



Dear Friends,

Earlier this year I came across an interesting article on the Desiring God website about how faithful, orthodox Christians should respond to those in society whose values clash with what God has revealed in Scripture.

***"You're wrong and you're loved",*** wrote the author, *" – that's the unique voice of the Christian. That's what we say, speaking from our own experience, as Tim Keller so well puts it, "we're far worse than we ever imagined, and far more loved than we could ever dream."*

The Islamic world understandably looks aghast at liberal western society and its moral values, or the lack of them. Orthodox, faithful Christians, too, are surely dismayed by the ever more ungodly direction in which secular society seems to be heading.

The answer of the Islamic extremists is to respond with hatred by killing those whose values oppose their own. Jesus tells us to do something far more radical: **"love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"** (Matthew 5:44).

On the one hand we must be faithful to what God tells us about our human sinfulness. We are **"far worse than we ever imagined"** and therefore without repentance we are in deep trouble with God. But what is just as true is that we are **"far more loved than we could ever dream"**. Jesus demonstrated this both in the way that He defied the religiously respectable by mixing with those they despised as sinners, and by His death on the cross to win forgiveness for us (2 Cor. 5:21).

When people grasp the twin truths of our being "*far worse than we ever imagined, and far more loved than we could ever dream*" the effects are nothing short of revolutionary. Unlike Islam, Christianity during its first three centuries had no conquering armies with which to subdue an unbelieving world. It didn't need them! The place where the kingdom of God must be established is within us (Luke 17:20), where no sword or gun can reach!

Yours sincerely,



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Please pray for the following who are to be commissioned by the Archdeacon as Worship Leaders during the 11.00am service at St Teilo's on July 5.

St Teilo's

Andrew Barker

Mike Clark

Ann Phipps,

Sally Sadler

Lorna Shufflebottom

Maesteilo

Margaret James

Rebecca Thomas

Please pray, too, for the Worship Leaders from Gwynfe parish who are being commissioned in the same service.

Vicar Rev Michael Sadler, The Vicarage,  
Thomas Terrace, Llandeilo SA19 6NN  
Tel: 01558 .823862

Church website: [www.llandeilofawr.org.uk](http://www.llandeilofawr.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/stteiloschurchllandeilo>

# DIARY FOR JULY

- Tues 7th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in St Teilo's Church Hall. This will be the last session for the summer term. MOPS will restart on Tuesday 8th September
- Fri 10th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- 11th - 19th** **15th Annual Festival of Music**  
(See programme for details)
- Wed 22nd** 7.00pm Maesteilo Church PCC Meeting at St John's.
- Fri 24th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Fri 31st** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

## LLANDEILO MUSIC FESTIVAL Saturday 11th July - Sunday 19th July

Classical music not your thing? Surprise yourself! Come along to one of the coffee or lunchtime recitals when you can relax and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake, admire the beautiful flower arrangements and marvel at the talent we have in our area.

Stewards are still needed to greet visitors who come to see the church and flowers every day and also for those evenings when the concerts are held in the church. Help is also needed upstairs to serve refreshments 10am - 3pm and, of course, to bring in those lovely cakes! Please sign up at the back of church or see Sally or Anne if you have any questions.

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](mailto:ashasilk@btinternet.com)

# Services and Readings for July

## **5th July (Pentecost 6)**

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

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **12th July (Pentecost 7)**

11am Festival Service  
6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **19th July (Pentecost 8)**

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Cymun Bendigaid  
11am Morning Worship  
6pm Compline / Evensong

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

## **26th July (Pentecost 9)**

11am Family Communion  
6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **Readings for Principal Services**

*2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10*  
*Psalm / Salm 48*  
*2 Corinthians / 2 Corinthiaid*  
*12: 2-10*  
*Mark / Marc 6: 1-13*

*2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19*  
*Psalm / Salm 24*  
*Ephesians / Effesiaid 1: 3-14*  
*Mark / Marc 6: 14-29*

*2 Samuel 7: 1-14a*  
*Psalm / Salm 89: 20-37*  
*Ephesians / Effesiaid 2: 11-22*  
*Mark / Marc 6: 30-34, 53-56*

*2 Samuel 11: 1-15*  
*Psalm / Salm 14*  
*Ephesians / Effesiaid 3: 14-21*  
*John 6: 1-21*

## **ST TEILO'S CHURCH**

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