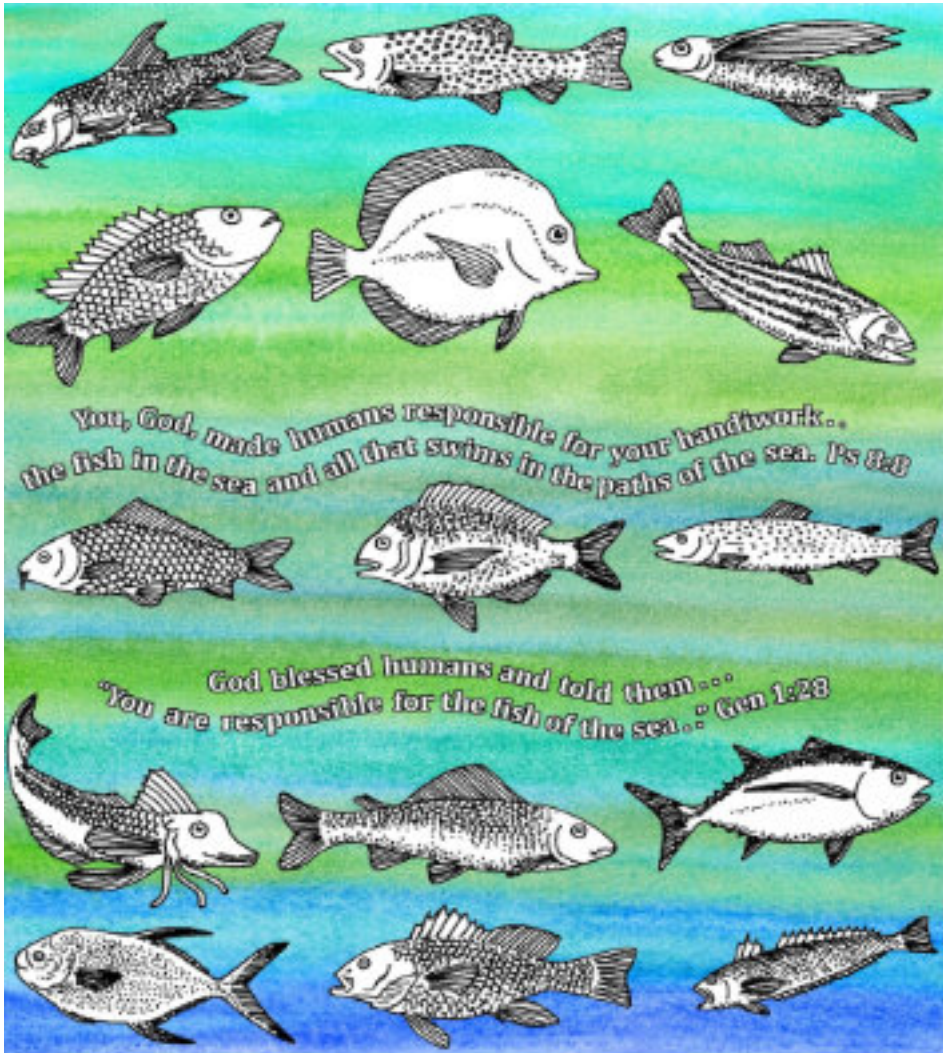


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Dear Friends

Many across the world are united in watching the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. However, football is more than just a game; it can illustrate some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. Christians grasp to the prize of eternal life, God's gift to us of relationship with Jesus for now and eternity. However, there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, training is vital! Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

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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, Rita Trew, Gloria and Brian Wilkins, Margaret and Colin Williams, Eileen Wilson and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

LUNCH CLUB NEWS

The Lunch Club are still hoping to continue meeting the first Wednesday of every month from September.

Is there anybody who would be willing to help for about two hours once a month? It would involve laying up the tables, washing cutlery and glasses, providing coffee when members arrive around 11am and tea/coffee before going home about 1.30pm.

We also supply a quiz and read out answers after lunch; also birthday cards and small gift.

Unfortunately two of our helpers are unable to continue at the moment owing to illness and one will be moving out of the area so PLEASE, we do not want to close the lunch club down as the members really look forward to meeting up with their friends once a month.

Please get in touch with Kay if you feel you would like to help (Tel. 206373).

*Teressa
Secretary*



Safeguarding Contact

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07854119359



Gower Ministry Area updates from Peter Lewis

Following the Annual Vestry Meeting at the end of May, we are delighted that Catherine Thomas has become our Ministry Area Council chair and that Alison Holland has become our Ministry Area Treasurer.

We send our thanks to Barry Fox for his work as Ministry Area Council chair since we started 3 years ago.

Alison's role is to oversee our Ministry Area and congregational finances, to interact with the diocese; whilst the deputy treasurer Diane Holohan continues to manage transactions and bank accounts.

Mothers' Union

At our June meeting, David Coffey gave a very interesting and moving presentation about his aid missions to war-torn Mostar in Bosnia. (Unfortunately, John Steele, who accompanied him on the trip was not able to be with us.) They say that a picture speaks a thousand words, and that was true of David's excellent photography. We were left pondering the devastation caused by war, but also the courage, faith and perseverance that enabled their missions to succeed, even when things seemed almost impossible.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st July, at 2.30 pm in the Minor Hall, when we will have our end of session tea party."

Fran Steadman, Branch Leader.

St. Hilary's Centenary - On Monday August 10th which is the actual birthday of our church, there will be a prayer vigil at St Hilary's from 8:00am - 8:00pm.

There is a list at the back of the church of hourly slots. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list.

St Hilary's Church, Killay Centenary 12 Hours Wave of Prayer August 10th 8am to 8pm

Sign up for a one hour slot to intercede for our church as we celebrate 100 years of faithful prayers being offered up here.
Pray by yourself or with family or friends.

Ideas for prayer: Pray for our church family to grow in spiritual maturity. For us to grow in number. For us to impact our wider community with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
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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		
2:30 to 4:00pm	Mothers' Union – <u>3rd Tuesday of the month</u>		
WEDNESDAY			
9:30am	WeightWatchers	Drop in to see Kate - kgoudge@ww.com	
5:30 to 7:30pm	Annabel's School of Dance (Ballet for children & adults)	Annabel Jones-Gammon, annabelschoolofdance@outlook.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			
9:00 to 10:00am	Just Jump (Fitness on <u>small trampolines</u>)	Stephanie Nemej, justjump78@gmail.com	
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The US Declaration of Independence –

4th July 1776

It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.



The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington, but copies were quickly printed and distributed on the day – not all of them totally accurate. Its creation followed considerable conflict between the colonies and the British Parliament, reaching a head in late 1775 when Parliament prohibited trade with the colonies. This followed other measures, including what was regarded by some as unfair taxation without representation.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, but it was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, who omitted passages likely to offend the more conservative colonists, such as the suggestion that King George III was to blame for transatlantic slave trade, or anything that accused the British people rather than their government.

The most important effect of the Declaration from a diplomatic point of view was to make possible relationships between the colonists and friendly foreign governments. But it had a substantial effect elsewhere. Anglican clergy felt conflicted because they had sworn an oath to the King as Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and supporting independence would mean breaking that oath. Many colonies made public prayers for the King acts of treason, and this in part led Anglicans to recreate themselves as the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Declaration itself could be described as a Christian document, reflecting Judeo-Christian values, as Abraham Lincoln made clear in his Gettysburg Address in 1863, quoting its second sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Music Society

June's Meeting was held in church which we were pleased to see was filled to capacity.

Our guests were the **Chroma Community Orchestra** who opened with a Sinfonia written by one of their members.

This was followed by several soloists playing on cello, oboe and piano. A wonderful opportunity to show off their skills.

Isobel then sang "She used to be mine" from Waitress and "If I loved you" from Carousel.

Hayley then sang "Tomorrow" from Annie.

Next Matilda and Mark (Mother baritone horn and son trumpet) played "When the Saints come Marching in"

Jody on clarinet played "Strangers on the Shore" made famous by Acker Bilk.

The concert finished with the whole orchestra playing the Adagio from Rachmaninoff's Symphony No.2 and Prokofiev's "Dance of the Knights"

Babs thanked everyone for a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Gillian Hutchinson



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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



When England won the FIFA World Cup

Sixty years ago, on 30th July 1966, the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Hurst is also the only surviving member of the England team that started the 1966 final, held at Wembley, where England played all their matches. Others were spread around the country.

The 1966 World Cup was unique in that it was the only one in history that had no matches played on a Sunday, because of the Sunday observance laws in force at the time. Professional football was in fact not played on a Sunday in England until 1973-74, and then to a much lesser extent than it is now.

The 1966 tournament was also significant in other ways – not least for the famous commentary snippet from Ken Wolstenholme, still quoted today. This occurred when it seemed the crowd might be invading the pitch as Hurst advanced on the German goal. “They think it’s all over!” said KW. Pause, then as Hurst’s shot hit the back of the net, “It is now!”

Many matches in the tournament were marred by violent play and contentious sendings-off. Vicious tackles on Pelé, the world’s leading player, put him out of the tournament, and one angry player in another match had to be escorted off the field by police. As a result, the yellow and red cards familiar to us today were introduced, as was the use of substitutes. Inconsistent refereeing was also tackled through training and clearer interpretation of the laws of the game.

Before the tournament started, the Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition. A dog named Pickles discovered it wrapped in newspaper under a bush in a South London garden.

A poster for 'Summer Songs of Praise 2026'. The background is a warm, orange-to-yellow gradient with a white sun in the top right corner. At the top, the word 'SUMMER' is written in a colorful, bubbly font inside a white rounded rectangle. Below it, 'SONGS of PRAISE' is written in a white, chalky, hand-drawn font. The bottom half of the poster has a teal background. In white text, it says 'Killay Precinct' and 'Sunday 9th August'. Below that, '@ 6pm' is written in white, with 'ALL WELCOME!' in orange text to its right. At the bottom, 'killay duntant tycoch' is written in white, lowercase letters. A dashed line separates this from the text 'Summer Songs of Praise 2026' at the very bottom.

Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - June 1976

Confirmation Service

The largest congregation ever seen at St Hilary's came to welcome the new Bishop at the confirmation service on Sunday, 20th June. The church was so full that, even though some people were accommodated in the vestry, a number of people failed to find room and returned home. It was a truly memorable service with the Bishop speaking to the candidates on the theme "Keeping your eyes on Jesus". After the service he met the whole congregation as they left the church and then joined the candidates, their relatives and friends for refreshments in the Church Hall. The rite of confirmation was held during the Parish Communion at which the Bishop was the celebrant. After lunch, the Bishop and Mrs Vaughan expressed a wish that they should be shown around the parish and they paid a visit to St Martin's Church and to the Parsonage house in Ashgrove. Twenty six candidates were presented, one from Sketty and one from Llwynderw. The following were from Killay and Dunvant: Jane Arthurs, Tina Bevan, Julie Brown, Elizabeth Charles, Jane Charles, Joanna Charles, Martin Collins, Michael Dumelow, Michael Evans, Janet Gowen, Ann James, Pamela Jeffrey, Sarah Jeffrey, Huw Knight, Andrew Smith, Anthony Stratton, Allen Thomas, Sian Thomas, Karen Thomas, Stuart Thomas, Karen Wetherly, Adrian Williams, Russell Williams, Tanya Redmond.

Cremation

We have already begun using the new cremation plot and arrangements are being made for the names of those buried there to be recorded in a beautifully bound leather Memorial Book which will be kept in church. In order to assist the easy maintenance of the plot, the PCC has agreed that no individual flower vases will be permitted to be placed on the plot itself and 12 containers have been provided in the centre where flower may be arranged.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

6th June Joanna Claire Baynham, 8 Broadmead
Helen Elizabeth Edwards, 87 Gwelfor
Elizabeth Angela Fuller, 6 Heol Glasnant
Anna Louise Thomas, 18 Llwynderw, Three Crosses
Simon Leigh Tuckett, 56 Howells Road
Michelle Anne Waldam, 27 Mount Pleasant Hill

Holy Matrimony

5th June Martin Andrew Trainer and Susan Julie Llewellyn

Burials

30th June Hilda Elizabeth Wilkens, 8 Cyncoed Close
1st July John Frederick Yardley, 19 Maes yr Efail
Allan Pring, 1 Bryn Aeron Court

We record, with sadness, the death of Mr Yardley who, for a number of years, was organist at St Hilary's until he handed over to Mr Tony Glasson and then remained as deputy organist. We pay tribute to him for his friendly and kind character and extend to his family, and to the above families, our deepest sympathy.




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COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

Since helping with grass cutting around the church I've taken an interest in the war graves. The details of the service people buried in St Hilary's may be well known to many of you. For those new to St Hilary's here is a brief overview.

In St Hilary's church graveyard there are graves for 25 service personnel who died between June 1940 and March 1946. 22 graves are located together, whilst three men have been buried in family graves found across the graveyard. These 25 people served in either the army (4) or an air force (21), some of

which were Canadian, New Zealanders and even Czechoslovak nationals.

One particular grave drew my attention as being unique, in that it was a young lady who served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (W.A.A.F). She was Amy Leigh who was born in Burnley, Lancashire in 1924.

During the second world war the W.A.A.F stationed at Fairwood airport undertook a number of duties including; radar operation and tracking incoming Luftwaffe aircraft which were plotted for night-time fighter crews. They assisted

with aircraft servicing, engine maintenance, and rearming aircraft. In addition they ran operations rooms and ensured the airfield remained fully operational.

The WAAF's were not immune from tragedy as they faced direct enemy fire. During the last major Swansea air-raid on the night of 16-17th February 1943, enemy bombs struck the station, killing three WAAF's on duty. The base also suffered a tragic event on 9th April 1944, when a Halifax bomber which had lost two engines approached Fairwood too low and crashed into the WAAF quarters at nearby Upper Killay, injuring 16 and

fatally wounding Leading Aircraft Woman (LACW) Dorothy Ann Evans. Ms Evans is buried in St Peters Church, Talybont.

Sadly, Amy Leigh was aged only 21 when she died on 15th October 1945. The Western Mail dated 18th October 1945 covered her death, stating that Amy Leigh of Manchester, was found dead in a wooden holiday bungalow in a field near Langrove, Parkmill, Gower, having died of natural causes. Her death certificate records her death being due to an epileptic fit.

Nigel Fletcher

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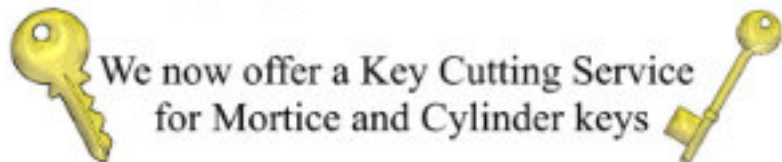


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St James the Least of All

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

The Rectory, St James the Least of All



On war between parishes

My dear Nephew Darren

So, now you have enjoyed your first Summer Fete. Don't say I didn't warn you. It may be small consolation but remember that they only happen once a year - although in your case, you still have another 30 to endure before retirement.

I negotiated our own last week. As usual, the band from our neighbouring parish of St Eusebius played. There has been much bad blood in the past between our two villages. The trouble started on the day that St James the Least of All never told St Eusebius that the Vikings were coming up the river. We may have long since buried the hatchet, but both sides remember where they put it.

Tension between the two communities down the centuries has moved on from occasional slaughter to something a little more refined. Just as I began my opening speech to crown the Rose Queen, the band struck up with the National Anthem. When the hog roast started, they played "smoke gets in your eyes" and when it came to the necessary music for the maypole dancing, they all disappeared into the beer tent.

With great Christian charity, we shall bide our time. In September we have the annual football match between the two churches' Servers. Last year, in addition to winning the match, the St James' boys sent three of their side off with concussion. Naturally, I visited them in hospital.

Miss Prendergast, as always, played Gypsy Rose Lee. If the tall, dark, dear lady tells me one more time that I am about to find romance with a tall dark lady, while she flutters her eyelashes at me, I swear I shall throttle her with a bell rope. Besides, I already have a beautiful dark lady in my life - and my Labrador is devoted to me.

The only real hiccough came when I bought 12 packets of fudge from Mrs Masheder to present to our choirboys. Yet again, she had misread salt for sugar in the recipe. After I presented the packets at Mattins the following day, a formal complaint was rapidly made by a parent to the police that the Rector was attempting to poison their son. But as I explained to the officer, if I had intended to poison anyone, I would have done it far more discreetly - and infinitely more efficiently.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

'He gave us eyes to see them' –

Church Pulpits

It is a steep climb of 199 steps that leads the visitor to Whitby from the streets below to the church of St Mary's that stands near the ruined abbey. Having negotiated the climb, the visitor enters the church and is greeted by a glorious array of Georgian furnishings: box pews and a triple decker pulpit with candlesticks and cushions. The clerk would sit at the bottom level to give out the notices, the parson would lead the service in the middle, and then he would ascend to the third level to expound the Word of God.



George Herbert says that for the country parson the pulpit should be 'his joy and his throne.' Sydney Smith had a different slant when he wrote on going into the pulpit of All Saints Church in Foston in 1806: 'When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.' Not so at Whitby where the church is cared for and well loved.

Today preachers often remain at ground level, the better to interact with their congregations, but here at St Mary's Church the pulpit is a sign of the importance of teaching the Word: not because the preacher stands eight feet above contradiction, but to allow people to see and hear.

The word 'pulpit' means a platform or raised area to address the gathered family of God. As we look on in the pews, it stands often on our left. But God looks at us from the east end of the church and the pulpit stands at his right hand: a sign that the sermon can be the divinely inspired message of prophet and teacher, and so become living and active in the minds and hearts of its hearers.

St Martin's Church

Quiz Evening at St Hilary's Church Hall



Winning Quiz Team: 'The Know-all's'

With 9 teams ready for our 2nd Social and Fund Raising event started, our Quiz Master for the night Clive Cook assisted by his wife Carol took place.

All brought nibbles and drinks at the ready for a fun evening, and we were not disappointed. It was touch and go going into the final round but team THE KNOW ALLS captained by Margaret Draisey just crossed the finish line in first place. With expenses paid and with a half time raffle we made a grand total of almost £365.70.

Thanks once again to all who took part and special thanks to Clive and Carol for making it a very entertaining evening, also thanks to those who set up the tables and had to put them away and cleaned up after everyone left, a very good team effort.

Roger Draisey

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Puzzle Page

It was 250 years ago, on **fourth July** 1776, that the US Declaration of **Independence** was adopted by the **Second Continental Congress**. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in **Washington**. An original **draft** of the **Declaration** was made by **Thomas Jefferson**, and was amended by **Benjamin Franklin** and **John Adams**. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these **truths** to be self-evident, that all men are **created equal**, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain **inalienable Rights**, that among these are **Life, Liberty** and the **pursuit of Happiness**."

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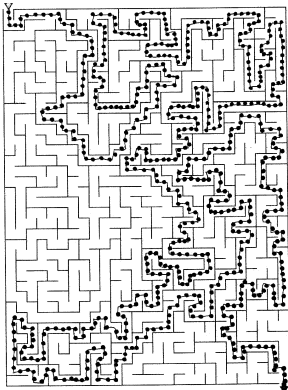
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Answers to last month's puzzles:

Not easy were they?

Maybe you found a better route through the maze?



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Café Church

Coffee, Worship, Prayer & Fellowship



6pm start

Fourth Sunday
of the month
from

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

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

JULY	ST HILARY'S KILLAY	ST MARTIN'S DUNVANT
2 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
5 Fifth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	9.30am Bubble Church 11.00am Lay led <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Eucharist
9 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
12 Sixth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	10.00am Lay led Service
16 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
19 Seventh Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	9.00am Eucharist
23 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
26 Eighth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i> 6.00pm Café Church	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>
30 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	

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