



Dear Friends,

The suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters in many parts of the Muslim world has continued during the last month. This has included the horrific beheading by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant of 21 Egyptian Coptic Christians on a beach in Libya.

Every time news of a fresh horror breaks, western leaders queue up to say that it represents a terrible distortion of true Islam. They are terrified, of course, of saying anything which might be seen as an excuse for any kind of backlash against the majority of Muslims living in the West, who are decent people just as horrified and appalled at what's happening as are the rest of us. This would be totally wrong, and they must be afforded the full protection of the law like all other citizens.

We should not be afraid, however, to ask the question as to whether the terrible things taking place are a distortion of true Islam, or whether, in truth, they are very much a part of true Islam, albeit a part that decent, compassionate Muslims would rather not acknowledge and do not want to act upon.

Terrible things have also been done in the name of Christianity in times past but the question we must ask of both faiths is whether what has been done is in accordance with the teaching and example of their founders. Jesus said, "**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you**" (Matthew 5:44), and there is nothing in His example to provide anyone with any excuse for behaving otherwise. By contrast the website [http://wikiislam.net/wiki/List\\_of\\_Killings\\_Ordered\\_or\\_Supported\\_by\\_Muhammad](http://wikiislam.net/wiki/List_of_Killings_Ordered_or_Supported_by_Muhammad) provides a list of Moslem sources for killings ordered or supported by Muhammad.

As one internet author puts "*In fact, many Muslims are such kind, peaceful, and gentle people that they seem to be following the example*

*set by another great religious leader—one who died on the cross for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to prove his message.”*  
( [http://www.answering-islam.org/Authors/Wood/two\\_faces.htm](http://www.answering-islam.org/Authors/Wood/two_faces.htm) )

Yours sincerely,

*Michael*

### **WHY DO I NEED TO BE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL?**

#### **What is the Electoral Roll?**

It is a list of names and addresses of the lay people of the parish, who are aged 16 and over, and who fill the conditions set out by the Church in Wales [The conditions are set out on the application form]. The list is revised every 5 years and **this year every church member needs to reapply.**

#### **Why does my name need to be on it?**

Because only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll can:

- Stand for election to (if over 18), and vote for, the Parochial Church Council;
- Be eligible to be a Churchwarden and vote for the People's Warden;
- Vote for representatives on the Area Deanery Conference and the Diocesan Conference.

#### **How do I go about it?**

Complete, sign and date one of the forms available at the back of church then return it to the Vicar or PCC Secretary (Mrs Ann Phipps).

#### **What then?**

A copy of the Electoral Roll will be displayed in the church porch before the Vestry Meeting each year. You can therefore check that your name has been entered.

## *Services for Holy Week and Easter*

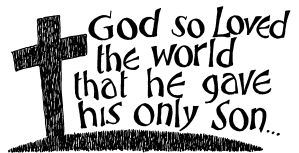
**Weds April 1** 10.30am Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday, April 2** 7.30pm, Holy Communion

**Good Friday, April 3** 10.00am, All Age Service  
2.00pm, Last Hour on the Cross service

**Saturday April 4** from 8.00pm, Easter Vigil  
Details from Mike Clark

**Easter Day, April 5** 8.00am, Holy Communion  
9.15am, Gwasanaeth Cymraeg  
9.45am, Holy Communion at St John's, Maesteilo  
11.00am, Holy Communion



# DIARY FOR MARCH

- Tues 3rd** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers - of pre-schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
- Fri 6th** 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Inter-Denominational Service at Capel Newydd, Crescent Road.  
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 10th** 10.00am MOPS in St Teilo's Church Hall.
- Wed 11th** 12 noon Ladies' Fellowship lunch in St Teilo's Church Hall
- Thurs 12th** 7.30pm Community event in St John's Church, Maesteilo - talk by Claire Deacon on *Llanelli House*.
- Fri 13th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 17th** MOPS in St Teilo's Church Hall
- Wed 18th** 7.00pm Meeting of St Teilo's PCC in the Church Hall.
- Fri 20th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Sat 21st** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall.  
John Sampson MBE, pastor of Mumbles URC will speak on "Christian Essentials" John is a church planter and has great evangelical enthusiasm.  
7.00pm Concert by the Llandeilo Singers in St Teilo's with music by Mozart and Vivaldi.
- Tues 24th** 10.00am MOPS in St Teilo's Church Hall. This will be the last meeting before the Easter break.
- Fri 31st** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's

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# Services and Readings for March

## **1st March (Lent 2)**

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **8th March (Lent 3)**

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **15th March (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Morning Worship

6pm Compline / Evensong

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

## **22nd March (Lent 5, Passion Sunday)**

11am Family Communion

6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **29th March (Lent 6, Palm Sunday)**

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

## **Readings for Principal Services**

*Genesis 17: 1-15-16*

*Psalm / Salm 22: 23-31*

*Romans / Rhufeiniaid 4: 13-25*

*Mark / Marc 8: 31-38*

*Exodus 20: 1-17*

*Psalm / Salm 19: 7-14*

*1 Corinthians / 1 Corinthiaid 1:18-25*

*John / Ioan 2: 13-22*

*1 Samuel 1: 20-28*

*Psalm / Salm 127: 1-4*

*2 Corinthians / 2 Corinthiaid 1: 3-7*

*Luke / Luc 2: 33-35*

*Jeremiah / Jeremeia 31: 31-34*

*Psalm / Salm 51: 1-12*

*Hebrews / Hebreaid 5: 5-10*

*John / Ioan 12: 20-33*

*Mark / Marc 11: 1-11*

*Psalm 118 [1,2, 19-29]*

## **ST TEILO'S CHURCH**

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

**Holy Communion :** Wednesdays at 10. 30am

