

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 18th October 2026 Luke The Evangelist

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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.

Dear Friend's

A Pilgrim's Prayer for the Gower Ministry Area

O Lord be our companion.

Our guide at that crossroads,

Our breath in our weariness,

Our protection in danger,

Our refuge along the way,

Our shade in the heat,

Our light in the darkness,

Our consolation when discouraged,

And our strength in our intentions.

So that with your guidance,

we may arrive at the end of our journey,

safe and sound enriched with grace, virtue, joy and hope. Let us pray that all the churches on Gower may journey together

and here we pray for them as they pray for us

We ask this in the name of Jesus our companion on the way

The funeral service for **Robin Kirby** will take place at midday on the 28th October at St Peter's Newton (For capacity reasons) This will be followed by a private cremation.

The Funeral of the late **Janet Beynon** will take place at 11.00 am at St Illtyd's Ilston on Wednesday the 21st at 11.00 am followed by interment in the cemetery

Peace Prayer

A New Prayer for Peace from Mrs Ann Pope

Our God of peace, we come to You in humility and need. You commanded the storm on the Sea of Galilee to be still, and it was. Now we ask for peace on our troubled world. The waters that surround our shores may often divide us, but they also unite us, and we

cannot ignore the many troubles across those waves and around the world. Give wisdom to the rulers of the world. May they eschew selfishness, and seek to bring peace not conflict, that we may dwell in safety until Your coming again, when Your kingdom comes and Your will is done, on earth as in heaven. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, **Amen**

Services this week

Sunday 18th October

9.30 am St. Illtyds Ilston Eucharist

9.30 am St. Teilo's Bishopston Morning Prayer

10.00am St Johns Penmaen Eucharist

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist & Christening

Wednesday 21st October

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Thursday 22nd October

9.30 am Celtic Communion Lamplighter

Sunday 25th October

9.30am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am St May's Pennard Eucharist

11.15am St Nicholas Nicholaston Eucharist

**Sunday 18th October In the Diocesan
Cycle of Prayer**

we pray for the work of Ministry Area Administrators and the support they provide our M A teams we also pray for Anglican Church of Canada and those who follow Jesus in Mauretania

My sincere thanks to all who have committed themselves to decorating our churches in this harvest season as well as your generous donations to help others through our foodbanks. Peter

Lamplighter Fundraiser

A massive THANK YOU to all those who either came or donated to the recent Lamplighter Fundraiser! With your help, we successfully raised £765.50 for The Lamplighter!! That is an incredible amount. We shall be doing other fundraising activities in the coming months!!

Again, many thanks! Louise

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.

**Sunday 18th October
Luke The Evangelist**

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts (16.6-12a)

They went through the region of and , having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in . When they had come opposite , they attempted to go into , but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by , they went down to .

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to , being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from and took a straight course to , the following day to Neapolis, and from there to , which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 147. 1-7

Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise. The Lord builds up and gathers together the outcasts of .

Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds. He counts the number of the stars: and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

The Lord lifts up the poor, but casts down the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the lyre.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

A reading from 2 Timothy (4.5-17)

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to , Titus to . Only Luke is with me.

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to . When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at , also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (10.1-9)

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

'Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

'Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to proclaim forgiveness in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.