

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BENEFICE OF THREE CLIFFS

A Parish in the Gower Ministry Area

St Iltyd's Ilston, St John the Baptist and St Nicholas Penmaen and Nicholaston,
St Mary's Pennard, St, Teilo's Bishopston. Website gowerma.org
Newsletter Sunday 7th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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Sunday 7th of August

is Iron Man Sunday here on Gower when we physically will be unable to get to our churches, therefore there will be a livestream recording that day and also a ZOOM Morning Prayer at 10.00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446174152?pwd=SmFVOEN5b0ICTTZraUVGbjFhbWdFdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 4617 4152

Passcode: 789575

Wednesday 10th August

9.45am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Thursday 11th August

9.30am Lamplighter Eucharist

Sunday 14th August

9.30am St Iltyds Ilston Morning Prayer

10.00am St Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Prayers for Sunday 7th August Trinity Eight

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies and for the Tawe Uchaf Ministry Area

The Ministry Area Cycle of Prayer

Emergency services, volunteer emergency services, Medserve Wales, medical and support staff

The Prayer Circle is here to pray for those sick, in need or in any kind of trouble. Please contact Reverend Hilary Evans. - hilaryevans@lcloud.com 01792234230 to give us the name or an initial and we will stand by them in prayer as long as it takes.

The funeral of **Peter Phillips** will take place on 9th August at 11am at St Mary's, Pennard

Important Announcements

Because of a shortage of clergy to cover services both in South West Gower and Killay/Tycoch as well as holidays we will have one service only on August 21st for Pennard and Bishopston at 10.00 am

As we pray for the future of our Diocese let us not forget our Diocesan Prayer

Father, we hold before you our family
in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon
And we open our hearts and minds to your
Spirit:

Bless us as we gather in your name;
Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your
Son;

Lead us by your Spirit to go out
and make disciples of others.
God of our journeying, be our way
and our truth and our life;
Our beginning and our end,
we pray through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday 7th August 2022
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (15.1-6)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'

But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'

And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 33. 12-22

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own. The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of earth.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

A reading from Hebrews (11.1-3, 8-16)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were

prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (12.32-40)

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**