Churches of Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo

November 2015



Dear Friends,

All Saints Day this year happens to fall on a Sunday (November 1), giving it a higher profile than in years when it falls during the week.

Sad to say, what most people understand by the word "saint" bears no resemblance to the New Testament meaning of the word because of the false understanding of it introduced by later church tradition.

In the New Testament saints are not a select group of outstanding Christians who have died but include all those who have repented of their sins and accepted Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. The holiness which enables them to be called saints is not their holiness but His!

That is the glorious truth of what it means to become a Christian. We come to God as sinners deserving of His judgement and find ourselves forgiven and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. Though we remain for the present sinful, fallen human beings, when God looks at us He sees us now as "in Christ" and therefore as His "holy ones" (saints). The merit is all His, not ours, coming from His death for us upon the cross which paid for our forgiveness and restoration.

It is so important for us to realise that if we are Christians we are God's saints. This is the spiritual birthright which is ours in Jesus. As the hymn, "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven", puts it:

"Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like thee His praise should sing?"

The unbelieving world may not view Christians as anything special but God certainly does and, in the end, that is all that will count! (See Matthew 22:11-14.)

Yours sincerely,

Open Church

The number of visitors to St Teilo's in the summer months continues to increase:

2012 : 518 2013 : 604 2014 : 627

2015: 799

We are grateful to those who give of their time to allow us to keep the church open and the entries in the Visitors' Book show how much they, too, appreciate their work. Special thanks are due to Colin Henderson who records the statistics and Roderick Davies who monitors the technological side. However, if we are to continue this ministry we do need more volunteers. This year we had to close on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and for 14 other sessions when welcomers were unavailable. Over the winter, please consider whether you might join the team next year either on a regular basis or as a "gapper" when needed. Some welcomers share a slot with one or two other people. If you would like to find out more, speak to any of the welcomers or ring Anne Williams on 01558 822594

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Tues 3rd 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

7 for 7.30pm, The Grace Course (Session 5)

Mon 9th 7.30pm Taliaris PCC Meeting in church

Tues 10th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

7 for 7.30pm, The Grace Course (6)

Wed 11th 12.00 noon Ladies' Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's Church Hall.

7.00pm St Teilo's PCC meeting in Upstairs Hall

Fri 13th 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

Tues 17th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

Weds 18th 1.00pm-3.30pm, Christians Against Poverty Briefing Meeting,

in St Teilo's Church Hall. Open to all who are interested in finding out

more about the work of CAP.

Thurs 19th 7.30pm St John's Church, Maesteilo Community Event

Illustrated talk by renowned wildlife photographer Richard Rees on

"Life at the bottom of the world - exploring Antartica".

£4 including refreshments.

Fri 20th 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's

Sat 21st 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall.

Bernard Llewellyn of Carreg Cennen Farm will speak on "Farming and

the Environment".

Tues 24th 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in

St Teilo's Church Hall.

Fri 27th 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's

Services and Readings for November

1st Nov (Kingdom 1)

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

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

8th Nov (Kingdom 2)

11am Service of Remembrance6pm Holy CommunionMaesteilo

9.45am Service of Remembrance **Taliaris**

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15th Nov (Kingdom 3))

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Boreol Weddi 11am Morning Worship 6pm Compline / Evensong **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

22nd Nov (Kingdom 4) 11am Holv Communion

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

29th Nov (Advent 1)

8am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion

Readings for Principal Services

Deuteronomy / Deuteronomium 6: 1-9 Psalm / Salm 119: 1-8 Hebrews /Hebreaid 9: 11-14 Mark / Marc 12: 28-34

> Jonah / Jona 3: 1-5,10 Psalm / Salm 62: 5-12 Hebrews /Hebreaid 9: 24-28 Mark / Marc 1: 14-20

Daniel 12: 1-3 Psalm / Salm 16 Hebrews / Hebreaid 10:11-14, [15-18], 19-25 Mark / Marc 13: 1-8

Daniel 7: 9-10 Psalm / Salm 93 Revelation / Datguddiad 1: 4b-8 John / Ioan 18: 33-37

Jeremiah / Jeremeia 33: 14-16 Psalm / Salm 25: 1-10 1Thessalonians / 1 Thesaloniaid 3: 9-13 Luke / Luc 21: 25-36

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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