

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BENEFICE OF THREE CLIFFS

## A Parish in the Gower Ministry Area

St Illtyd's Ilston, St John the Baptist and St Nicholas Penmaen and Nicholaston,

St Mary's Pennard, St, Teilo's Bishopston. Website [gowerma.org](http://gowerma.org)

Newsletter Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 Epiphany 3

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### Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

11.00am St Mary's Pennard Family Communion

11.15am St Nicholas Nicholaston Morning Prayer

### Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>

9.45am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

### Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Lamplighter Celtic Communion

### Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00am St Illtyds Ilston Parish Service

### Prayers for Sunday 22nd January Epiphany 3

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for The Church of North India(United) We also pray for the Cwtawe2gether Ministry Area

**The Ministry Area Cycle of Prayer.** *Let us pray for Nursing Homes and support groups –* nursing and residential homes, the residents, their families and the staff. We remember those who provide social and nursing care to people in their own homes, and those who provide support for groups.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of

**Val Lewis** wife of the late Hugh

The funeral will be 10.30am at St Mary's Pennard on the 30th January followed by Swansea Crematorium at 12.00pm

The funeral of **Avril Davies** who passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> January will take place at St Teilo's Bishopston at 1.15pm on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> followed by Swansea Crematorium at 2.30pm.

The memorial service for **Brian Renowden** will take place at St Mary's Pennard at 2.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

The Funeral of **Alan Dale** of Easterfield Drive will take place at 11.00 am at St Mary's Church Pennard on the 6<sup>th</sup> February followed by interment in the community burial ground

### Dear All

It is hoped that from the start of February we will have a service every Sunday in both Bishopston and Pennard

However I cannot guarantee that they will all be Eucharists as we are still helping to cover vacancies in South West Gower and Tycoch and Killay; However it is a step in the right direction.

**Peter**

### Dates for your diaries

**Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Lamplighter Committee meeting at the Lamplighter Wednesday

**February 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm** St Teilo's Church Committee Meeting in the Church Hall

**Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm** Three Cliffs PCC Zoom meeting

**Annual Reports Three Cliffs Early warning** Annual reports please by 1<sup>st</sup> March to Peter – Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries please note, In Microsoft Word format please

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A reading from Isaiah (9.1-4)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious

the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27. 1 & 4-12**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to seek his will in his temple.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

And now shall he lift up my head, above my enemies round about me; therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure. You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

### **A reading from 1 Corinthians (1.10-18)**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been

divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (4.12-23)**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**