

*Churches of
Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo*

**February
2015**



Dear Friends,

It's not too late to join the course at St Teilo's on Tuesday evenings (see diary dates). It is being led by Clive and Gaynor Pritchard, Christians of wide experience of Christian churches in this country and overseas, and its aim is to enable us to recognise the gifts God has given us and see how they can best be used to serve him in the life of our churches and communities today.

It's sometimes said that there are two different models of church life – those of the cruise ship and the battleship. On the cruise ship a hard working crew serve those who are there simply to relax and enjoy everything they can from the experience. On the battleship everyone, from the cooks and engineers to the weapons officers, has a job to do and the ship cannot function properly unless each one plays their part.

Jesus made it clear in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) that He expects us to use the gifts and abilities he has entrusted to us, and His language is forthright in describing the man who simply buried what he was given in the ground as a "wicked, lazy servant" (Mt 25:26).

The coming season of Lent reminds us that we are caught up in a spiritual battle. Despite the terrible things happening in the world, secular society seems largely oblivious to this, but those of us who are Christians need to be focussed and occupied in working for the Kingdom of God. We must see our church membership as our belonging to the crew of the battleship, and use our God given gifts and abilities to enable it to fulfill the tasks of mission and evangelism in the world which God has given us. The world around us may not think that it needs Jesus Christ but it does, and we must make Him known, as He's told us to do.

Yours sincerely,

Michael

Community Events at St John's Church, Maesteilo

- Feb 27th Friday 6.00pm Quiz Night + Fish & Chips
(Teams of 4: individuals or families)
Orders for food taken on arrival
- March 12th Thursday 7.30pm Talk on Llanelli House by Claire Deacon
- April 23rd Thursday 7.30pm Jonathan Hughes "Shaping the
Pembrokeshire Landscape"
- May 7th Thursday Visit to St David's Cathedral for a tour led by
The Right Revd Wyn Evans, the Bishop of St Davids
- May 26th Tuesday 7.30pm Talk on Bees by Margaret Watson
- June 11th Thursday 7.30pm Talk by Dr Terry Davies: retired local GP

A Message from Lesley

A few months ago, when I took off my organ shoes, I was given a thoughtful and generous gift by our Vicar Michael on your behalf. I now have a beautiful raku pot in a prominent place (but out of the sun as recommended by the potter!) which gives me such a lot of pleasure every day. Thank you so much for your kindness and may I invite you to come and see it - and to have a cup of coffee with me at the same time.

Just don't all come at once!

With love and thanks

Lesley



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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

- Tues 3rd** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers - of pre-schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.30pm Course in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall on identifying and using our God-given gifts
- Wed 4th** 7.00pm Worship Leaders Course begins at Nantgaredig Vicarage
- Fri 6th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 10th** 10.00am MOPS in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.30pm Course in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall on identifying and using our God-given gifts
- Wed 11th** 12 noon Ladies' Fellowship lunch in St Teilo's Church Hall
- Fri 13th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 17th** HALF-TERM No meeting of MOPS
7.30pm Course in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall on identifying and using our God-given gifts
- Wed 18th** 10.30am Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion
- Fri 20th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Sat 21st** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall. Rev Canon Roy Doxsey will speak on the value of going on retreat.
- Tues 24th** 10.00am MOPS in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.30pm Course in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall on identifying and using our God-given gifts
- Wed 25th** 7pm St Teilo's PCC Meeting
- Fri 27th** 6. 00pm Maesteilo Quiz Night + Fish & Chips Supper
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's

Enquiries regarding the use of the church or hire of the church hall or meeting rooms should be made to Mrs Asha Silk on 01558 685475 (before 7pm) or e-mail: ashasilk@btinternet.com

Services and Readings for February

1st Feb (Epiphany 4)

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaidd

11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

8th Feb (2nd Sunday before Lent)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

15th Feb (Sunday before Lent)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Cymun Bendigaidd

11am Morning Worship

6pm Compline / Evensong

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

22nd Feb (Lent 1)

11am Family Communion

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

Readings for Principal Services

Deuteronomy / Deuteronomium

18: 15-20

Psalm / Salm 111

Revelation / Datguddiad 12: 1-5a

Mark / Marc 1: 21-28

Proverbs / Diarhebion 8: 1, 22-31

Psalm / Salm 104: 24-35

Colossians / Colosiaid 1: 15-20

John / Ioan 1: 1-14

2 Kings / 2 Brehinoedd 2: 1-12

Psalm / Salm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians / 2 Corinthiaid 4: 3-6

Mark / Marc 9: 2-9

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm / Salm 25: 1-10

1 Peter / 1 Pedr 3: 18-22

Mark / Marc 1: 9-15



ST TEILO'S CHURCH

Powerpack & LUMEN: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sun. at 11am

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am