

<i>Churches of Llandeilo Fawr, Taliaris & Maesteilo</i>	<i>September 2019</i>
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Dear Friends,

As I hope you are aware, our churches at St Teilo's, St John's and Holy Trinity will become part of the new Bro Dinefwr Local Ministry Area at the **Inauguration Service** to be held in **St Teilo's, Llandeilo**, on the evening of **Monday September 16**. Members from all 14 churches of the new LMA are invited to come and there will be buffet refreshments following the service.

Our bishop has been very frank in saying that finance, and the fact that we can no longer afford as many paid clergy, has led to the need for LMAs. You will be aware, I'm sure, that attendance across the Church in Wales is in steep decline as society becomes more secularised and an older generation of church members passes on.

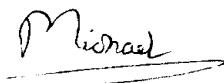
The question we must all face is whether the new LMAs will prove to be no more than an exercise in rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic, or whether it will spur us, as churches, to deeper and more earnest looking to God for what we are so obviously lacking.

The apostle Paul wrote that the purpose of preaching the Gospel to the whole world is "**to bring about the obedience of faith**" (Romans 16:26) - in other words, to lead people into a right relationship with God, made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

If we have no gospel vision for leading people to "**the obedience of faith**" then we have lost our way and it is not surprising that our churches are in decline. If we are intent, instead, on accommodating ourselves to the false beliefs and values of secular humanism then why should we expect that God will bless us?

The obedience of faith has always involved repentance and the decision to live God's way, accepting His standards and relying upon His grace and mercy in our frailty. Will this be what marks us out in The Church in Wales in days to come?

Yours sincerely,

Michael

Community Event
at St John's Church, Maesteilo
on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm

Sharon Naylor will talk about
A Walk through Patagonia

£4 entry including refreshments

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- Tues 3rd** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
- Tues 10th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers - of pre-schoolers) start a new term in St Teilo's upstairs hall.
- Wed 11th** 12 noon Women's Fellowship Lunch in St Teilo's upstairs gallery.
- Thurs 12th** 7.30pm St Teilo's PCC meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Mon 16th** 7.00pm in St Teilo's Church. Local Ministry Area Inauguration Service.
- Tues 17th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers - of pre-schoolers), St Teilo's upstairs hall.
- Thurs 19th** Maesteilo Community event (See opposite)
- Tues 24th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers - of pre-schoolers), St Teilo's upstairs hall.
- Mon 30th** 7.00pm, LMA Council meeting in Golden Grove Hall.
- Tues Oct 1** 7.15 for 7.30pm **"The New Testament You Never Knew" Course** begins in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall, "Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God" – a DVD based course in which Bible scholars Bishop Tom Wright and Michael F Bird team up to take us on a tour of the story behind the explosive story of the New Testament, and we see how the transforming mission of Jesus can still turn the world upside down today.
- Sat Oct 5** 9.30am-3.30pm, St Davids Diocesan Conference at Aberystwyth University.

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 September

1st Sept (Trinity 11)

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Boreol Weddi
11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Holy Communion

*Jeremiah/Jeremeia 2: 4-13
Psalm/Salm 81: 1-11
Hebrews/Hebreiaid 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke/Luc 14: 1, 7-14*

8th Sept (Trinity 12)

11am Holy Communion
6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Holy Communion

*Jeremiah/Jeremeia 18: 1-11
Psalm/Salm 139: 1-8
Philemon 21
Luke/Luc 14: 25-33*

15th Sept (Trinity 13)

8am Holy Communion
9.15am Cymun Bendigaid
11am Morning Worship
6pm Compline / Evening Prayer

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

*Jeremiah/Jeremeia 4: 11-12, 22-28
Psalm/Salm 14
1 Timothy/1 Timotheus 1: 12-17
Luke/Luc 15: 1-10*

22nd Sept (Trinity 14)

11am Harvest Communion
6pm Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Morning Prayer

Taliaris

9.45am Harvest Communion

*Jeremiah/Jeremeia 8: 18 - 9: 1
Psalm/Salm 79: 1-9
1 Timothy/1 Timotheus 2: 1-7
Luke/Luc 16: 1-13*

29th Sept (St Michael & All Angels)

11am Morning Worship
6pm Holy Communion

*Genesis 28: 10-17
Psalm/Salm 103: 19-22
Revelation/Datguddiad 12: 7-12
John/loan 1: 47-51*

6th Oct (Trinity 16)

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Boreol Weddi
11am Holy Communion

Maesteilo

9.45am Harvest Communion

*Lamentations/Galarnad 1: 1-6
Psalm/Salm 137
1 Timothy/1 Timotheus 1: 1-14
Luke/Luc 17: 5-10*

ST TEILO'S CHURCH

Holy Communion : Wednesdays at 10. 30am