

Churches of
Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo

October
2015



Dear Friends,

Many of us will have breathed a sigh of relief on hearing the comment of the Archbishop of Wales, following the Governing Body's debate on same-sex marriage on September 17, that, *"It would be a very brave or, perhaps, a very foolish bench of bishops who were to bring a bill before the Governing Body at this stage because that might just rip the church apart and lead to the acrimony that's been absent from this debate."*

Our first concern as a Christian church, however, must be with pleasing God, not one another or the society around us. We believe that God has spoken and revealed His will for humankind. Ours is not, therefore, a faith where we can "make it up as we go along", but a faith which requires us to accept Jesus Christ as both our Saviour and our Lord.

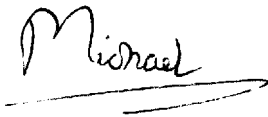
In Luke 6:46 Jesus asks the question, "**Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord', and do not do what I say?**" He is clearly unimpressed by our calling Him "Lord", if we take no notice of what He says. Indeed, in the Sermon on the Mount He says that on the Day of Judgement He will say to some of those who've called Him "Lord", "**I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers!**" (Matthew 7:23)

For the time being a crisis has been averted which would have caused many faithful Christians to leave The Church in Wales, but the sad reality, nonetheless, is that a majority of our Bishops and of the elected clergy and lay members voted for something contrary to the declared and revealed will of God in Scripture. We are clearly deluded, as a church, if

we think we can expect God to bless and revive us whilst wishing to defy Him and go our own way. We should pray that God will bring us back in repentance to the truth of His word. In the words of the prophet Isaiah to the people of his day:

"To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn." (Isaiah 8:20)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Numbers of children attending the Family Communion service are quite low at present so the PCC has decided to suspend that service for the time being, feeling that the young people will be better served by attending the usual MOSAIC (Sunday School). Starting this month, the 11 o'clock service will be Holy Communion as on the 1st Sunday of the month.

LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOKS

Ten large- print copies of *Mission Praise* are now available in St Teilo's. If you could benefit from using one, please ask the Welcomers on duty for a copy.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- Fri 2nd** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 6th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7 for 7.30pm, The Grace Course (Session 3: "Unashamed")
- Fri 9th** 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 13th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in St Teilo's Church Hall.
7 for 7.30pm, The Grace Course (Session 4: "Courageous")
- Wed 14th** 12.00 noon Ladies' Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's Church Hall.
- Thurs 15th** 7.30pm St John's Church, Maesteilo Community Event
Illustrated talk on Dinefwr by Gerald Morgan, Author and Historian, £4 including refreshments)
- Fri 16th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's
- Sat 17th** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall.
Speaker: Gerald Jones
- Tues 20th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) meet in St Teilo's Church Hall.
NO GRACE COURSE THIS WEEK
- Fri 23rd** 9.30am Milo House Group Meeting
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 27th** No MOPS this week - Half Term
7 for 7.30pm, The Grace Course (Session 5: "Humble")
- Wed 28th** 7.00pm, St John's PCC meeting in church.
- Fri 30th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Teilo's

Services and Readings for October

4th Oct (Pentecost 19)

8am Holy Communion
9.15am Diolchgarwch am y Cynhaeaf
11am Harvest Thanksgiving

Maesteilo

9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving

11th Oct (Pentecost 20)

11am Morning Worship
6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

18th Oct (Luke, Evangelist)

8am Holy Communion
9.15am Cymun Bendigaid
11am Morning Worship
6pm Compline / Evensong

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

25th Oct (Last Sunday of Pentecost, Bible Sunday))

11am Holy Communion
6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Morning Prayer

Readings for Principal Services

Job 1:1,2: 1-10

Psalm / Salm 26

Hebrews /Hebraid 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Mark / Marc 10: 2-16

Job 23: 1-9, 16, 17

Psalm / Salm 22: 1-15

Hebrews /Hebraid 4: 12-16

Mark / Marc 10: 17-31

Isaiah /Eseia 35: 3-6

Psalm / Salm 147: 1-7

2 Timothy / 2 Timotheus 4: 5-17

Luke / Luc 10: 1-9

Isaiah / Eseia 55: 1- 11

Psalm / Salm 19: 7-14

2 Timothy / 2 Timotheus 3: 14 - 4: 5

John / Ioan 5: 36b-47

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am