

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

Writing in mid-May, we are looking forward to a talk by Revd Pete's friend, Revd Lynne Busfield, about her experiences as hospital and hospice chaplain, especially end of life care.

We are seeking funds for the work needed to prevent future water ingress to the church walls, and are most grateful to the Gower Society for their generous grant towards these repairs.



Hopefully, Llanddewi Church will offer welcome, comfort and peace to any who enter it long into the future.

The word 'grace' is derived from Latin to mean 'thanks'; it is widely associated with thanksgiving prayer for food about to be eaten. Grace also describes an attribute of a person, and encompasses several qualities, including being kind, generous, humble, noble, having wisdom and inner strength. The British National anthem expresses the desire that our sovereign, imbued with grace, will be protected and enabled to reign over (and implicitly influence) us for many years. I equate grace with what St Paul described as the fruit of the Spirit, comprising

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Paul also exhorts us to give thanks in all circumstances: to trust in God's good purposes in both easy and difficult times. Difficult times are often the times when we are re-shaped for the better!

Two popular, short descriptions of grace are: 'unmerited favour', and the acronym 'God's Riches At Christ's Expense'. Jesus perfectly expressed grace: he bucked popular trends and cold legalism, where self-interest, conceit and pride over-rode compassion and reality. His way is the way of love, humility, truth, and mercy. He offered, and continues to offer, forgiveness at his expense and access to new beginnings and hope. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, and to overcome evil with good. He really turned the other cheek and gave away all he had, for the inconceivably great benefit of others. We can't earn such grace, such love. The Lord's prayer teaches us to depend on God's grace for what we most need: it's for passing on.

*Penny Henderson*

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

Grace involves such other subjects as forgiveness, salvation, regeneration, repentance and the love of God. As well as these there are 'grace words', such as mercy, kindness, loving kindness and goodness of man, implying steadfast love to another human being or to man. Repentance is the chief point of interest in Prophetic books. The Prophets are often accused of a doctrine of repentance which stresses human willpower.

In the New Testament Grace Is preferred to Mercy because it includes the idea of a divine power which equips man to lead a moral life. In the Synoptic Gospels, the idea of Grace is very prominent. Jesus says he came to seek and save the lost. Many of the Parables teach the doctrine of Grace such as in the Parable of the labourers in the vineyard. God is answerable to no-one for his gift of Grace and the Gospel is an invitation to all. The Prodigal Son was welcomed home by his father in a way he did not deserve. The Pauline Epistles show man as a sinner but one who is justified by Grace. God in his Grace

treats him, though guilty, as if he had not sinned. The believer's position is only changed by the Grace of God.

Grace is God's voluntary and loving favour given to those he saves. We can't earn salvation nor do we deserve it. No religious, intellectual or moral effort can gain it, because it comes only from God's mercy and love. Without God's grace no-one can be saved. To receive it, you must acknowledge that we cannot save ourselves, only God can save us and the only way to receive this loving favour is through faith in Christ. God's purpose is to offer salvation to the world. As he planned to do all along, God is Sovereign - He is in charge. When life seems chaotic, rest in the truth - Jesus is Lord and God is in control. God's purpose to save you cannot be thwarted, no matter what Satan might bring.

‘Gracious God, For your gracious love that all can receive but none deserves, we give you praise. Through Jesus Christ my Lord we give you thanks.’

*Rosemary Wigley*

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

The sum of just under £1,900.00 raised by the Plant and Cake sale was sent to The Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa Trust in The Strand, Swansea. They serve hot meals to the homeless and vulnerable of the town. Many thanks to Cathy Dorran and all the others who supplied stock and helped on the day. At mid-morning the hall at Port Eynon was packed making it a very successful social community occasion as well as a successful fundraising event.

We have commenced holding a Morning Service at St Andrew's and now have three different services in a month which gives an interesting variation. The services are the 1662 Communion Service, the normal Communion Service and Morning Prayer.

Our lectures continued with a talk by Professor Pryce Morgan on the Pre-Raphaelite artist John Brett, who spent a summer in Gower in 1887. Professor

Morgan showed a selection of slides depicting Brett's work, all painted within this area. They displayed his skill as an artist who could paint with great detail and later in life also his skill as a photographer. The evening was well attended and much enjoyed by everyone.

It was sad news to hear that Cynthia Moulson of Horton has died recently. Cynthia was well known locally and regarded with great affection. She will be very much missed by her friends and neighbours in Horton. Love and deepest sympathy to all her family. At this time of year many young people are taking exams or sitting finals, a time of stress and anxiety, so to all those who are in that situation we send good wishes.

*Angela Barnett*

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

The Vestry Meeting for the whole Ministry Area was moved to May 31st, so will be reported next month.

Our sincere condolences to Pat and Helen of Bay View Farm, on the loss of husband and father, John Jefferies.

It seems as if the swallow pair are having another go at establishing a nest in the church porch. Let's hope they will do well this time.

Grace: Most of us have used the phrase 'there but for the grace of God', but probably haven't considered exactly what that means. An older use of the word 'grace' meant 'pardon', so in this case perhaps we are thankful for God's intervention between us and trouble. God promised us his grace, as an unstinting gift that we have not merited but which requires our faith. We sing of Amazing Grace and seek a state of grace. God is gracious, implying he is well-meaning towards us. The Latin word 'gratias' can be translated as gratitude, goodwill or favour and has gone on to mean beauty, and elegance, as in describing someone as having 'graced the occasion'. Our gracious King possibly fits this interpretation rather than it being a description of his personal interest in an individual subject, which is one of God's attributes. A further meaning of Grace is,

of course, the little prayer or rhyme once spoken at table before or after a meal, to express gratitude for the food. Sadly, this charming custom is little used nowadays. This is an example engraved in my memory, in which we acknowledge God's generosity with his gifts:

*'Benedic nos, Domine, et haec tua dona, quae de tua largitate sumpsimus, per Christum Dominum Nostrum'.*

*Susan Morris*

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

We were very pleased recently to welcome Pamela Dennis from Penclawdd and grateful for her leading a very thoughtful and agreeable Morning Prayer Service. Subsequently she has joined us in our worship on several Sundays and we look forward to her continuing visits and participation.

On the Thursday preceding the recent Election, Revd Peter had invited a candidate representing each of the political parties to meet the Gower constituency voters at a gathering in Reynoldston Hall. In advance of the meeting, members of the public had been asked to

submit questions to him, of which six had been selected to pose to the candidates at the event. The Hall was full and everyone in the audience was given a handout of the chosen questions. Revd Peter chaired the meeting (very) firmly timing the candidates' answers! The questions and the answers ranged over a very wide area and included the following :

- Broken NHS Workforce planning including loss of skilled workers and unemployed graduates,
- The 'Nation of Sanctuary' Welsh Government initiative to support refugees and asylum seekers,
- 20mph and speeding on Gower roads,
- Child poverty and inadequate children's services often leading to crime,
- Senedd legislation v. help for rural tourism,
- Environment Protection,
- How to ensure that Senedd decision-making is informed by the climate and environmental crises?

As expected the responses were very wide-ranging and certainly made the audience

think! Rev Peter is warmly thanked for organizing such a thought-provoking evening about our politics and society needs.

*Valerie Beynon*

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

We were honoured to have another visit from Revd Roger to take our Holy Communion service last week, standing in for Revd Peter who took a well-earned break and went to Barcelona with Martine. A flurry of visitors augmented the congregation, including Tim and Jane now living in Rhossili, a holidaymaker couple whose family had grown up in Rhossili, and a happy couple whose marriage banns were being read for the first time. A short meeting followed to nominate and elect officers to the GMA from our church.

Rhossili's contribution to the recent Plant and Cake Sale was outstanding, with lots of villagers baking for the day, and Roger and Vicky also helping run the event in Port Eynon village hall. Our thanks to everyone who made such an effort - a special mention for

Chris Greening who sent over £70 of cakes and fancies freshly baked and packaged for the event.

A new noticeboard is now in place by the front gate of St Mary's, thanks to Nigel Clarke for erecting it, after the previous one was blasted to smithereens by a recent storm. And we are grateful to our decorator Mark Nelson for painting in the vestry, working on interior repairs, and for sprucing up the walls to keep the church always looking fresh and cared for. Thanks, as always, for the generosity of the Bowen Richards Trust for funding these works.

Celebrating his 80th birthday this month, Roger Button and Eira jetted away for a well-earned holiday - but he will be back writing for the magazine next month, no worries



*Caroline Johnson*

St Andrew's Church, Penrice

An Illustrated Talk

## Wild Flowers in Gower

Barry Stewart

Director, Celtic Wildflowers Ltd

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7 p.m.

Entrance and refreshments: £10 payable on door

*Proceeds in aid of St Andrew's, Penrice*

# Three Cliffs Cluster of Churches

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

### Sunday Services:

Ilston at 9:30 am: June 7 (Eucharist); June 21 (Eucharist)

Bishopston at 9:30 am June 7 (Family Service); June 14 (Eucharist); June 21 (Eucharist); June 28 (Eucharist).

Pennard Church at 11:00 am: June 14 (Morning Prayer); June 21 (Eucharist); June 28 (Eucharist)

Pennard Community Hall at 11:00 am June 7 (Family Worship);

Nicholaston at 11:15 June 7 (Morning Prayer); June 28 {Eucharist}

Penmaen at 10:00 am June 14 (Eucharist)

### Weekday Services:

Wednesday Eucharists at Pennard 9:45 am on June 3, 10, 17, 24

Thursday Celtic Communion services at the Lamplighter 9:30 am on June 4, 11, 18, 25

### News from Nicholaston & Penmaen

Frances Owene John writes:

#### Work at Penmaen Church:

Work has progressed well this month. All the rotten wood work at the back of the church has been taken out. A new rail has been installed and the new plaster work completed. This good weather should help this to dry out quickly. Also some of the pew ends have been replaced and also some of the rotten floor boards.



Hopefully everything will be good for the wedding in June!

## **Services during June**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 11.15 am at Nicholaston,

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 10 am at Penmaen

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June No service.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 11.15 at Nicholaston.

**Condolences:** We have had the very sad news that Sylvia McLellan, widow of Peter, has died. Our sincere condolences to all the family.

**Easyfundraising:** I have registered Penmaen & Nicholaston Churches as a Charity on this fund raising site. Unfortunately, I am incapable of understanding how it actually works, i.e. how users get themselves registered. I have had some help, but anyone who could help with this I would be most grateful to hear from you. Frances, e-mail: fjoj@btopenworld.com.

**Coffee morning** Next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 6th June 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.**

## **St Teilo Bishopston.**

*Mike Whiffin writes:* We are thrilled that St Teilo's gained the Bronze Eco award this month. A big thank you to Meg and Dave for achieving this on our behalf. We are now looking at putting up bird boxes amongst other eco friendly projects.

During the month of May we held a successful coffee morning to raise funds for the Church Hall. Our thanks to Chris Whiffin for organising this event and all those who baked cakes and of course our customers.

We look forward to hosting a Gower Festival performance in the Church on July 9th given by Morgan Szymanski (guitar).

As usual our community cinema is as popular as ever with the next film to be shown on Tuesday June 9th which will be "Song Sung Blue".

## **St Illtyd Ilston**

*Jen Griffiths writes:* We are very pleased to report that we have received a third grant from the Benefact Trust for the building work to the church for which we are most grateful. At present we do not have a start date for the commencement of the works to be undertaken but we are hopeful that

repairs will be carried out in the near future.

The Armadillos have kindly offered to hold a concert again this year. Unfortunately due to the uncertainty when building work will commence, an alternative venue was suggested. We are happy to report that they will perform at the Ebenezeer Chapel, Dунvant Square, Dунvant on Saturday, 4th July at 7.00 p.m. Tickets £10 and are available from the Armadillos or

from [robthereferee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robthereferee@yahoo.co.uk). Funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the churchyard. We hope you will be able to join us and enjoy the Armadillos performance at the Ebenezeer Chapel.

The next service in Ilston will be on Sunday, 7th June at 9.30 a.m.

Please continue to pray for the people suffering in areas of conflict and hope for peace in the future. God Bless.

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



While Penmaen is in the middle of its repairs Pennard St Mary's is near the end. We owe this fabulous picture to John Gibbons (*Editor*)

*Catherine Thomas writes:* The congregation for Mary's Community Service included the family, godparents and other supporters of Reggie Burt as we welcomed him into his Church Family. The Christening party then moved on to St Mary's Pennard where Reggie was baptised in the same font as his late grandfather, Roger.

100 Club winner for May, Jason Evans

As the result of a show of hands on Wednesday 29th April and Sunday 10th May Ailsa Howell was elected as one of our two churchwardens and Catherine Thomas remains in post. Katharine Wilson has stepped

down from the role of churchwarden and we thank her for her many years of service. The congregation of St Mary's Pennard also voted for Catherine Thomas and David Harry to remain in post as the representatives of Three Cliffs Parish on the Ministry Area Council.

Thank you to Ailsa's grandsons Rhys and Aled who have cleared the area around the church gate and cut back the hedge overhanging the pavement on the corner of Pennard Road and Vennaway Lane and to Ian who has weeded the path.

On Sunday 24th May, Pentecost, Peter blessed and dedicated new altar linen, donated by Barbara Jones in memory of her late husband, Arnold, and made by Sue Jenkins.

On 7th June my husband Colin will be marking his 75th birthday by running the Swansea Bay Half Marathon for Prostate Cancer Research. The link to our fundraising page is on-line on St Mary's Pennard Facebook. If you would like to donate on-line and add Gift Aid, where applicable, but are not

Facebook please send me an email [catherinet@fastmail.fm](mailto:catherinet@fastmail.fm) and I will send you the link. Cash donations can be delivered to our home, 65 Linkside Drive, Pennard and there is a collection tin in church.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Gower Ministry Area will be held at 4pm on Sunday 31st May in St Cattwg's Church, Port Eynon. All are welcome to attend to receive the Annual Report and to undertake any other business that has been submitted in advance of the meeting.

The funeral of Eileen Hall will be held in St Mary's Pennard at 2.15pm on Monday 1st June. Mark Smith's funeral will be at Llanelli Crematorium at 12.00pm on Friday 12th June.

### **Baptism**

3rd May – Reggie Arthur Lee Burt

### **From the Visitor's Book,**

Carol from Aberdeenshire.

*"Beautiful little church and lovely welcoming energy – thank you,"*

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| <b>Every Wednesday</b> | 10:30am | Holy Eucharist  | All Souls, Tycoch     |
| <b>Every Thursday</b>  | 11:00am | Holy Eucharist  | St. Hilary's, Killay  |
| Sunday June 7th        | 11:00am | Holy Eucharist  | St. Martin's, Dunvant |
|                        | 9:30am  | Holy Eucharist  | All Souls, Tycoch     |
|                        | 9:30am  | Bubble Church   | St. Hilary's, Killay  |
|                        | 11:00am | Lay Led Service | St. Hilary's, Killay  |
| Sunday June 14th       | 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 June 21st       | 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 June 28th       | 11:00am | Holy Eucharist  | St. Martin's, Dunvant |
|                        | 9:30am  | Holy Eucharist  | All Souls, Tycoch     |
|                        | 11:00am | Holy Eucharist  | St. Hilary's, Killay  |
|                        | 6:00pm  | Café Church     | St. Hilary's, Killay  |

*Marian Williams writes:*

**'Grace'**

Grace is a word which is used frequently in our liturgies, readings, intercessions and hymns. In itself, a small word, yet also one of the most powerful. At its core, Spiritual Grace refers to the benevolent presence or influence which we receive from a higher power. To Christians this is the power of God, given to us with

love, understanding and compassion without any conditions attached or anything required in return. Scripture tells us that it is not intended to be a reward, rather a gift often received at the most testing times in our lives. In the words of a familiar hymn, we sing:

*"Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.*

*"I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see."*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,*

*"How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."*

Grace is not judgemental; our past mistakes are forgiven. In our Thursday morning Eucharist service at St. Hilary's, we recognise our own unworthiness by saying:

'We do not come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy

table.' Yet we know that whatever we have done, we are forgiven and that we are always welcomed by God. In a world which often measures worth by achievement, grace is completely different. It is freely given, yet Christ paid for our grace by his death. Surely the ultimate symbol of Grace is the Cross symbolising Christ's sacrifice for us.

During Holy Week in Wild Church, we stood on Cefn Bryn looking out to sea and saw rays of light coming through the clouds and striking the tops of the cliffs at Three Cliffs Bay, which prompted our comments that these represented the Crosses at the Crucifixion.



During the Covid-19 pandemic, rainbows appeared in our windows as symbols of hope, just as we read in Genesis that the rainbow was a symbol



of God's promise never to destroy the earth by a great flood again, showing his mercy and grace towards creation.

Water is seen as a symbol of grace, used in Baptisms to represent the cleansing of sin and the new life received through grace. There are many references to Grace in the Old and New Testaments:

‘For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to Him.’ 2 Chronicles 30:9

‘But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*"To him be glory both now and forever!" 2 Peter 3:18*

During our recent online Alpha course, we discussed forgiveness and agreed that it is easier to forgive others than ourselves. If God is willing to forgive us, we need to accept the grace which has been bestowed upon us. By seeking God’s grace during our intercessions, we must also acknowledge the occasions when God has intervened in our lives and give thanks.

Many of our services end when we share ‘The Grace’ together.



On Saturday June 27th, Rev’d Peter Lewis, Dan Edy the WoW Faith and Wellbeing Guide and I, will all be taking part in The Gower Peninsula Macmillan Mighty Hike, each of us walking the full marathon distance. If you are in Gower that day and happen to see us anywhere along the route, please give us a wave – it will be appreciated greatly.

Hopefully I can add to my collection, if not we can share the ones I have already !!!

Gogledd Gŵyr-North Gower group of churches

**St. David's Church, Gwernffrwd;  
Ss Rhidian & Iltyd Llanrhidian**



*John Newton from his first church at Olney Buckinghamshire*

*Barry Fox writes:* The theme for this month is the word “Grace” a simple word but with a subtle meaning. Ephesians 2. 8-9 For it is grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves , it is the gift of God---not by works so that no-one can boast.

Grace is a gift of God, no matter how hard you work or how deserving you are, it is only God that can give you Grace. Mary was recognised as having Grace as can be seen in the prayer.

*Hail Mary, Full of Grace,*

*The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among  
women,  
and blessed is the fruit of  
thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of  
God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our  
death.  
Amen.*

A favourite hymn of mine is Amazing Grace, it very enjoyable to sing in church as everyone knows the words by heart and the simple tune remains in a single key without any high or low notes. When singing any hymn I often look to see who composed it and think of what motivated them to devise it. Amazing Grace was composed by John Newton (1725-1807) who has an amazing and unlikely back story. As a dissolute young man, he was pressed ganged into the Navy, flogged for trying to desert, enslaved in Sierra Leone, rescued by a slave ship and then became the captain of several slave ships plying the Atlantic slave triangle. He had an epiphany when his ship was caught in a

a violent storm off Northern Ireland and became a Christian. He became a well-known Anglican Evangelical Christian cleric, a prominent slavery abolitionist and a close friend of William Wilberforce and the poet William Cowper.. The words of the hymn was initially a poem which truly reflected his life and experiences. The poem 60 years later was set to the tune "New Britain" in America and has remained a firm favourite there ever since.

The Ascension day service for me is a bit of an effort to get to church before 7.30am. This year, Fr's Tim and Nigel gave an inspirational service and as usual we had breakfast afterward. The added joy of the service is taking breakfast with friends and having a good chat. Thanks to everyone who brought food and made the drinks.

## **Ss.Rhidian & Iltyd, Llanrhidian**

*Pam Meakin writes:* The June magazine's theme is Grace - from Latin - gratis - pleasing, and it can have different meanings in theology. It can mean the state of being forgiven by, and reconciled to, God. It can mean a spiritual favour or excellence, and also the free, unmerited favour of God. It might be a short prayer of asking or thanksgiving at meals - Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which of thy bounty we are about to receive, through Christ our Lord, Amen. "Your Grace" is also a form of addressing an Archbishop.

When I hear the word "grace" I remember two people: the bravery of Grace darling for saving a shipwrecked crew and of course Dr W G Grace, the first Englishman to score a test century and who singlehandedly modernised and popularised cricket.

The Gower Festival begins in July.

Father's day 21st June - Father God, we thank you for the love of fathers and all they bring to family life. We ask your blessing on fathers throughout the world. May they seek your guidance and help in raising their children and teaching them to become loving and caring adults.

Holy Matrimony - 3rd May - Rebecca Emily Dunn and Jonathan Lee Woolway. We wish them much happiness.

Thursday 18th June at Llanrhidian Hall - Talk by Professor Peter Kokelaar 7 pm - The Ice Age in Gower. Entry £5 includes refreshments and is to raise funds for Llanrhidian Church.

Saturday 20th June at Llanrhidian Village hall - BBQ to raise funds for the Hall.

Church Services - 14th June and 28th June at 4 pm.

Please pray for all who need our prayers.





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***July 22nd– to be confirmed***

# **Your favourite recipes**

## **Delicious (and easy) Summer Recipes**

### **by Sandra Davis**

Who wishes to impress their guests but doesn't want to spend hours in the kitchen in the lovely summer weather (if we ever get any ! ) ? Here are two quick and easy recipes for delicious desserts using all the lovely fruit available at this time of year.



#### **Cheat's Summer Pudding**

##### Ingredients

2 oz mixed summer fruit, 1 oz caster sugar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint water (less if using frozen fruit), 4 brioche rolls, icing sugar to sprinkle.

Method: Slowly bring to the boil the fruit, sugar and water. Simmer until the fruit is just cooked. Leave until cold. Meanwhile slice off the tops and hollow out the brioche rolls. Strain the cold fruit and spoon into the rolls. Cover with the lids and press down gently. Turn upside down into four serving dishes. Spoon over the fruit juice and serve with a sprinkling of icing sugar, whipped cream or the ice cream below.

#### **Easy Ice Cream. (not quite Joe's or GGs but good !)**

##### Ingredients

575g carton of whipping cream (note for those watching the calories Whipping Elmlea works just as well), 405g can of condensed milk, 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract.

Whip the cream until just before it forms soft peaks then add the condensed milk and vanilla extract. Beat again to the soft peak stage. If you wish carefully mix in nuts or chocolate sauce at this stage. Pour the mixture into a freezer proof container , cover and freeze until solid, at least 3 – 4 hours or overnight.

Remove the ice cream from the freezer 5 – 10 minutes before serving.

Dear Children,

## Dear Children

It can't be easy being God! Nobody thinks much about you until there is trouble. But then you get blamed for everything that is going wrong: for earthquakes & hurricanes; for plagues of locusts & nasty viruses. You get blamed for invading armies too. It is all *your* fault!

And people react in the most stupid way in these circumstances. They get the idea that they have to find some way to earn God's help by offering him gifts. Of course, this isn't true! Babies don't have to pay Mum and Dad to look after them! And we don't have to pay God to look after us. It must be very depressing for him when we don't understand.

How to explain that that we are a part of a project that he has been working on for at least 14 billion years and that he loves everything he has made during that time? That he loves *us*? How to reassure us that no gift we could give him could ever make him love us more? And nothing we could possibly do would ever make him love us less?

This was God's problem. How did he solve it long ago? He came himself to solve it. Jesus came and told us all about it with lots of lovely stories but he did a great more than just telling us. He showed us. There are somethings that really do have to be *shown*, aren't there? For instance, suppose a comedian stands up and tells us he is funny. No one would be very impressed, would they? But if he made everyone laugh with a funny joke



that would be different. That would show us that he is indeed funny; that he has a great sense of humour.

Here is another example of something that has to be shown. Whether or not we are "*all in it together*" has to be shown. Simply saying that a leader shares the problems of his people won't convince them.

I suppose Jesus could have told us that he feels just as bad as we do when things go wrong for us: "*Too bad you lot all have to die but that is just the way things are. I feel dreadful about it!*" He could have just told us, I suppose, but he didn't do that. He came himself to show us.

Jesus shared the good things we enjoy. And he shared the bad things too. He shared cold and hunger. He shared injustice and betrayal. He shared pain and death. You see, he *showed* us that he loves us as parents love their children – suffering alongside them – no payment required.

*Nigel*

P.S. We often use the word 'grace' to show that Jesus' love is freely given. Do you think it works?

# The Gower Church Magazine One hundred years ago – June 1926

by Valerie Beynon



Bishopston, like several other churches, reported that *Rogation and Ascension Day Services* were very well observed. At all the Services there were splendid congregations and quite a large number made their Communion on the Feast of the Ascension. This year there was an added impressiveness to our Intercessions, as at the time, we were in the throes of the General Strike.

Llangenydd and Llanrhidian Churches reported a visit from the Diocesan Missioner, Rev. W D G Wilkinson, who came to prepare us for the Mission to be held in November. He delivered powerful and inspiring sermons, morning and evening, and addressed Llanrhidian's Sunday School in the afternoon. We have been greatly helped by his visit and trust his words will not be forgotten.

Gwernffrwd reminded readers of its annual tradition in early summer of Special Services with visiting preachers (a practice that continued for many decades). Thursday June 3rd, at 3pm, the Vicar of Gowerton;

7pm, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Sunday, June 6th at 2.30pm, Mr Isaac Matthews; 6.30pm, Mr Sid Solomon.

Reynoldston announced that On Wednesday, June 8th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will kindly conduct a *Quiet Afternoon for Churchworkers*. All loyal Church men and women come under this head, and we look forward to a goodly number being present from the various parishes in the Deanery. The first address will be at 3pm in Church, the second at 6pm. Tea will be provided in the Hall at a shilling each.

On Sunday, May 2, a new feature was held at Rhossili Church. A wireless Service, relayed from York Minster, was listened to by the congregation. The bells rang at 10.30 and the congregation assembled and followed the service devoutly. The Sermon was preached by the Dean of York. After Evensong, other music was relayed from Oxford.

Several Churches reported fundraising activities. At Cheriton and Llanmadoc The Sunday School Children during Lent collected £1 15s 6d for the Waifs and Strays Society. Llanrhidian thanked the children who took Lenten purses in Lent for their efforts, also in aid of the Funds of the Waifs and Strays Society. The sum of £2 5s was found in their purses. Port Eynon's offertories at Whitsunday, amounting

*to £2 15s 6d, were given in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Penmaen offered Many thanks to Miss Howell and her Party for the most successful Operetta given in the Hall for the Building Fund. We have not yet heard the amount realised, but we know what great pleasure we derived from the entertainment.*

*Bishopston said We are greatly indebted to the Brighter Mumbles Concert Party for coming and entertaining us so well to raise funds for the Organ Fund. Bishopston also reported We have received back 74 Lent Self-Denial boxes. The amount therein is £26 and the proceeds will be devoted to the Restoration Fund. Oxwich's entry was a very detailed account of preparations for a Grand Fete in July. It is much hoped that the numerous lovers of Oxwich and all kindly friends and sympathisers will make a special effort to support this Fete for parish funds, which is the first... to be held in this charmingly romantic and beautiful place.*

*Penclawdd reported A crowded attendance marked the unveiling of the War Memorial by Col. Helme. In a moving speech ....he recalled the nobility of the sacrifice of the lives of those who fell in the Great War. The Vicar dedicated the Memorial to the glory of God and in proud memory of those who gave their lives for the King and Country. A powerful address by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Swansea, followed.*

*At Port Eynon, Mr Rees Price and Party from Mumbles gave a Concert in aid of our Hall Funds. The artistes were in splendid form, the various items in the programme meeting with great applause.*

*Empire Day was celebrated in two reports. The Children of Parkmill School, together with their parents, were entertained to tea by the local Conservative Association. Afterwards the children provided an excellent programme of patriotic songs and sketches typifying scenes from past history. Reynoldston's celebrations passed off very happily and were voted a great success. They opened with a capital Football Match at 3pm between two teams picked out of our local players. There was tea in the Hall, followed by Sports and a Dance to wind up the day. Mr Rowland, Fairy Hill gave the children's tea. The prize-money for the Sports was subscribed by the inhabitants and totalled £7. Llandewi reports At the recent Scholarship and Entrance Exam. held in March, 50 per cent of the candidates of Reynoldston Council School were were successful. Among them Myra Shepherd qualified for admission to Gowerton Intermediate\* School, with 125 marks, while Olive John won a free place Scholarship with 159 marks (200 maximum).*

*\* These Schools were established under the 1889 Welsh Intermediate Education Act (i.e. between the elementary schools and university) and became Grammar Schools after the 1944 Education Act.*

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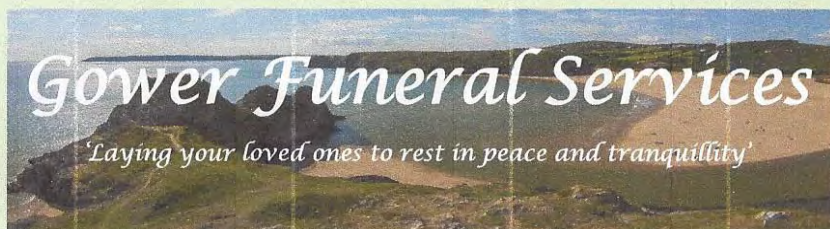
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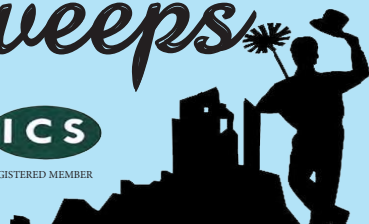
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# Gower Churches

## *St Rhidian and St Illtyd Llanrhidian*

The church is thought to have been founded in the C6th by St Rhidian whose name it is now suggested might be a corruption of Trynillhid, Illtyd's wife! In 1167 the living was granted to the Knights Hospitallers of St John who retained it until Dissolution in 1540. The size of the church reflects the importance of the village as the centre of the originally sparsely populated area of North East Gower - later to become Llanrhidian Higher and Lower parishes including Three Crosses, Penclawdd and Llanmorlais. The present building dates from the C13th but much restoration took place in 1856 when the nave was totally rebuilt and extended, making it the longest and widest of all Gower churches. More repairs to all parts were needed in 1899 and on both occasions money came from the Talbot and Vivian families.

Like other churches in N W Gower, the interior also has works by Revd, J D Davies. This includes the carved oak altar and



amazingly 324 bosses for the Nave's ceiling. The Chancel has fine stained glass, paintings and furnishings. In the porch is a 'leper stone' which might have Viking origins, being possibly a 'hog-back' tombstone. The massive west tower with lancet windows is considered one of the best in Gower. Within the parapet is a huge stone block known locally as the 'Parson's Bed'. Its real purpose was a fire beacon to raise the alarm when enemies approached by land and sea.

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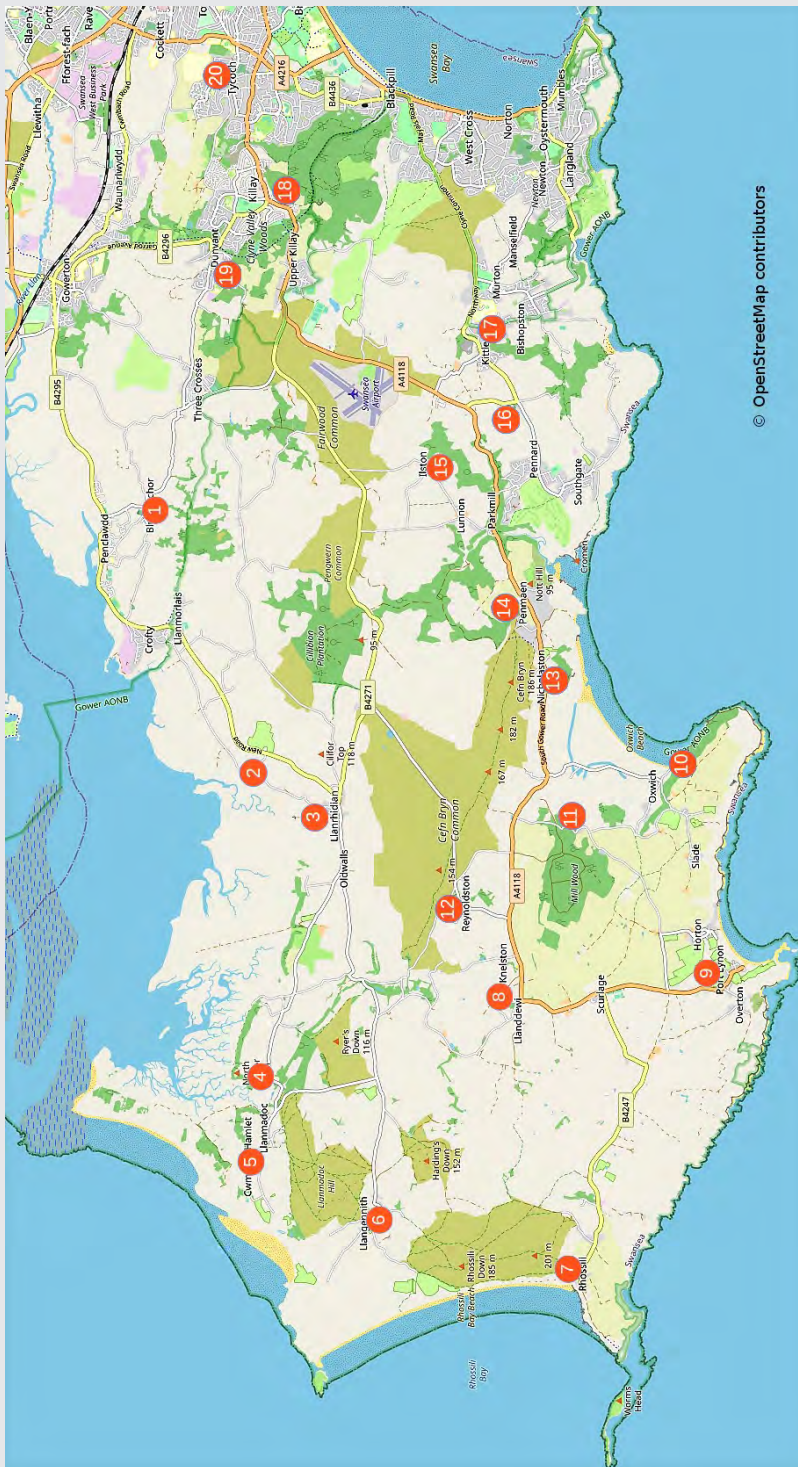
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## Church Locations

- 1: St Gwynor, Penclawdd SA4 3JH    2: St David, Wernffrwd 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, Tycoc'h SA2 9LP



John Newton

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine.*

Author: John Newton (1779)