

Hymns for today

Opening: 623 Praise my soul
Before sermon: Dear Lord, your saints (below)
Offertory: 190 For all the saints (wv 1-4)
Communion: Calon Lan
489 Lord, you have my heart
Closing: 454 Lord, for the years

Hymn for All Saints

Dear Lord, your saints in heaven
around your throne now rest,
where light undimmed is shining
on those who have been blest.
Their zeal and perseverance
brought people to your love
and now they dwell in glory
within your courts above.

May we, like them, be willing
to hold fast to our goals
to bring where men are careless
the love of earth and souls;
to show by daily goodness
compassion in our ways
replacing greed and envy
that mar our selfish days.

With eloquence and wisdom
may we in faith be strong,
to teach the disparate nations
to you we all belong;
to warm the cold and hungry,
to heal the broken child,
to salve the grief of mourning,
to mend a world defiled.

And may the saints watch o'er us,
and fill us with desire
to serve you with the passion
that kindles bright a fire.
Your Church's great communion
will then be praised and blest,
and we in heavenly glory
then with your saints may rest.

Words by Eleanor McLeod (tune 355)

Next Sunday - 6th Nov. - Trinity 24

9am Cymun Bendigaid
10.30am Holy Communion & Sunday School
Readers 1st Bob Pearson
2nd Eleanor McLeod
Intercessor Joy Coles
Sidespeople Eleanor McLeod and Dreena M-Harvey



Welcome to St James Church

Living the Life

30th October 2016

All Saints/Trinity 23

Thanksgiving

On behalf of St James' Church we are pleased to welcome Archdeacon Robert Williams as our guest preacher this morning. As well as celebrating the Festival of All Saints we are also taking the opportunity to give thanks for Robert's 19 years as Archdeacon of Gower and for his over 40 years service in the Church in Wales until his recent retirement.

Please stay for refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am service.

Today

9am Cymun Bendigaid
10.30am Holy Communion & Sunday School
Readers 1st Sonia Thomas 2nd Adrian Lester
Intercessor Dreena Morgan Harvey
Sidespeople Jane Alderman and Liz Long

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for Trinity 23

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 794)

The prophet foretells God's new covenant with His people.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Second reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-end (p. 1238)

The throne of God is surrounded by a great multitude of people dressed in white robes.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 968)

Jesus declares that the blessings of God's Kingdom are available for everyone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



Dates for your Diary

Meetings held in the Parish Centre unless otherwise stated.

Mon. 31 st	10.30am	Life Group
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Tues. 1 st	1pm	Open Church
Nov.	7.30pm	
Wed. 2 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion with Ministry of Healing
Thur. 3 rd	9.30am	Prayer meeting
Fri. 4 th	10.30am	Life Group (at Sylvia's)
	11am	MU Deanery Service (St Mary's)
Sun. 6 th	3.30pm	Friends of Swansea Festival Concert (in church)
Mon. 7 th	10.30am	Life Group
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Tues. 8 th	1pm	Open Church with Gower College students
	7.30pm	Life Group
Wed. 9 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thur. 10 th	9.30am	Prayer meeting
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union
Fri. 11 th	10.30am	Life Group (at Sylvia's)
Mon. 14 th	10.30am	Life Group
	2pm	Events Cmte meeting
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Tues. 15 th	1pm	Open Church with Gower College students
	7.30pm	Life Group
Wed. 16 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	7pm	PCC
Thur. 17 th	10 am	Day Retreat (Nicholaston House)
Fri. 18 th	10.30am	Life Group (at Sylvia's)
Mon. 21 st	10.30am	Life Group
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Tues. 22 nd	1pm	Open Church with Gower College students
	7.30pm	Life Group
Wed. 23 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thur. 24 th	9.30am	Prayer meeting
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union
Fri. 25 th	10.30am	Life Group (at Sylvia's)
Mon. 28 th	10.30am	Life Group
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Tues. 29 th	1pm	Open Church with Gower College students
	7.30pm	Life Group
Wed. 30 th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Open Church

The church will be open as usual on Tuesday but, because of the fire at the Tycoch Campus last Friday, the students from Gower College will not be with us.

Children in Need Bike Ride

Gwen Bailey's son Mike is doing a 170 mile bike ride for Children in Need in November with a group of 60 work colleagues, riding between BT offices starting at Solihull and ending in Bolton two days later, having taken in the Peak District with its big hills on the way. The organisers have set a fairly

Psalm 145: 3 - 13

3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
4. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
5. On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
6. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.
7. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
10. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
11. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
12. to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. (ESV)

ambitious target of raising £25,000.

If you'd like to donate, no matter how small, then please let Gwen know.

Charity Concert

There will be a Charity Concert at St James' on 6th November at 3.30pm on behalf of the Friends of the Swansea International Festival. It will feature various artists including saxophonists from a local school, a medley of folk songs featuring Jenny Stanford and Chris Wyatt as well as other guests.

Admission is free but there will be an opportunity for attendees to make a donation if they so wish.

Book Review

This week's review is of another Christian Classic by C S Lewis called *Mere Christianity*. It is based on a series of lectures for the BBC delivered during the Second World War.

Together they form a popular introduction to the Christian Faith which has led many a sceptic and seeker to faith. In this book C S Lewis reminds us of the truly important things of life and shows the way to joy and contentment.

I recommend it highly especially for those wanting a coherent and compelling introduction to the Christian faith or a reminder of why it is they believe.

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