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The Cross of Jesus

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;
a picture of death, yet the key to life;
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of God's love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, 'He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed' (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order 'to bring us to God' (1 Peter 3:18).

The idea of substitution lies at the heart of understanding what Jesus did on the cross: 'For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices Himself for man and puts Himself where only man deserves to be.' (John Stott).



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Sidespersons

April Pam Davies, Roy Chapman
May Sylvia & Mike Powell

Elements

5th Nansi Evans, Spencer Thomas
12th Gillian Hutchinson, Julie Dowzell-Thomas
19th Glenys & Lyndon Hall
26th Sue Davies, Sheila Betts
May 3rd Lay led

Readers

5th Alun Bessette
12th Sheila Betts
19th Angela Reed
26th Mike Powell
May 3rd Lay led

Intercessions

5th Nick Walker
12th Sheila Betts
19th Alida Watters
26th Angela Reed
May 3rd Lay led

Eucharist Assistants

5th Mike Powell
12th Roy Chapman
19th Mike Powell
26th Cath Swain
May 3rd Lay led

Altar Flowers

5th **Easter Sunday** - church flowers
12th Sheila Kelly in memory of her sister
Glenys
19th Eileen Nielsen in memory of John
Raymond Watkins
26th Janet Jones in memory of her sister
Margaret

May 3rd In memory of Beryl and Gerry
from the family

Coffee

5th Angela Seaward, Chris Regan
12th Babs Roberts, Sandra Banks
19th Val Beynon, Christine Williams
26th Sally Bowen, Sue Mapp
May 3rd Angela Reed, Janet Jones

St Martin's Church, Duvant

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5th Roger Draisey
12th Roger Draisey
19th Gareth Dimblebee
26th Ian Dimblebee

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5th Haulwen Lumsdaine
12th Margaret Draisey
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5th Doreen, Joe & Dr Bill John
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19th Mr Bevan (in memory of Yvonne)
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News

We pray for those who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing homes.



Our thoughts are also with those who lovingly care for them by day and night.

Julie Cole, Miriam Evans, Doll Lee, Diane Lewis (Hillside Nursing Home), Olwen Nicholas, Betty Nutt, Mary Osborne (Hillside Nursing Home), Rev'd Judith Phillips, Jane Riseborough, Rita Trew, Gloria and Brian Wilkins, Eileen Wilson and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

Carole Pickard and family would like to thank the Rev'd Layfetta and church members for their support during Alan's illness and especially on the day of the service to celebrate his life.

We are so fortunate to be a part of such a caring community.

Jamaica Hurricane Appeal...December'25

Our treasurer reports that the £150 we would have spent on the two large Christmas trees last December has (as agreed), been received by Red Cross International, and helped in the humanitarian effort in the aftermath of the horrendous hurricane suffered by the islanders.

What an amazing Christian example of reaching out to many who were left with nothing! Mission in action!

Mothering Sunday

What a wonderful splash of colour in the sanctuary on Mothering Sunday of flower gifts presented and sponsored by Sylvia Powell.

Thank you from all the recipients!



Easter Experience St Hilary's Church



During the run up to Easter St Hilary's, once again, hosted the 'Easter Experience' for the Year 8 pupils of Olchfa School. There were 9 sessions with about 30 pupils in each and they were accompanied by 2 or 3 teachers.



Children of all faiths (or none) attended and watched a video presentation of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Then Layfetta told the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the events of the following 'Holy Week' ending with the empty tomb.



The children had questionnaire sheets to fill in and could ask as many questions as they wanted.



For many, this was their first time in a church and they received a warm welcome. On departure they were given a small Easter egg to take away.

Thanks to all the helpers who assisted each day.



Mothers' Union

150th Anniversary of World - Wide Mothers' Union

Theme: Lighting the Way for Generations to come



From its small beginnings by Mary Sumner in 1876, Mothers' Union has grown to over 4 million members in 84 countries, sharing the love of Christ, supporting marriage and family life and working to end injustice, violence and poverty. Everything it does is rooted in prayer and worship. To symbolise passing on the light, two torches are currently being passed from branch to branch, one in the north of our Diocese and one in the south. The torches' journeys across the Diocese will end at a Songs of Praise service at Brecon Cathedral on 30th May 2026. To add some fun, the torch is travelling between branches in an unusual way, which, to date, has included a stack truck, a wheelbarrow and a quad bike.

On **Thursday 9th April**, Killay Mothers' Union welcomes members of Cockett Branch, who will pass the torch to us during the **11am Eucharist at St Hilary's, Killay**. Everyone is welcome to come to this special service of celebration. Come and meet us and find out more about Mothers' Union.

Fran Steadman, Branch Leader Killay MU



Alpha course

During Lent, there have been two Alpha courses in our Ministry Area, one held online led by Rev'd. Peter Lewis, the other in person at Killay, led by Rev'd Layfetta.



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WHAT'S ON IN ST HILARY'S CHURCH HALL

SUNDAY			
9:30	Bubble Church (with puppets) - <u>1st Monday of the month</u>	Drop In	
10:15 – 12:30	Sunday School - <u>2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month</u>	Drop In	
MONDAY			
9:00 and 10:30am	Slimming World	Sue - 07813316739	
9:15 to 11:00am	TOTS Group (up to school age)	Drop In (Term time only)	
1:00 to 2:00pm	Welsh Story & Rhyme Time (up to 18 months)	Patsy - Drop In (Term time)	
7:30pm	Music Society - <u>2nd Monday of the month</u>		
TUESDAY			
9:45 and 11:00am	FLexercise Keep Fit for 50+	Chris - 07738199666	
1:15 to 2:15pm	Chair Yoga	Celene - 07595456532	
6:00pm	4th Killay Brownies		
2:00 to 4:00pm	Mothers' Union - <u>3rd Tuesday of the month</u>		
WEDNESDAY			
9:30am	WeightWatchers	Drop in to see Kate - kgoude@www.com	
10:00am	Luncheon Club - <u>1st Wednesday of the month</u>	Kay - 01792206373	
THURSDAY			
9:15am	Foot Clinic (<u>once a month by appointment</u>)	Julie - 07796 173074	
5:45 to 6:45pm	Dancefit	Rachel - info@swanseadance.com	
FRIDAY			
7:00 to 9:00	Indoor Bowls Club	Drop In to enquire	

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24th May to
25th October 2026

Café Church is an informal service (approx. one hour) for Sunday evenings. There will be songs, activities, people to chat to and times of reflection

St Hilary's Church Hall, Killay

Music Society

On Monday 9th March Babs Roberts was away and Angela introduced our guests The Chrome Choir from Gorseinon. They are a small choir led by Alida Watters. They sang a variety of music in Welsh and English some of which we all joined in. Listed below the programme.

1. "Guide me oh thy great redeemer"
2. "I feel Pretty" From West Side Story
3. "Y Gwcw" The cuckoo
4. "Spring" By Vivaldi
5. "Lawr ar Lan Y Mor" (Down by the riverside) Sung by Ruby Price
6. "Dacw Ti Yn Eistedd" (Cookaburra sits in the old Gum Tree)
7. "Myfanwy" Sung in Welsh and English
8. "Tarantella" Played on the piano by Ruby Price (It was her Exam Piece)
9. "Suo Gan" The Empire of the Sun sung by Janet and Margaret from the Choir
10. "Hymns and Arias" New words very cleverly written appropriate for choir trip to London!!!!
11. "A selection from the musical Oliver" Food Glorious Food. As long as he needs me. Where is Love. Consider yourself well in. Sung by Ruby Price and Maddy Shadrach.
12. "Yn bob Yn Sydd Fyddlon" sung by all the choir.

A really enjoyable well attended evening of music and laughter. Finishing with Tea and Biscuits as usual.

Afternoon Tea

A lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed by all who attended and a special thanks must go to the army of helpers and contributors who made it such a successful event.

Total funds raised amounted to £741.50. Broken down as:
Raffle £200, cake sale £171.50, ticket sales £275, donations £95



MONTHLY HOUSE GROUPS:

Celia Hall – 2nd Tuesday

Carol Conway - 3rd Thursday

St Martin's House Group will meet at St Martin's on the last Wednesday of the month 6.00pm

Have you got something you would like to say?

Read a good book? Seen a good film or play? Had a good holiday? Recommend a recipe? Gardening tips? Something interesting or funny happened to you? Tell us about it.

You can either hand in your contribution to Geraldine or myself or e-mail to rogerrees134@gmail.com and we will share them in the magazine.

Articles for the magazine can be submitted by the date printed in the magazine to enable publication the following month.

*Thank you
Roger*



Church News

Beyond the Pews: Finding the sacred in the sands and spaces of Gower

The Wonder of Wellbeing Gower project is reimagining what it means to "do church". Find out how a small team is stepping outside traditional boundaries to create safe, creative spaces.



Dan, Chloe and Rach

At The Wonder of Wellbeing Gower, we are dedicated to creating inviting spaces for people to find renewal, hope, and connection within the stunning beauty of the Gower Peninsula. Whether you are a visitor on holiday, a long-standing church member, or someone simply seeking "something more," you are welcome. Through walking, art, workshops, prayer, and pilgrimage, we support the 20 churches across the Ministry Area in their missional work. We are a team of three: Rach Bright (Project Lead & Chaplain), Dan Edy (Faith & Wellbeing Guide), and Chloe Thomas (Creative Practitioner).

Art Installation: Sunflowers & Prayer

Every two months, we host an interactive art installation at St Mary's Church in Rhossili. These installations, often created in collaboration with local primary school pupils, feature thought-provoking questions and beautiful prayers. These reflective prompts provide a powerful space for visitors to share their own testimonies and find a moment of stillness.

Wild Church

Led by Dan, our Wild Church space invites people of all ages to explore both creation and the Creator. Set in the Gower outdoors, it is a time to slow down, breathe, and connect through creativity and reflection. Whether we are crafting or simply "being present," we discover faith in a fresh way - such as our recent exploration of the dunes at Oxwich Bay to find signs of hope. As Marian, a regular participant, shares: "Everyone is welcome—whether they are curious, seeking stillness, or simply love being outdoors".

SHINE: Parents' Edition

Rach and Chloe have the immense joy of working with Faith in Families hubs in Swansea. SHINE is a programme designed to help individuals recognise their own worth, strength, and purpose. With Psalm 139 as our bedrock - "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" - we explore three powerful truths: I am valuable; I am one of a kind; I am wonderfully made.

Y Cwtch: Pause & Wonder

Many people "pop in" to our Ministry Area churches to see the architecture or history, but they do not always linger. Y Cwtch aims to change that by developing inviting spaces that encourage visitors to rest and reconnect. We offer prayerful guides, reading resources, free Bibles, and the simple gift of a warm drink to help visitors find peace and refreshment.

To stay updated with news and opportunities from the WoW project, please sign up via our website: [The Wonder of Wellbeing Gower](https://www.wonderofwellbeinggower.org).

Eco focus. Liza from Oxwich church helps us think about life tips for engaging our faith with the environment.

Eco Fact. Did you know that you have a digital carbon footprint? From storing emails, to using AI, everything we do online uses energy and has an impact on the environment. The digital sector is responsible for around **3.4% of annual greenhouse gas emissions globally**, and consumes billions of gallons of water.

Eco Tip. Reducing your digital carbon footprint can help the environment.

- Emails have a surprisingly large digital footprint. Regularly clear out your deleted emails folder as well as your junk folder.
- Delete old files and prune photos you no longer need.
- Minimise use of AI. It is extremely energy intensive – asking ChatGPT a question requires **10x more electricity** than a Google Search.

Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - March 1976

Adult Confirmation

At a service held in St Mary's Swansea, six adults were confirmed by the Bishop of St David's. They were Pamela Davies, Christine East, Monica Whitlock, Miss Clare Whitlock, Mr Jeffrey Weekes and Mr Gerald Harris.

Mothers' Union

On 16th March the following were enrolled as members: Mesdames L Heard, Haydn Osborne, Harold Osborn, Jennie Jones, A Gardiner, B M Massey-Shaw, E Williams, D H Williams, R Williams, M L Jones and P Williams. The following programme is arranged: 20th April - Miss Beryl Thomas; 4th May - Crime Prevention by Sergeant Morgan; 11th May - Diocesan Festival at Brecon.

Forthcoming Broadcasts

We hope to have very good congregations for the two broadcasts that have been arranged. The first is a recording of an Easter service on Wednesday night, 14th April at 6:30pm. We apologise for the awkward time - this is not our choosing. The other is the BBC recording of the Morning Service on 23rd May. The congregation are asked to be in their places at 10:00am. This service is to be transmitted on Trinity Sunday.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism:

7th March	Melanie Jayne Pritchard, Simon Robert Pritchard, Mark Anthony Green,	50 Broadmead
21st March	Marc Bryan O'Kelly, Rebecca Gayle Salter,	10 Glanmor Crescent 58 Goetre Bellaf
29th March	Julie Brown, Karen Thomas,	40 Lime Grove 5 St Christopher Drive

Burials:

25th Feb	Elizabeth Ann Davies, 4 Pencoed
8th March	Ralph Hartill, 3 Priors Way
10th March	William Samuel Glover, 493 Gower Road
16th March	Ivor John Curry, 250 Dunvant Road
19th March	Edward McQue, 72 Ash Grove
20th March	John Derrick Phillips, 15 Edgemoor Drive




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Palm Sunday to Easter

Palm Sunday 29th March

930am All Souls Tycoch, **10am** St Mary Pennard,
1030am St Cattwg, Port Eynon, **11am** Ss Rhidian & Illtyd Llanrhidian

- ***Mon 30 1030am** Creative Art workshop St Mary's Rhossili
- ***Tues 31 5pm** Easter Creative writing workshop St Hilary, Killay
- ***Wed 1 Apr 7pm** Sunset Prayers Oxwich beach, St Illtyd's if wet

Maundy Thursday 2 April

930am Lamplighter, Bishopston, **2pm** St George's, Reynoldston
6.30pm All Souls Tycoch
7pm Ss Rhidian & Illtyd Llanrhidian also **7pm** St Illtyd, Ilston

Good Friday 3 April

9.30am Prayerful walk up Cefn Bryn from King Arthur, Reynoldston
11am Prayers and Hymns, on the Village Green opposite King Arthur
11am Messy Good Friday St Hilary Hall Killay,
2pm St Teilo Bishopston, St John Penmaen, St Hilary Killay,
2pm St David's Gwernffrwd, St Cenydd, Llangennith
3pm St David's Llanddewi Taizé music for Good Friday
6pm Penclawdd Community Centre

* **book here**



Easter Eve , Saturday 4 April

***1030am** Easter Pilgrimage walk from St John's Penmaen SA3 2HQ
7pm Easter Vigil at St Mary's, Pennard

Easter Day, Sunday 5th April

6.15pm Sunrise Gathering on Cefn Bryn (opposite car park)
8.30am St Andrew Penrice **9.15am** St Mary Rhossili
9.30am St Illtyd Ilston, St David's Wernffrwd, St Cadoc Cheriton,
9.30am St Teilo Bishopston, All Souls Tycoch
10.30am St George Reynoldston **11am** St Martin Duvant
11am St Illtyd Oxwich, St Hilary Killay, St Mary Pennard,
11.15am St Nicholas Nicholaston, Ss Rhidian & Illtyd Llanrhidian
11.15am St Cenydd, Llangennith **5pm** St Cattwg Port Eynon



ST HILARY'S CHURCH CENTENARY - AUGUST 2026

As many of you will know, St. Hilary's Church will be 100 years old this year. We intend to celebrate this occasion in a number of ways but need your help. If you, your families, friends and neighbours have or have had any connection with St. Hilary's over the years, please can you look for any photographs or possible orders of service from weddings, funerals, baptisms or confirmations.

We need photographs and memories of church organisations, church fayres, youth clubs, pram group, luncheon club, sporting activities, garden club trips and celebratory events of any kind at all. Anything you have will be appreciated and returned to you.

Any ideas will be welcomed, please don't be afraid to think outside the box.



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St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

On the perils of small study groups

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are about to run an Alpha course in your parish; I am sure your bishop will be delighted. I remember him from my Oxford days. He was just starting his course as a gangly undergraduate when I was finishing my doctorate on Eusebius.

I recall him as a keen rugby player who took early morning dips in the Isis, who led intense discussions on Saint Paul's theology of 'the body' over cups of cocoa in the evenings in his rooms and who spent his holidays laying paths for the National Trust in the Lake District while lodging in Youth Hostels. He's exactly the sort of person who will empathise with your ministry – hearty, enthusiastic and overflowing with compassionate intensity. We were not close friends.

We tend not to go in for those sort of things, here at St James the Least of All, preferring matters a little more relaxed and understated. If we ever do hold discussion groups (and they are a regrettable necessity during Lent), they always start with a good lunch, finishing with coffee and one of Mrs French's excellent Madeira cakes. Once we have removed from the table, those who manage to stay awake will start to tackle the chosen topic.

However, we always seem to veer off to discussing more interesting matters, such as why Colonel Chorley is never allowed to sing solos in the choir anymore, or who moved Mrs Cholmondeley's flower arrangement from the font the previous week. Apparently, she has given notice that her weekly contributions on the plate will be much reduced unless an appropriate apology is received.

These matters may not seem as important to you as deciding what the 'white stone' in Revelation 4 is all about, but let me assure you that to members of our congregation, knowing why the second verse of the National Anthem is no longer sung at our Remembrance Services is of pivotal importance.

At 2.30pm we wake up those who have enjoyed an hour's slumber and totter off home, knowing we have once again done our bit for faith in the parish.

I am sure your own group will also return home after your sessions - even if a digestive biscuit and weak tea is all that has been offered – invigorated and braced to tackle the heathen in the parish. We all take our pleasures in different ways.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



The new Archbishop of Canterbury's first Presidential Address

Here are some highlights from the first Presidential Address by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, at the February 2026 General Synod group of sessions.

I stand here among you by no means for the first time, but for the first time as the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is a humbling privilege to be called to serve in this role. It brings with it huge weight of responsibility, at a time when people love to remind me that the church faces significant challenges.

But when the wind and the waves are rocking the boat, I am reminded that what I need to do is to focus on Christ, who calms the waters and stills the wind. With your help and with God's grace, I pray that I am able to approach this ministry with calm, consistency and compassion – as we seek to be what the Church has for so long been: a stable presence in an unstable world.

Do, please, continue to pray for me in the months and years to come, as I will always pray for you. I do not carry my new responsibilities alone. We serve God's church together, lay and ordained; uniquely reflecting God's image into one another, and remembering His prayer that we should be one in our love for God and of one another.

At my Confirmation of Election, I was deeply moved to be asked, during the

Charge which was given to me, to 'help the Church love itself more ... believing that its best days are still to come'. And I do believe that this is true. Through every challenge, our hope in Christ remains - and our confidence in the Gospel, as good news for our nation and for God's world, is not shaken.

In parishes and chaplaincies across the country, day in and day out, faithful clergy and congregations worship God and love their neighbours. With every Eucharist that is offered, with every prayer said; with every child helped to flourish in our schools; with every family cared for in times of celebration and of sorrow; with every night shelter and food bank; with each worship service, youth group and community lunch; with every effort to work for justice, dignity and fairness in our nation and our world – with all of this and so much more, we live out our calling to share the love of God with those around us.

And across the global Anglican Communion, in its profound diversity, we see Anglicans offering that same hope to a world around them: working for peace in places of war, caring for the sick and lifting up new generations of young people, and speaking of the hope that we find in Jesus Christ.

Because with Christ, the Church is there in all those places and with all

those people, and the Kingdom is made known. I rejoice in every example I see of this – the pearl of great price - glimpsed in faithful, local, sensitive, intelligent ministry which embodies and speaks of the Kingdom.

So, what sort of Archbishop do I feel called to be? As I said when I accepted the nomination, as I respond to the Call of Christ in this new ministry, I remain rooted in my first calling: to follow Christ, to know Him – and to make Him known in the world. My Christian vocation first led me to become a nurse – then later a priest, then a bishop, and now an archbishop. The theme that has run through of all of these chapters of my life has been washing feet, and in serving and caring for others.

And I will work with you, Synod, with my fellow bishops, and with our national church bodies, striving to ensure that the Kingdom is being nurtured everywhere - in parishes, chaplaincies, cathedrals and schools, in the smallest and most fragile communities, as well as the larger and more confident expressions of church, wherever disciples seek to be salt and light.

The role of the Archbishop of Canterbury is a complex and challenging one. But at its heart is something profound and simple. Along with my fellow bishops, I am called to share the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ – and what that means for

us all as individuals, and as a society. I pray that the thread running through my time as Archbishop will be that of nurturing confidence and hope, rooted not in institutions, but in God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With our confidence in God, we can believe that indeed, the best is yet to come for the church that we love and nurture, and therefore for the world that the church is called to serve.

As Archbishop of Canterbury, I commit myself to nurturing, supporting and praying for all our parishes, chaplaincies, cathedrals and schools, where quiet faithfulness is coupled with a readiness to respond to every opportunity, however small, to embody the hope of the Gospel at the heart of a community; where people, together, become places where the Kingdom happens.

As a shepherd, I will strive to be calm, consistent and compassionate to all. I commit myself to enabling the Church to be the Church. May we continue to offer ourselves in God's service for God's world: our hope rooted in the Gospel, and our confidence rooted in God, who holds the Church and its future in love.

Please pray for me as I pray for you.

Amen.

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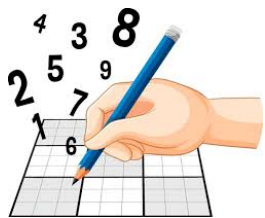
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St Martin's Church

Easter Experince



Easter started early in St Martin's, with the visit of 5 classes from Pen Y Fro school, with classes Reception, Year 1 and 2 on Monday 30 mins apart and on Tuesday years 4 and 5. Members from St Martin's enacting the Resurrection, complete with Tomb, Angels appearing, and of course JESUS appearing to his disciples in the Upper Room. All the children were extremely well behaved and were given hollow eggs showing the significance of the empty tomb, they were also given a small cross to take home. We pray we have sown the seeds of Easter and beyond.

Roger Draisey

Church Services: *St Hilary's & St Martin's*

APRIL	ST HILARY'S KILLAY	ST MARTIN'S DUNVANT
2 Maundy Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
3 Good Friday	2pm Reflections at the foot of the Cross	
5 Easter Day	9.30am Bubble Church 11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Eucharist
9 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
12 Second Sunday of Easter	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	10.00am Lay led Service
16 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
19 Third Sunday of Easter	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	9.00am Eucharist
23 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
26 Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>
30 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	

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