

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER for
St. Iltyd'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 30th August 2026 Thirteenth 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 30th August

10.00am a joint service at St Nicholas Church, Nicholaston. Do please car share but don't not come because its not "Your Church" please be generous and support one another as others support yours in their turn

Wednesday 2nd September

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist with Mothers Union

Thursday 3rd September

9.30 am Celtic Communion Lamplighter

Sunday 6th September

9.30 am St. Teilo's Bishopston Morning Prayer

9.30 am St. Iltyd's Ilston Eucharist

11.00am Pennard Community Hall Service

11.15 am St. Nicholas Nicholaston.

**Sunday 30th August Trinity 13 In the
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

we pray for
The Archdeacon of Brecon Alan Jevons on
his retirement we also pray for the Church of
the Province of the West Indies and those
who follow Jesus in Myanmar

St Teilo's Flower Rota

September 6th & 13th Jane Worton

A New Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, we live again in troubled times, when many nations are looking to spend more on their fighting forces and weapons. There are numerous trouble-spots around the globe, including Iran and the surrounding area, Israel, Lebanon, and much of Northern Africa. We pray for greater tolerance between nations, and between religious factions, and ask for your divine intervention in bringing peace to these regions. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen
Courtesy of Mr Alan Glass.

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

Wave of Prayer September 9th.

On September 9th a time of prayer will be undertaken in all our churches across Gower

9.00 am Lamplighter

9.45 am Pennard

1.00 pm St John Penmaen

3.00 pm St Teilo's Bishopston

5.30 pm St Nicholas Nicholaston.

More details to follow..do come and join us in any of the churches on this special day of prayer.
Peter

On Sunday 1st November after the 11.00 am Pennard Community Hall service there will be a congregational meeting over tea and coffee. You have done so much but there is still more to do. Do stay and help us...we will remind you again nearer the time. Peter

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.

Hello everyone, Please find attached a collection of activities that the team, along with many others, have created, led, supported, and facilitated throughout the summer. It has been a wonderfully full season, filled with laughter, conversations, questions, creativity, and prayer. We are deeply grateful to God for the opportunities we've been given and for His faithful provision along the way. As you look through these highlights, please keep in your prayers all those who have taken part in our events and activities. May the Holy Spirit continue to be at work in their lives, gently revealing God's presence and guiding them on their spiritual journey. With best wishes,

Lamplighter Fundraising Concert

We have a fundraising concert, raffle and cheese & wine evening on Saturday 10 October. It will be at St Teilo's Church Hall & the doors will open at 18:30.

"Echoes in Harmony" will be providing the entertaining concert on the evening.

Tickets are available from either St Teilo's Church or from The Lamplighter.

Sunday 30th August 2026 **13th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah (15.15-21)

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not

what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26. 1-8

Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked in your truth. I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful.

Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your altar,

Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

to make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house of your habitation: and the place where your glory abides.

Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

A reading from Romans (12.9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for

what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (16.21-28)

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Creator God, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**