"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."

James 3:18 NRSV

Gathering the harvest together and meeting within the shelter of each other's soul



## **Forage**

Always use a good foraging guide.

- Blackberries
- Elderberries
- Hedgehog Mushroom
- Crab Apples
- Hazel Nuts
- Horseradish

## **Pilgrim Places**

- S. Michael's Churches (Many over Wales)
- S. Dyfrig's Well (Garn Llwyd, Llancarfan)



Share your experiences with friends through social media using the 'What-Three-Words' app to help note specific places.

These Eight sheets - Through the Year will help you connect to and meditate in outside places.

See our website below for links and further ideas.



## Autumn Equinox

Harvest

A short guide to outdoor activities
For use on your own or with friends.

St. Dyfrig, Cadoc, S. Michael. Sharing, Letting Go, Gleaning.



Look out for Michaelmas Daisies

Art by Chloe Elliott

Make a walking stick: Cut a straight branch from coppiced Hazel trees (if possible with a fork at one end). Clean any shoots away with a knife or drawknife. Use sandpaper to smooth the sides. Use a small piece of copper pipe as a ferrule at the bottom. Finish with oil.

Collect acorns, hazelnuts or other tree seeds and plant them in pots. Keep them safe from squirrels. Reflect on their life as they grow and give the trees as presents next year.

Hedgehog shelters: Dyffrig was often pictured with a hedgehog. Make a shelter for hedgehogs in your garden.



"He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no money."

Mark 6:8

Sit Spot
Choose somewhere to sit for half an hour. Sit and calm yourself. Welcome distractions. Motice the small world of nature around you. Ask open ended questions. What is the spirit ended questions. What is the spirit

Treasure Trail
As squirrels, leave 'treasures' for people to find.
• Seeds

• Small cairns

• Painted Stones

• Plaited grasses

"Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves."

Psalm 126:6

Retreat Day: If possible spend a half or whole day by yourself in nature. Or, if this is not possible try to keep an hour or two at a time each month.

Anam Cara - Soul Friend

Over the Equinox day and night are equal once again. In a time of balance at the beginning of Autumn, before the Winter, often the weather can quieten for a small Michaelmas summer.

Quieten your soul to help you prepare for the winter and discover those who are friends to your soul. Keep them close when the days shorten.

Be ready to let go of the summer and turn cheerfully to the coming winter.

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure."
Psalm | 6:9