



Dear Friends,

Easter Day this year is on April 1 and so Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on February 14.

Lent is an annual reminder that if we are Christians then, like it or not, we are caught up in an ongoing spiritual conflict which is set to continue until Jesus returns in glory to bring it to an end. The day will come when, in the words of Revelation 11:15, so beautifully put to music in Handel's Messiah, the angel will announce, "**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.**" Until then, we have spiritual battles to fight and to win.

The apostle Paul wrote, "**For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds**" (2 Corinthians 10:4) but in many places we in the churches have forgotten what they are and they have fallen into disuse. Is it any wonder that we see a church which in so many places is in spiritual and numerical decline?

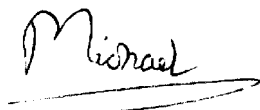
Our Lent course is entitled, "*Battles Christians Face*", and I would encourage you to come along to the Upstairs Hall on Tuesday evenings (see Diary Dates) and benefit from it. One of the most powerful things, however, that Christians can do to turn the spiritual tide in our nation is to meet regularly to pray together. I would also encourage you, therefore, to come to the HEMP (Horrendously Early Morning Prayer!) meetings in the Prayer Room at St Teilo's from **7.00-7.30am on Tuesday mornings.**

There are many proud fortresses which stand resistant and defiant to God in individual lives and in society, holding people captive. Our aim

through prayer and our witness to the power of Jesus Christ is to see those who are captive set free to become children of God (John 1:12) and the people God wants them to be. The radical message of the Gospel is, **"do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."** (Romans 12:2)

If this Lent can be a time when we focus on these things then it will not be wasted.

Yours sincerely,



Tuesday 13 February 2018

**The flipping Marvellous
Pancake Party**

The 'Flipping Marvellous Pancake Party' is being organized to raise money for the award-winning charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

7:00pm

St Teilos Church, Llandeilo

Invite a friend

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

- Tues 6th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.00 for 7.30pm Lent Course in Upstairs Hall: Battles Christians Face
- Fri 9th** 9.30am for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.
Session 6 - Partnership in Prayer: Spiritual Warfare
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Sat 10th** 10am-4pm Upcycling Workshop (bags & tops) in Upstairs Hall.
Please contact Tanya Rotherfield or Sally Sadler (01558 823862).
£20 for the day. Please bring a packed lunch.
- Tues 13th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's PrayerRoom.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.00 pm Flipping Marvellous Pancake Party in Upstairs Hall, in aid of Christians Against Poverty.
7.30pm Maesteilo Community Event. Renowned local artist William Wilkins will speak on "Aspects of Art in Wales"
- Wed 14th** 10.30am Ash Wednesday Communion Service
12.00pm Women's Fellowship Lunch in Upstairs Hall.
- Fri 16th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Sat 17th** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall
Salvation Army officer, Territorial Envoy James Jones, will speak on bringing community members to faith.
- Mon 19th** 7.30pm, Christians Against Poverty Update & Prayer Meeting at Elim Community Church, Ammanford.
- Tues 20th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
No MOPS. Half Term.
7.00 for 7.30pm Lent Course in Upstairs Hall: Battles Christians Face
- Fri 23rd** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 27th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's PrayerRoom.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7.00 for 7.30pm Lent Course in Upstairs Hall: Battles Christians Face.

Services and Readings for February

4th Feb (2nd Sunday before Lent,

Creation Sunday)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

/Diarhebbion 8: 1, 22-31

Psalm/Salm 104: 24-35

Colossians/Colosiaid 1: 15-20

John/loan: 1-14

11th Feb (Sunday before Lent)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Taliaris

9.45am Morning Prayer

2 Kings/2 Brenhinoedd 2: 1-12

Psalm/Salm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 4: 3-6

JMark/Marc 9: 2-9

18th Feb (Lent 1)

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Morning Worship

6pm Compline / Evening Prayer

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm/Salm 25: 1-10

1 Peter/1 Pedr 3: 18-22

Mark/Marc 1: 9-15

25th Feb (Lent 2)

11am Holy Communion

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm/Salm 22: 23-31

Romans/Rhufeiniaid 4: 13-25

Mark/Marc 8: 31-38

4th March (Lent 3)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm/Salm 19: 7-14

1 Corinthians/1 Corinthiaid 1: 18-25

John/loan 2: 13-22

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

MOSAIC: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sun. at 11am

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am