



Dear Friends,

C S Lewis wrote, *"I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun, not because I can see it but by it I can see everything else."*

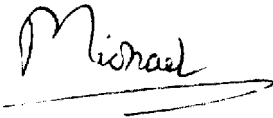
This was surely what the disciples discovered after Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning. It was not simply that they encountered the risen Lord but that, as what had happened sank in, the reality of Jesus transformed their entire outlook on life.

*"Something perfectly new in the history of the Universe had happened", writes C S Lewis. "Christ had defeated death. The door which had always been locked had for the very first time been forced open. This is something quite distinct from mere ghost-survival. I don't mean that they disbelieved in ghost- survival. On the contrary, they believed in it so firmly that, on more than one occasion, Christ had had to assure them that He was not a ghost. The point is that while believing in survival they yet regarded the Resurrection as something totally different and new. **The Resurrection narratives are not a picture of survival after death; they record how a totally new mode of being has arisen in the universe.** Something new had appeared in the universe: as new as the first coming of organic life. This Man, after death, does not get divided into "ghost" and "corpse". A new mode of being has arisen. That is the story. What are we going to make of it?"*

This was something discovered, too, by Saul of Tarsus after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. He wrote later in 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 that, as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection, **"we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone the new is here!"**

The future of humanity lies in the *"totally new mode of being"* which the resurrection of Jesus makes possible for us. What greater concern, therefore, could we possibly have for our fellow human beings than that they should become new creations in Christ, forgiven and free to be part of God's future for the human race

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.

Open Church

Our twelfth summer of opening the church doors to visitors is rapidly approaching and (I can sense some of you already moving on to the next page!) I have to repeat my appeal for volunteers. Last year we had to reduce our opening times to mornings only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with two sessions just on Fridays and Saturdays. The number of people visiting Llandeilo seems to increase every year and we should be proud to be able to offer a quiet space amongst the busy shops and cafes.

The job is not onerous. A smile and word of welcome is all that is needed. Some visitors like to chat, others may ask questions but the answers are there in the information provided. Many of our Welcomers now share a slot which means that you don't have to be there every week. We also need people to cover when the regulars are on holiday etc so if you could only do one session every month it would be a valuable contribution.

Please consider helping us to keep those doors open. Talk to me, the wardens or any of the present team if you would like to know more.

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DIARY FOR APRIL

- Tues 4th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall. This will be the last session before the Easter Break.
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall
- Fri 7th** 9.30am Prayer Meeting at St Teilo's
Prayer requests may be written in the book in the Prayer Room.
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 11th** 7.30pm CAP Update and Prayer Meeting, Elim Community Church, Ammanford
- Wed 12th** 12 noon Ladies' Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall
- Fri 14th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Sat 15th** 8pm to 8am Easter Day Easter Vigil in St Teilo's
See Mike Clark for details.
- Sat 22nd** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall
- Mon 24th** 7.00pm St John's Maesteilo, Easter Vestry and PCC Meetings.
- Tues 25th** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall restart for the summer term.
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Thurs 27th** 7.00pm Holy Trinity Taliaris, Easter Vestry and PCC Meetings.
7.30pm Maesteilo Community Event. Talk by Mat Ridley, Coed Cymru Officer with Carmarthenshire County Council, on *Chalara Ash disease and the future of our ash trees.*
- Fri 28th** Home Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 2nd May** 7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall.

Enquiries regarding the use of the church or hire of the church hall or meeting rooms should be made to Mike Taylor on 01558 822089 or e-mail: taylorbeddoesdrive@hotmail.co.uk

Services and Readings for April

9th April (Lent 6, Palm Sunday)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Taliaris

9.45am Morning Prayer

13th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Holy Communion

14th April (Good Friday)

10.00am All Age Worship

2.00pm Last Hour on the Cross

16th April (Easter Day)

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Holy Communion

6pm Evening Prayer

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

23rd April (Easter 2)

11am Holy Communion

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

30th April (Easter 3)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

7th May (Easter 4)

8am Holy Communion

11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Readings for Principal Services

Matthew / Mathew 21: 1-11

Psalm / Salm 118: 19-29

Acts/Actau 10: 34-43

Psalm / Salm 118: [1,2,] 14-24

Colosians/Colosiaid 3: 1-4

John/Joan 20: 1-18

Acts/Actau 2: 14a, 22-32

Psalm / Salm 16:

1 Peter/1 Pedr 1: 3-9

John/Joan 20: 19-31

Acts/Actau 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm/Salm 116: 1-8

1 Peter/1 Pedr 1: 17-23

Luke/Luc 24: 13-35

Acts/Actau 2: 42-47

Psalm/Salm 23

1 Peter/1 Pedr 2: 19-25

John/Joan 10: 1-10

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am **(NB not 19th April)**