

February

14 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT: Second Sunday of the Month

17 ASH WEDNESDAY

21 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT: Third Sunday of the Month
Knit & Natter in the Cabin @ St Marys, 13.00 – 15.00

28 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: Fourth Sunday of the Month
Please note that there is NO EVENSONG in St Marys on this day in support of the St Davids Day Cymrodorion Service in Tabernacle Chapel, Burry Port at 6.00pm

March

01 Home Communion in Burry Port during the afternoon
Plas y Mor Communion in the Day Centre, Plas y Mor, 18.30
Pwll Mothers' Union meet in Holy Trinity, 19.00

05 English Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St Mary's, 14.30
Welsh Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St Mary's, 18.00

07 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: First Sunday of the Month
08 Home Communion in Pwll during the afternoon
St Marys Campaign Evening Meal at Dhaka 2 Bombay, Pembrey, 19.00
09 Knit & Natter in the Cabin @ St Marys, 13.00 – 15.00
10 Joint Meeting of Burry Port Men's Fellowship and Mothers Union, 19.30
11 Speaker's Corner in the Upper Room of the Ashburnham Golf Club, 19.00

14 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: Second Sunday of the Month
19 Pwll Church Jumble Sale in Holy Trinity Church Hall, 17.00

21 PASSION SUNDAY: Third Sunday of the Month
Pwll Church Sub-Council after the 9am Eucharist in Holy Trinity
23 Knit & Natter in the Cabin @ St Marys, 13.00 – 15.00

28 PALM SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of the Month

Please Note Easter Vestry Meetings (AGMs) will all take place on Sunday 19 April. The Pwll Easter Vestry after the 9am Eucharist in Holy Trinity; the Burry Port Easter Vestry after Compline at 6pm in St Marys and the Parish Easter Vestry at 7.15pm in the Nave of St Marys. It is the duty of all people on the Electoral Roll of the Parish to attend these annual meetings. Apologies to the respective secretaries.



Vicar's Newsletter & Diary For Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2010

A few weeks ago, someone bumped into me in a shop and apologized that they hadn't been to church for a while but they had just been "too busy". I can relate to this – there are times when it just seems like I am "too busy" to go to church – but for some reason – I've got to be there! And yet this is concerning. What on earth do we think we're doing with our lives that we have to fill every minute of every day with busyness?

There is a wonderfully comic moment near the beginning of Mark's Gospel where it is before dawn and Jesus has taken himself off to a deserted place to pray. The disciples hunt him down and tell him everyone is searching for him. Jesus refuses to go. He pointedly fails to meet the demands of those who want his attention. His behavior is at odds with the awful twenty first century feverish desire to be always available.

We need to be less busy. Why?

Because we need to listen – to the still small voices around us - of creation, each other, ourselves and God that help us to know and appreciate the meaning of our lives.

Because we need to check the map – are we really going in the right direction or are we just running at full pelt completely the wrong way.

Because we need to recharge – like the two men sawing wood – One worked solidly through the day and the other took a break for ten minutes every hour. At the end of the day the man who had taken the most breaks had cut the most wood. "How can this be" asked the other man "Every time I took a break" came the reply "I sharpened my saw".

Because we need to live thankful lives. It is only when we stop and realize how privileged we are that we are set free to be contented and fulfilled people.

Does this make sense? It does to me. And next time I feel like I'm too busy to go to church, I need to remind myself that these are the precise reasons I go! The Psalmist said "Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom" Let us pray for the grace to use Lent wisely this year...there are some ideas for you included inside!

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30 Days

Our Parish Lent Book for 2010:

By Nicky Gumbel

With a Reading and Reflection for each day during Lent with 10 days off – for when you fail to be less busy!

Copies £2.50 each available from the St Marys Bookstall.



Burry Port Homegroup
meets every Tuesday Evening from 7pm
@ 21 Chandler's Yard
For informal Bible Study & Fellowship
A warm welcome to all
Further details from Peter & Anna
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Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY – Observance of this day will be as follows:

17 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10.15	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	St Marys
	18.00	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	Pwll
	19.30	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	St Marys

Lent Talks 2010 (all at 7pm) Our Favourite Christian Hymns or Songs

24 th Feb in Holy Trinity	Anna Bement
25 th Feb in St Mary's	<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>
3 rd March in Holy Trinity	Louise Davies
4 th March in St Mary's	<i>Strength will Rise</i>
10 th March in Holy Trinity	Graham Fisher
11 th March in St Mary's	<i>Give me Joy in my Heart</i>
17 th March in Holy Trinity	Michael Wheatley
18 th March in St Mary's	<i>Just as I am</i>
24 th March in Holy Trinity	Paul Davies
25 th March in St Marys	<i>All my hope on God is founded</i>

Worship during Holy Week and Easter

28 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	09.00	Pwll Eucharist & Blessing of Palms	Pwll
	10.30	Parish Eucharist & Blessing of Palms	St Marys
	17.00	Evensong	Pwll
	18.00	Choral Evensong & Procession	St Marys
29 March <i>Monday in HW</i>	07.30	Eucharist and Reading of the Passion	St Marys
	19.30	Compline	Pwll
30 March <i>Tuesday in HW</i>	07.30	Eucharist and Reading of the Passion	St Marys
	19.30	Compline	Pwll
31 March <i>Wednesday in HW</i>	10.15	Eucharist and Reading of the Passion	St Marys
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1 April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	11.00	Chrim Eucharist in the Cathedral	
	18.00	Last Supper & Stripping of the Altar	Pwll
	18.00	Last Supper & Washing of Feet	St Marys
2 April <i>Good Friday</i>	14.00	The Last Hour	Pwll
	14.00	The Last Hour	St Marys
	19.00	Readings, Prayers & Vigil	St Marys
3 April <i>EASTER DAY</i>	06.30	Lighting of the Paschal Candle	Harbour
	08.00	Holy Communion	St Marys
	09.00	The Pwll Easter Eucharist	Pwll
	10.30	The Easter Euchaist	St Marys
	17.00	Easter Evensong in Pwll	Pwll
18.00	Easter Evensong in St Marys	St Marys	

