

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

There was a time when the values and outlooks of churchgoers and non-churchgoers in this country were often similar, having been influenced by centuries of Christian teaching.

Few, I'm sure, would have predicted sixty years ago the massive tidal wave of secularism which has swept over us, seemingly carrying all before it. We have now returned to the situation in which the apostle Paul described humanity as being in Romans 3:18 when he wrote, "**There is no fear of God before their eyes.**"

With any sense of accountability to God largely absent from our society we now see ourselves as being free to be and become whatever we choose. The understanding of Augustine of Hippo that, "*You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you,*" is entirely lost on us. There is no blueprint for what human beings should be and we must therefore 'make it up as we go along'.

It is difficult to see where this massive social experiment will end, but those of us who still believe and trust in the God who made us know that it cannot end happily. The more we deny what we were created to be, and the more we attempt to make ourselves into what we were never intended to be, the more we enter into a fantasy world which has no future for us.

The challenge for those of us who are Christians is to keep ourselves rooted and grounded in God's revelation to us in the Scriptures. As someone has said, there is no problem when the ship is in the water – that's where ships are meant to be. The problem arises when the water starts flooding into the ship!

We must therefore remain faithful to Biblical teaching and resist the

attempts of those within the church who want us to move in a different direction. Those of us who are Anglicans can take encouragement from Article XX of the 39 Articles which states that, "*it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's word written*". Our church is one which recognises the authority of Scripture and expects its leaders to be faithful to what it says.

If we allow the water to come flooding into the ship then, like the Titanic, it will finally sink beneath the waves. If we are faithful to God then we can be what the church is meant to be – the means of rescuing people from the waves and bringing them to safety!

Yours sincerely,

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# DIARY FOR JUNE

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Jesus the Game Changer Course: "Women & Children", in Upstairs Hall.
- Wed 6th** 7.00pm **Archdeacon's Visitation** taking place at All Saints, Ammanford . **Church Wardens and Readers please note.** Current church registers, Inventories, Log Books & Terriers will need to be taken for inspection.
- Thurs 7th** 7.30pm St Teilo's PCC meeting in Upstairs Hall
- Fri 8th** 9.30am for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.
- Sat 9th** 7.00pm Curry Evening in Upstairs Hall.
- Tues 12th** 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.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Jesus the Game Changer Course: "Democracy", in Upstairs Hall.
- Thurs 14th** 11.00am St John's Prayer Meeting, The Lodge, Maesteilo
- Sat 16th June** 2.30 - 4.30pm Strawberry Tea for CAP in St Teilo's
- Tues 19th** 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.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Jesus the Game Changer Course: "Care", in Upstairs Hall.
- Fri 22nd** 9.30am for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.
- Sat 23rd** 8.30am Men's Breakfast at St Teilo's Church Hall. Doug Constable will speak on "Men as Sons".
- Tues 26th** 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.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Jesus the Game Changer Course: "Leadership", in Upstairs Hall.

# Services and Readings for June

## **3rd June (Trinity 1)**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

*1 Samuel 3: 1-10, [11-20]*

*Psalm/Salm 139: 1-6, 13-18*

*2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 4: 5-12*

*Mark/Marc 2: 23 - 3: 6*

## **10th June (Trinity 2)**

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

### **Taliaris**

No service this Sunday: baptism at St

Teilo's, Llandeilo 11.00am

*1 Samuel 8: 4-11,[12-15,] 16-20, [11: 14-15,]*

*Psalm/Salm 138*

*2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 4: 13 - 5: 1*

*Mark/Marc 3: 20-35*

## **17th June (Trinity 3)**

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Morning Worship

6pm Compline / Evening Prayer

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

*1 Samuel 15: 34 - 16: 13*

*Psalm/Salm 20*

*2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 5: 6-10, [11-13,] 14-17*

*Mark/Marc 4: 26-34*

## **24th June**

### **(Nativity of John the Baptist)**

11am Holy Communion

6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

*Isaiah/Eseia 40: 1-11*

*Psalm/Salm 85: 5-12*

*Acts/Actau 13: 14b-26*

*Luke/Luc 1: 57-66,80*

## **1st July (Trinity 5)**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

*2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27*

*Psalm/Salm 130*

*2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 8: 7-15*

*Mark/Marc 5: 21-43*

## **ST TEILO'S CHURCH**

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

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