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| <i>Churches of<br/>Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris &amp; Maesteilo</i> | <i>December<br/>2018</i> |
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Dear Friends,

The Bible Course which we're following on Tuesday evenings has been a wonderful and thrilling reminder of the centuries of preparation made by God for the coming of Jesus into our world. Finally, the apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 4:4, "**when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son**".

The widespread ignorance there now is as to the contents of the Bible means that most people are totally unaware of the fact that Jesus' coming and the purpose of His life, death and resurrection were prophesied over many centuries before His birth. When the wise men (non-Jews) arrive after Jesus' birth and ask for directions to wherever He might be, they are sent to Bethlehem on the basis of information provided by the prophet Micah OVER 700 YEARS EARLIER! - **"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the clans of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."** (Matthew 2:6)

Micah went on to say something else which would be remarkable about this one who was to come. He would be someone: **"whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."** (Micah 5:2)

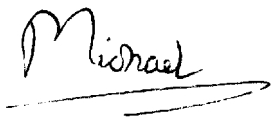
No wonder that so many millions of people down the centuries since have found themselves captivated by the person of Jesus.

As we prepare, again, to celebrate His coming, we should be in no doubt as to its implications for all of humanity. As C S Lewis once put

it, in his book *Mere Christianity*, "*Christianity, if false, is of no importance. But if true, it is of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important!*"

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
FROM ALL OF US AT THE VICARAGE!

Yours sincerely,

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

Moonless darkness stands between.  
Past. O Past, no more be seen!  
But the Bethlehem star may lead me  
From the self that I have been.  
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;  
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;  
Now beginning, and alway:  
Now begin, on Christmas day.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

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# DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- Tues 4th** 7.00-7.30pm Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room  
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.  
7.00 for 7.30pm The Bible Course, St Teilo's upstairs hall.
- Sat 8th** 6.30pm for 7.00pm German & Polish Evening, St Teilo's Upstairs Hall. ALL WELCOME. Come to eat and to enjoy each other's company. Donations to the church will be welcomed.
- Tues 11th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.  
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall. This will be the last meeting of the term. MOPS will re-start on 15th Jan 2019.  
7.00 for 7.30pm The Bible Course, St Teilo's upstairs hall.
- Weds 12th** Women's Fellowship Lunch at The Cawdor.
- Tues 18th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.

## ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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

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](mailto:taylorbeddoesdrive@hotmail.co.uk)

# Services and Readings for December

## 9th Dec (Advent 2)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

### Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

### Taliaris

9.45am Morning Prayer

*Malachi 3: 1-4*  
*Philippians/Philippiad 1: 3-11*  
*Luke/Luc 3: 1-6*

## 16th Dec (Advent 3)

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Morning Worship

6pm Evening Prayer

### Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

*Zephania/Seffaneia 3: 14-20*  
*Psalms/Salm 46: 5-10*  
*Philippians/Philippiad 4: 4-7*  
*Luke/Luc 3: 7-18*

## 23rd Dec (Advent 4)

11am The Infant Nativity:

*The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour!*

6pm Carols by Candlelight

### Maesteilo

9.45am Carol Service

### Taliaris

No service

*Micah/Micha 5:2-5a*  
*Psalms/Salm 80: 1-7*  
*Hebrews/Hebreaid 10: 5-10*

## 24th Dec (Christmas Eve)

11.30pm Midnight Communion

### Taliaris

4.30pm Carol Service

*Isaiah/Eseia 9: 2-7*  
*Psalms/Salm 96*  
*Titus 2: 1-14*

## 25th Dec (The Nativity of our Lord)

10am Family Communion

### Maesteilo

No service

### Taliaris

9.45am All Age Service  
(not communion)

*Luke/Luc 2: 1-14[15-20]*

## 30th Dec (Christmas 1)

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Prayer

*1 Samuel 2: 18-20,26*  
*Psalms 148*  
*Colossians/Colosiaid 3: 12-17*  
*Luke/Luc 2: 41-52*

## 6th Jan (Epiphany 1)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

### Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

*Isaiah/Eseia 60: 1-6*  
*Psalms/Salm 72: [1-9], 10-15*  
*Ephesians/ Effesiaid 3: 1-12*  
*Matthew/Mathew 2: 1-12*