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### Cylch y Frenni Circle of Churches Clydau, Llanglydwen, Llanfyrnach, Llanwinio and Mynachlogddu

### **Services for June 2025**

1st June – 7th Sunday of Easter (White)

PLACE	TIME	SERVICE			
Llanglydwen	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC		
Llanwinio	9.30	Boreol Weddi	PH		
Llanfyrnach	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/EB		
**4th June – Holy Eucharist – Bro Preseli 10.30 -Everyone Welcome**					
8th June – The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) – (Red)					
Llanwinio	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/PH		
Clydau	11.15	Holy Eucharist	CC/EL		
Llanfyrnach	11.15	Morning Prayer	EB/HJ/JW		
Mynachlogddu	10.00	Morning Prayer	JW		
**SAT 14th June – St Dogmael – Mynachlogddu 10.30 everyone welcome. There will be no service in Mynachlogddu on Sunday**  15th June – Trinity Sunday – (White)					
Llanwinio	9.30	Morning Prayer	PH		
**18th June (Weds) – midweek Holy Eucharist- 10.30 Llanfyrnach**  22nd June – The 1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)					
Llanwinio	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/PH		
Clydau	11.15	Morning Prayer	EL		
Llanfyrnach	11.15	Holy Eucharist	CC/EL		

29th June (5th Sunday) - Joint Morning Prayer - Llanwinio 10.30 PH/EL

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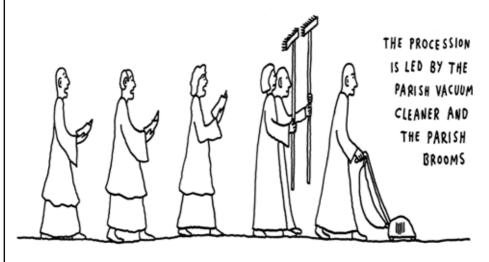
Reverend Kingsley G Taylor: Priest in Charge Reverend Shirley Murphy: Priest in Charge Reverend Sharon Edge: Assistant Curate Lay Worship Leader: Mr. Nathan Jenkins

### **Services in June**

Sunday 1st June - The Seventh Sunday Of Easter(Ministry & Calling Sunday)					
10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Tysilio's Church, Llandissilio	SE		
11.00 am	Matins	St David's Church, Clynderwen	NJ		
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT		
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9.00 am	Holy Communion	St David's Church, Clynderwen	SE		
11.00 am	Matins	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT		
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	SM		
2.30 pm	Holy Communion	Cyffig Church, Cyffig	KT		
Sunday 15th	June - Trinity Sunda	N/			
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9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Tysilio's Church, Llandissilio	KT		
11.00 am	Matins	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT		
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David's Church, Clynderwen	NJ		
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	SM		
Sunday 22nd June - First Sunday after Trinity (Covenant Sunday)					
9.00 am	Holy Communion	St David's Church, Clynderwen	SE		
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT		
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	SM		
2.30 pm	Evensong	Cyffig Church, Cyffig	KT		
Sunday 29th June - Peter & Paul Apostles					
11.00 am	Breakfast Service	St Brynach's Church Llanboidy	SM		
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# CLEANING SUNDAY

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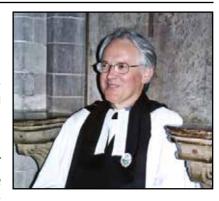
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### **EDITORIAL**

## I remember VE Day – by Chancellor Geoffrey Morris

We were living in Lampeter, Cardiganshire. We watched a parade of Army vehicles. I was three years old.

Someone like Stan Baker could tell us far more. Only those who lived through the War could appreciate the relief. Victory, as



Churchill said, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there was no survival.

It was a war we had to fight and had to win. Hitler and his henchmen were a threat to European civilisation beyond anything Europe had suffered under Napoleon.

We must remember those who made victory possible. Those in the Navy, Army and Air Force, and the Merchant Navy. The Land Army, keeping Britain fed. Miners and munition workers. Those building naval and merchant ships, replacing ones sunk, or designing and building aircraft like the Spitfire and Lancaster. Firemen, ambulance crews and those in transport. The ARP and the Home Guard. Boffins perfecting weapons like radar, and those brilliant people in Bletchley Park, deciphering enemy messages.

People enduring the bombing, the blackout, and the rationing. Children evacuated to strange places like Lampeter Velfrey. Jean Atkins from London stayed here and married Dai Barre.

The Cabinet and the Chiefs of Staff, making their plans, and the example and leadership of King George VI and the Queen.

Remembering our allies, who shouldered the burden with us. The Jews,

whose suffering was a stain on civilisation. The Russians, who lost millions dead. Indeed, all who lost their lives or their loved ones.

VE Day was one of the proudest in our history. Of course we didn't win without help. But our part was crucial. Not least because Churchill persuaded the Cabinet not to seek a peace with Hitler, but to go on fighting.

All this death and destruction largely because a wicked man gained power in Germany.

Meanwhile Japan was spreading war and cruelty in the Far East.

Today, thank God, we are friends again. But we should never forget the lessons we learned so painfully. For we are facing serious threats to peace. Putin is only one of several leaders' intent on war. It's no good trying to appease such men. We must do everything we can to oppose them. The weak must band together, which is why we have NATO.

The United States tried to keep out of both World Wars but eventually felt bound to get involved. Maybe the scars of Vietnam have left their mark. But it would be foolish for America to opt out of NATO, for that might lead to Russia invading western Europe and forming a powerful threat to America itself—as Germany did in the World War.

This is a time to be grateful to all those who won the war. A time to teach the young what they owe to that generation. A time to strengthen our defences and our alliances.

And to pray, with Isaiah, that God will destroy the veil that is spread over all nations and wipe away tears from all faces. The veil of war, or the fear of war. The tears of men, women and children, at the mercy of rulers who trample on their freedom and hold their lives in contempt.

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### **Being Pruned**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." John 15:1–2

Are you willing to let yourself be pruned? Pruning is necessary if a plant is to produce an abundance of good fruit or beautiful flowers. If, for example, a grapevine is left to grow without pruning, it will produce many small grapes that are good for nothing. But if care is taken to prune the vine, the maximum number of good grapes will be produced.

Jesus uses this image of pruning to teach us a similar lesson in bearing good fruit for His Kingdom. He wants our lives to be fruitful and He wants to use us as powerful instruments of His grace in the world. But unless we are willing to go through the purification of spiritual pruning from time to time, we will not be the instruments that God can use.

Spiritual pruning takes the form of letting God eliminate the vices in our lives so that the virtues can be properly nourished. This is especially done by letting Him humble us and strip away our pride. This can hurt, but the pain associated with being humbled by God is a key to spiritual growth. By growing in humility, we grow ever more reliant upon the source of our nourishment rather than relying upon ourselves, our own ideas and our own plans. God is infinitely wiser than us and if we can continually turn to Him as our source, we will be far stronger and better prepared to let Him do great things through us. But, again, this requires that we let Him prune us.

Being spiritually pruned means we actively let go of our own will and our

own ideas. It means we give up control over our lives and let the master grower take over. It means we trust Him far more than we trust ourselves. This requires a true death to ourselves and a true humility by which we acknowledge we are completely reliant upon God in the same way a branch is reliant upon the vine. Without the vine, we shrivel and die. Being firmly attached to the vine is the only way to life.

Pray this day that you will let the Lord prune away all that is not of Him in your life. Trust in Him and His divine plan and know that this is the only path to bearing the good fruit God wants to bear through you.

Revd. Shirley Murphy

# EGLWYS ST CLYDAI NEXT B.B.Q.HERE Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June After morning prayer so 11.15 for the service and/or 12.30 for 1pm for the barbecue ALL WELCOME



We had a lovely breakfast joint service with Trinity Chapel Llanboidy members on the 11th of May. It was good to see so many people come and join us for the breakfast and then join us for the service.

This is the last official joint service for Revd Guto Llywelyn and Revd Shirley Murphy together before they both finish in June and July subsequently.

The members of St Brynach's, Llanboidy gave Revd Guto a gift and thanked him for all the support he has offered and for all the United services the 2 churches have enjoyed together for Harvest, Christmas etc.

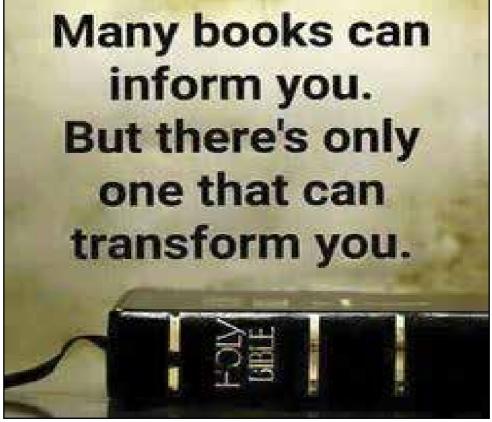
The church and chapel are hoping to carry on working together in the future and carry on their joint services.

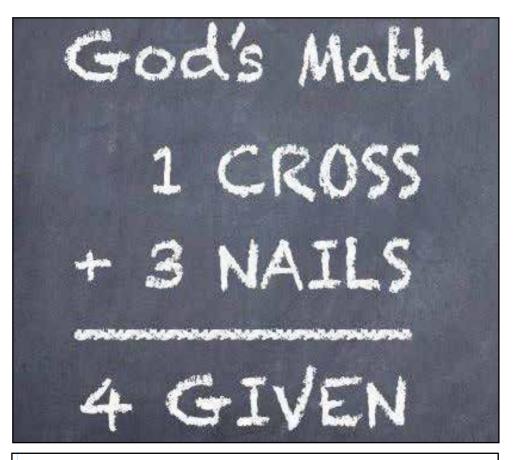


Thank you to all the ladies who helped this morning with the breakfast. It was so beautifully spread out and enjoyed by everyone.









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### **South Indian Chicken Stew**

### **INGREDIENTS**

Chicken - 2 boneless breasts, cubed (450 gms) Bacon Lardons - 200 gms, chopped Onions, 1 sliced Ginger, 2 tsp Chopped Garlic, 2 tsp Chopped Green chillies Slit, 3 Cinnamon, 1 piece Cloves, 3 Peppercorns, 8 - 10 Bay Leaf, 1 Mint Leaves, 3 tbsp Chopped Baby Carrots, 1 cup Baby Potatoes, 1 cup Beans, 1 cup cut into pieces Peas, 1 cup You can also use other veggies of choice Thick Coconut Cream, 100 gms

### **METHOD**

Salt, to taste

Heat Oil, add the bacon and fry till light brown. Add cinnamon, cloves, pepper, bay leaves and onions and fry till onions turn translucent. Add ginger and garlic sauté a few more minutes. Add the green Chillies, chicken and sauté till the chicken changes colour and is coated with the oil and onion mix. Add mint and salt. Add 1 to 1/2 cups hot water. Cook till meats are almost done. Add the potatoes, carrots. If using raw veggies, add the veggies when the meat is half cooked instead. Add coconut cream. Bring to a boil and simmer for a few minutes. Add more hot water if required to get the gravy consistency you want. Five minutes before it's ready, add the Beans and Peas. Stir well. Cook till beans are tender.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG







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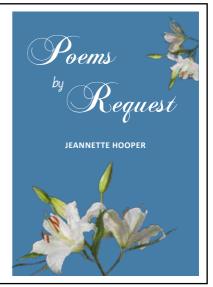
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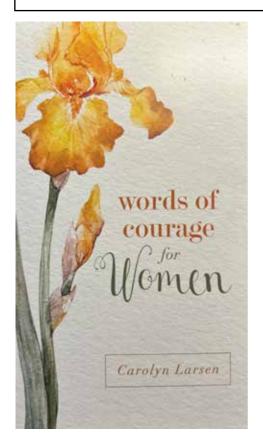
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Jeannette Hooper would like to thank everyone who encouraged her to write and publish her book. And all who supported the sale of her book. An amount of £1,090 was raised for the Mother's Union from the funds of the sale of the book. A great achievement!





### World-Changing Courage

When they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

MARK 6:49-50

What's your reaction when God does something incredibly amazing? How do you feel when you see the majesty of his creativity and strength in nature? Are you a little frightened at his power and greatness? (The disciples were.) Does the scope of his might that's available in your life entice or frighten you?

When you come face-to-face with the power of Jesus through circumstances, through nature, through your own heart, don't be terrified. Instead, let that experience make you aware of the infinite power available to you through your relationship with him. His power will change you, change

lives, change the world. Are you ready for that? The disciples were terrified because, when they saw him walking on top of the water, they didn't know what to think about his control.

Jesus told them, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Hearhim say that to you, and let the possibilities of his power in your life give you courage to exercise a risk-taking faith that will be used mightily by God!

### Just say NO!

Psalms 27:1-3 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

Two hunters came across a bear so big that they dropped their rifles and ran for cover. One man climbed a tree while the other hid in a nearby cave. The bear was in no hurry to eat, so he sat down between the tree and the cave to reflect upon his good fortune. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason, the hunter in the cave came rushing out, almost ran into the waiting bear,

hesitated, and then dashed back in again. The same thing happened a second time. When he emerged for the third time, his companion in the tree frantically called out, "Woody, are you crazy? Stay in the cave till he leaves!" "Can't," panted Woody, "there's another hear in there!"



Do you ever feel like fear is giving us the run around? Although there are a lot of scary things going on in the world these days and perhaps even in our own personal lives, God has not called us to live in fear. He's has called us to stand strong in His confidence, knowing that He is in control! He's called us to live lives full of power, love and a sound mind!

Dr. E. Stanley Jones said "I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear

is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt, and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath—these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely—these are my native air."

Let's say no to fear! Let us determine to put our hope in the Lord once again today!

Source

https://www.worthydevotions.com/christian-devotional/just-say-no

### **An Evening Family Prayer**

Lord, behold our family here assembled.

We thank you for this place in which we dwell, for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded to us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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### **30 Quiz Questions**

- 1. Which Hollywood actress became Princess of Monaco?
- 2. What does the CIA stand for?
- 3. Name the lead character who travels back in time in Back to the Future.
- 4. What year did the Fire of London happen?
- 5. Which Taylor Swift song features the line 'Sorry, the old Taylor can't come to the phone right now'?
- 6. In Fleabag, the Hot Priest is scared of what animal?
- 7. Which historic Paris landmark suffered a huge fire in 2019?
- 8. A cockapoo is a mix of which two dogs?
- 9. What are the three primary colours?
- 10. Which two wives did Henry VIII behead?
- 11. Name the American who is the most decorated female gymnast?
- 12. What controversial chocolate bar features coconut?
- 13. How many vertebrae does a giraffe have in it's neck?
- 14. At which university did Kate Middleton and Prince William meet?
- 15. What is the largest country in South America?
- 16. Which actress played the main character in Breakfast at Tiffany's?
- 17. How many novels did Emily Bronte write?
- 18. Which Cypriot cheese is traditionally served fried or grilled?
- 19. In Finding Nemo, what kind of fish is Nemo?
- 20. How many times has Andy Murray won Wimbledon?
- 21. What three mountains do you climb in the Three Peaks?
- 22. What is the Fibonacci sequence?

- 23. What is Quentin Tarantino's most recent film, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt?
- 24. What is the strongest substance on earth, made of carbon?
- 25. Which artist wrote I Will Always Love You?
- 26. What cocktail consists of tomato juice, Tabasco and vodka?
- 27. Name the six main characters in Friends.
- 28. Who was the longest reigning King?
- 29. What is the capital of Canada?
- 30. Which famous author was married to Marilyn Monroe?

30. Arthur Miller	16. Audrey Hepburn
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28. George III	14. 5t Andrews
Chandler, Phoebe and Joey	13. Seven
Z7. Ross, Rachel, Monica,	12. Bounty
26. Bloody Mary	11. Simone Biles
25. Dolly Parton	Howard
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ροομληοη	9. Red, yellow and blue
23. Once Upon a Time in	Poodle
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the previous two numbers add up	7. Notre Dame
22. It's a series of numbers where	6. Foxes
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21. Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and	4. 1666
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27. One - Wuthering Heights	30 Quiz Answers





### CLWB CINIO CLYDAU LUNCH CLUB 2025

Please join us in Canolfan Clydau in Tegryn, on the

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Please phone Claire on **07957 319682** 

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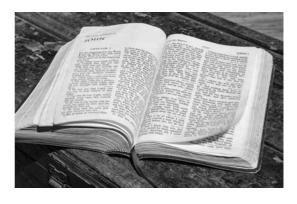
1 1 Corinthians 12:1–11	19 Acts 7:35-53

3 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

16 Acts 6:1-15

17 Acts 7:1-22

18 Acts 7:23-34



On 19th May finally Revd Shirley Murphy and Revd Sarah Llewellyn were licensed as Anna Chaplains for the Diocese after they both completed the course and got their certificates in September 2023.

It was lovely to be licensed at a midday prayer service specially designed for them by Revd Canon Rhiannon Johnson, The Diocesan Director of Ministry.

Thank you to Revd Sharon Edge and Revd Andrew Johnson who came to support us.

We also had a wonderful lunch before the service.





Revd Shirley Murphy & Revd Sarah Llewellyn



Revd Shirley Murphy. Revd Canon Rhiannon Johnson and Revd Sarah Llewellyn

### An Important Rule for Peace by Carolyn Mahaney

It's a commonly accepted truth: the older you get, the less you care about what others think about you. This can be a good thing, ushering in a new freedom from timidity and self-focus. Or it can take an unhealthy turn, leading to bad hair-dye jobs, unfortunate wardrobe choices, or—more seriously—unkind or selfish behaviour toward others. As Christian women, we should not simply drift into a middle-aged indifference toward the opinions of others. We should be deliberate to shed our sinful preoccupation of what others think of us—and the earlier the better—so that we can be free to run our lives in an all out sprint for the glory of God. How can we shed the oppressive and excessive care of what others think of us—whether we are twenty-five or sixty-five?

A few years ago, I came across this valuable nugget of advice from a nineteenth-century pastor named Charles Simeon: "My rule is—never to hear, or see, or know, what if heard, or seen, or known, would call for animadversion from me. Hence it is that I dwell in peace in the midst of lions." I had to look up "animadversion": it means "criticism or censure." Simeon is saying that he made it a rule never to hear (or see or know) anything that had a detrimental effect on his soul. This is how he maintained the peace of Daniel in the midst of "lions" who spoke evil of him.

Whether we are in the lion's den or green pastures, a young woman or well into middle-age, we would do well to make it our rule never to imagine or attempt to find out what other people are thinking or saying about us. And in case you need convincing, all you have to do is consider what happens when you don't follow this rule. Think with me for a moment about the consequences of worrying about what others think or say.

For starters, it is a *futile exercise*. As much as we would like to believe otherwise, we can't control another person's opinions or actions. Being suspicious about someone won't change that person. And if we try to find out if our suspicions are true—asking around or even asking the person directly—we may end up wondering if we are getting accurate information,

which only leads to more suspicion. Or, if we happen to get our suspicions confirmed, then we feel worse. So you see, it's a fruitless and futile effort that leads nowhere good.

It's also a *destructive exercise*. Trying to control what others think and say about us hurts, and we are the ones who get hurt. Long before Charles Simeon, the wise teacher of Ecclesiastes said: "Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you" (7:21). If we put our ear to the keyhole, we're probably going to hear things we wish we hadn't heard, and words have a penetrating effect on our souls. We all probably remember unkind words spoken to us by others that still come back with fresh emotion—which is why we would do well not to go looking for more of this kind of thing. It's out there, to be sure, but why try to find it, if it only makes us miserable? "If all men knew what each other said of the other there would not be four friends in the world," wrote Blaise Pascal. In other words, there is something to be said for the idea that ignorance is bliss.

Thirdly, to suspiciously search out any bad word against us is a *hypocritical exercise*. To our shame, we must admit that we have thought and said unkind things about other people—even those we love the most. Ecclesiastes calls us out in the very next verse: "Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others" (7:22). How many times have we resented the more beautiful woman, criticized the boss, felt superior to a fellow-mom, judged a family member, or laughed at someone's embarrassing moment? When we remember our own failures, we are humbled. Our case for justice crumbles in light of our sinful, hypocritical tendencies.

Investigating or speculating on the opinions of others is an *arrogant exercise*, for it starts with a false and puffed up assessment of who we really are. This is why, as Charles Spurgeon says, "It is always best not to know nor wish to know, what is being said about you, either by friends or foes. Those who praise us are probably as much mistaken as those who abuse us." The impulse to elicit encouragement or stamp out criticism comes from an arrogant and inflated view of ourselves. The humble woman does not look

for encouragement or fear criticism because her self-assessment already agrees with the apostle Paul's: "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost" (1 Tim. 1:15).

Finally, to be consumed with what other people think about us is *a self-focused exercise*. Spurgeon again: "It is a crime to be taken off from your great object of glorifying the Lord Jesus by petty consideration as to your little self, and, if there were not other reason, this ought to weigh much with you." As if all the previous reasons weren't enough, this ought to motivate us to give up our selfish speculations once and for all. We were not saved from our sins so that we could spend our lives in "petty consideration" of what others think of our little selves. We were saved to bring glory to God: "and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15).

Whether we are a teenage girl going to a new school or a grandmother moving into a new retirement community, let's make it our rule—starting today—never to hear, or see, or know what would wreck our peace and take our eyes off of our main object, to glorify God. Instead of wondering what others think about us, let's ask ourselves: "How can I glorify God today?" Then, we too will dwell in peace.

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### **Grant Us Your Peace**

O Lord, my God,

grant us your peace; already, indeed, you have made us rich in all things! Give us that peace of being at rest,

that sabbath peace,

the peace which knows no end.

St. Augustine

On Sunday 18th May at Llanfyrnach Church The Reverend Carol Court welcomed Tyler Little into the church by baptism. After the service, Mom Carol and dad Ryan proudly stood for photographs with Tyler and his sister Renesmie as well as Godparents and Grandparents.













### 7 THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

- 1. Prayer is a relationship of intimacy not a transaction that transmits information to a distant God. As with any relationship of intimacy prayer is about presence. We open and make ourselves available to the other even as we offer and give ourselves to the other.
- 2. Prayer begins with God. Our praying is in reality a response to what God initiates. Perhaps our prayer is the "Amen" to God's prayer.
- 3. Prayer is about a way of being more than it is about words, actions, or results. It is a means by which the Uncreated and the Created, the Creator and the Creature, are united and entwined in mutual self-disclosure.
- 4. Pray as if you see God and if you are unable to do this pray as if God sees you (adapted from the Hadith of Gabriel).
- 5. Pray with the knowledge, belief, and assumption that God is always and already present. Why do so many meetings begin with the prayer, "Dear Lord, please be with us?" Do we start with the assumption that God is not there? The issue is not whether God is with us but whether we are with God.
- 6. How and for what we pray can reveal who and how we believe God to be.
- 7. "How is your prayer?" As our prayer goes, so goes our life. Daily life and prayer are integrally related. I am not speaking here of prayer that seeks to accomplish a result or achieve an outcome but prayer that sustains, enlivens, and awakens. "Prayer is the test of everything." What are some of your thoughts on prayer?

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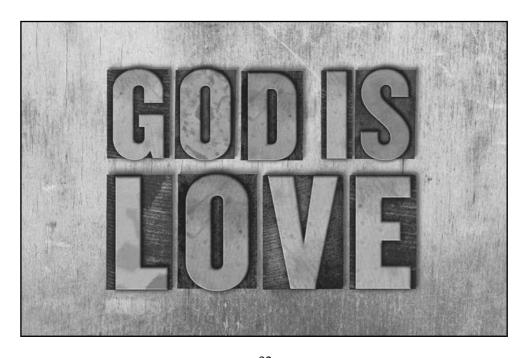


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