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| Churches of Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo | March 2018 |
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Dear Friends,

Easter Day this year falls on April Fools Day.

Some would, no doubt, see this as highly appropriate! The apostle Paul wrote that, **"if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."** (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

If Jesus was not raised from the dead then we are indeed fools. Our faith has no worth if the event on which it is based never happened!

The apostle Paul was well aware of the how the Christian faith looked to many people. **"Jews"**, he wrote, **"demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."** (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Paul knew perfectly well how the events of Jesus' death and resurrection seemed to many people then as they do today, but he also gave a reason why this should be so. **"God"**, he said, **"chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no-one may boast before God."**

Again and again it is our human pride which gets us into trouble, and God will have none of it! So He insists that, if we are ever to come to know Him and know the good things which He has for us, we must set aside our human pride and self-sufficiency and place our trust in a crucified Saviour, accepting that He was "**delivered over to death because of our offences and raised to life in order to make us righteous**" (Romans 4:25).

The cold and snow of recent days has served to remind us of our human weakness and limitations. The events of Jesus' death and resurrection which we'll mark in the weeks ahead challenge us to see where real strength and wisdom lie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a long, horizontal stroke that extends to the left and right.

Easter Day Services

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| St Teilo's | 8am | Holy Communion |
| | 11am | Holy Communion |
| St John's, Maesteilo | 9.45am | Holy Communion |
| Holy Trinity, Taliaris | 9.45am | Morning Prayer |

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DIARY FOR MARCH

- Tues 6th** 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 "Battles Christians Face" Lent Course in Upstairs Hall:
- Fri 9th** 9.30am for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 13th** 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.
7.30pm Christians Against Poverty Update and Prayer Meeting; Elim Community Church, Ammanford
- Fri 16th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Sat 17th** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upst
Details to be announced.
- Tues 20th** 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 "Battles Christians Face" Lent Course in Upstairs Hall
7.30pm Maesteilo Community Event. Richard Keen will speak on "The Work of the Georgian Preservation Society"
- Fri 23rd** 9.30am for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 27th** 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 "Battles Christians Face" Lent Course 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 March

4th March (Lent 3)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Boreol Weddi

11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm/Salm 19: 7-14
1 Corinthians/1 Corinthiaid 1: 18-25
John/loan 2: 13-22

11th March (Lent 4,

Mothering Sunday)

11am Morning Worship

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

Taliaris

9.45am Morning Prayer

Exodus 2:1-10
Psalm/Salm 34: 11-20
2 Corinthians/2 Corinthiaid 1: 3-7
John/loan 19: 25-27

18th March (Lent 5,

Passion Sunday)

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Cymun Bendigaid

11am Morning Worship

6pm Compline / Evening Prayer

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Jeremiah/Jeremeia 31: 31-34
Psalm/Salm 51: 1-12
Hebrews/Hebreaid 5: 5-10
John/loan 12: 20-33

25th March (Lent 6,

Palm Sunday)

11am Holy Communion

6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

Isaiah/Eseia 50: 4-9a
Psalm/Salm 31: 9-16
Philippians/Philipiaid 2: 5-11
Mark/Marc 14: 1- 15: 47

29th March (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Holy Communion

30th March (Good Friday)

10.00am All Age Worship

2.00pm Last Hour on the Cross

Guest Preacher:: Rev Aron Treharne

Minister of Penuel Baptist Church, Carmarthen

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

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

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am