Churches of Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo

February 2016



"Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent falls very early this year, on February 10.

On Tuesday evenings in Lent, beginning on February 16, we shall be following a five-part course produced by Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, entitled, "Experiencing God's Love: Five Images of Transformation". This looks at 'five different pictures of what it means to live the Christian life', drawing on passages from the Psalms and John's Gospel.

I hope you will come and benefit from this course as a way of doing something spiritually meaningful for Lent. Participants will need a copy of the book, which is available online for around £5.70 new and for much less if you are happy ordering a second-hand copy. It is also available in a Kindle edition for £5.69.

When someone becomes a Christian they begin a lifelong process of transformation which moves us towards its completion when we receive our resurrection bodies (1 John 3:2) ready for life in the new heavens and new earth which are to come (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1). Sometimes, however, we get stuck along the way and the ongoing transformation of our lives stalls. The apostle Paul would not have to have said, "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) if there was not a real possibility of our failing to be transformed in this way.

Lent is a great time for giving ourselves a spiritual check-up and making sure that we are still as spiritually responsive as we should be. When we invite the Holy Spirit to continue His work of transforming our lives it is not Just we ourselves who benefit but those around us, as God does new things in and through us which bring glory to Him and extend His Kingdom into the lives of others.

I hope to see you in the upstairs hall at St Teilo's at 7.30pm on February 16.

Yours sincerely,

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St John's Church, Maesteilo Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm

Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay

An illustrated update on this exciting project will be given by Ioan Jenkins, Development Officer

At 320MW installed capacity, Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon will be the largest marine energy development in the world. A £1billion infrastructure project developed by Tidal Lagoon Power Limited, it will have an entirely predictable 495GWh output each year of clean, green electricity and will power more than 155,000 homes for 120 years – that's about 11% of Wales' domestic electricity.

£4 including refreshments

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Tues 2nd 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

Fri 5th 10.00am Prayer Meeting in Church

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

Tues 9th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

Wed 10th 12.00 noon Ladies' Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's Church Hall.

Fri 12th 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

Tues 16th No meeting of MOPS - Half Term

7.30pm Lent Course in St Teilo's Church Hall

Thurs 7.30pm St John's Church, Maesteilo Community Event (see opposite page for details)

Fri 19th 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's

Sat 20th 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall.

Bernard Llewellyn of Carreg Cennen Farm will speak on

"Farming and the Environment" (postponed from November).

Tues 23rd 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

7.30pm Lent Course in St Teilo's Church Hall

Fri 26th 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

PCC Members please note that the next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th March**

Enquiries regarding the use of the church or hire of the church hall or meeting rooms should be made to Mike Taylor on 01558 822089 or e-mail: taylorbeddoesdrive@hotmail.co.uk

Services and Readings for February

7th Feb (The Sunday before Lent)

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Cymun Bendigaid 11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

10th Feb (Ash Wednesday)

10.30am Holy Communion

Readings for Principal Services

Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm / Salm 99 2 Corinthians / 2 Corinthiaid 3: 12 - 4: 2 Luke / Luc 9: 28-36, [37-43]

Isaiah / Eseia 58: 1-12 Psalm / Salm 51: 1-17 2 Corinthians / 2 Corinthiaid 5: 20b-6: 10 John / Ioan 8: 1-11

14th Feb (Lent 1)

11am Morning Worship 6pm Holy Communion **Maesteilo** 9.45am Holy Communion **Taliaris** 9.45am Morning Prayer

Deuteronomy / Deuteronomium 26: 111
Psalm / Salm 91: 1-11
Romans / Rhufeiniaid 10: 8b-13
Luke / Luc 4: 1-13

21st Feb (Lent 2)

8am Holy Communion
9.15am Cymun Bendigaid
11am Morning Worship
6pm Compline / Evening Prayer)

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

28th Feb (Lent 3)

11am Holy Communion
6pm Holy Communion
Maesteilo
9.45am Morning Prayer
Taliaris
9.45am Holy Communion

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17, 18 Psalm/Salm 27 Philippians /Philipiaid 3: 17 - 4: 1 Luke / Luc 13: 31-35

Isaiah / Eseia 55: 1-9 Psalm /Salm 63: 1-8 1 Corinthians / 1 Corinthiaid 10: 1-13 Luke / Luc 13: 1-9

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

MOSAIC: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sun. at 11am **Holy Communion:** Wednesdays at 10. 30am