Churches of Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo

February 2017



Dear Friends,

The enthronement service for Joanna Penberthy, our bishop-elect, will take place in St Davids Cathedral on February 11.

Please pray that God will bless and equip her to exercise a faithful ministry as our new bishop. She takes office at a time when The Church in Wales is seeing rapid decline in the midst of an increasingly secular society. The bishops of The Church of England have just resisted the pressures put upon them to accommodate Christian teaching regarding marriage to the spirit of the age, and we should pray that The Church in Wales and those who lead it will also be faithful to what God has said.

Whilst the church here in Wales may be in decline, we should not make the mistake of thinking that the same is true everywhere. At the **11am service in St Teilo's on February 12** we will be joined by the Rev Watcyn James and his wife Lowri who, back in November, visited the church in India where his parents had been missionaries. On the second Sunday that he was there, he was invited to speak at an open air gathering of 350,000 Indian Christians, and he will be sharing some of his experiences of what God is doing there, and telling us about the challenges which Indian Christians face.

Those who are Christians need to realise that they are caught up in a spiritual conflict where the standards and values of the kingdom of God are often at variance with those of the unbelieving world. It was in this sense that Jesus said, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34). He went on to speak of

the hard choices those who followed Him would need to make and said, "Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

I'm sure we shall be both challenged and encouraged by what we hear of the experience of Indian Christians, who don't have it easy but who have seen such a remarkable growth in numbers.

Yours sincerely,

St. John's Church, Maesteilo, Capel Isaac

Friday 17th February

Family Quiz Night

followed by
Fish and Chip supper*
+ refreshments
7.00pm
Come and join in.
Admission £4, children free

Why not make up a team of 4?

*Suppers must be pre-ordered by contacting:

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Tues 7th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St

Teilo's Church Hall.

6.00pm-8.00pm Welcome Meeting for Syrian Refugees in Shire

Hall (replacing Tuesday Fellowship meeting).

Wed 8th 12 noon Ladies' Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall

Fri 10th 10.00am Home Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.

Tues 14th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St

Teilo's Church Hall.

7.30pm, Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting.

Fri 17th 9.30am Prayer meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.

7.00pm Maesteilo Family Quiz Night

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.

Tues 21st HALF TERM - No meeting of MOPS

7.30pm, Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting.

Thurs 23rd 7.30pm, St Teilo's PCC meeting in upstairs hall.

Fri 24th 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.

Tues 28th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St

Teilo's Church Hall

7.30pm, Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting.

MARCH

Wed 1st 10.30am, Ash Wednesday Communion

Fri 3rd 9.30am Prayer meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.

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

12th Feb (3rd Sunday before Lent)

11am Morning Worship with the Rev Watcyn James, guest preacher 6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo
9.45amHoly Communion

Taliaris

9.45amMorning Prayer

19th Feb (2nd Sunday before Lent, Creation Sunday)

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Cymun Bendigaid 11am Morning Worship 6pm Evening Prayer Maesteilo

9.45amMorning Prayer

26th Feb (Sunday before Lent, Transfiguration Sunday)

11am Holy Communion 6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

5th March (Lent 1)

8am Holy Communion 9.30am Boreol Weddi 11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Ebenezer Baptist Chapel

2.00pm Multidenominational Service for town's St David's Day celebrations

Readings for Principal Services

Deuteronomy/Deuteronomium30: 15-20 Psalm / Salm 19: 1-8 1 Corinthians/1 Corinthiaid 3: 1-9

Matthew/Mathew 5: 21-37

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3 Psalm / Salm 40: 1-11 Romans/ Rhufeiniaid 8: 18-2 Matthew/Mathew 6: 25-34

Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm / Salm 136: 1-9 [23-26] 2 Peter/2 Pedr 1: 16-21 Matthew/Mathew 17: 1-9

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Psalm / Salm 32 Romans/Rhufeiniaid 5: 12-19 Matthew/Mathew 4: 1-11

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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