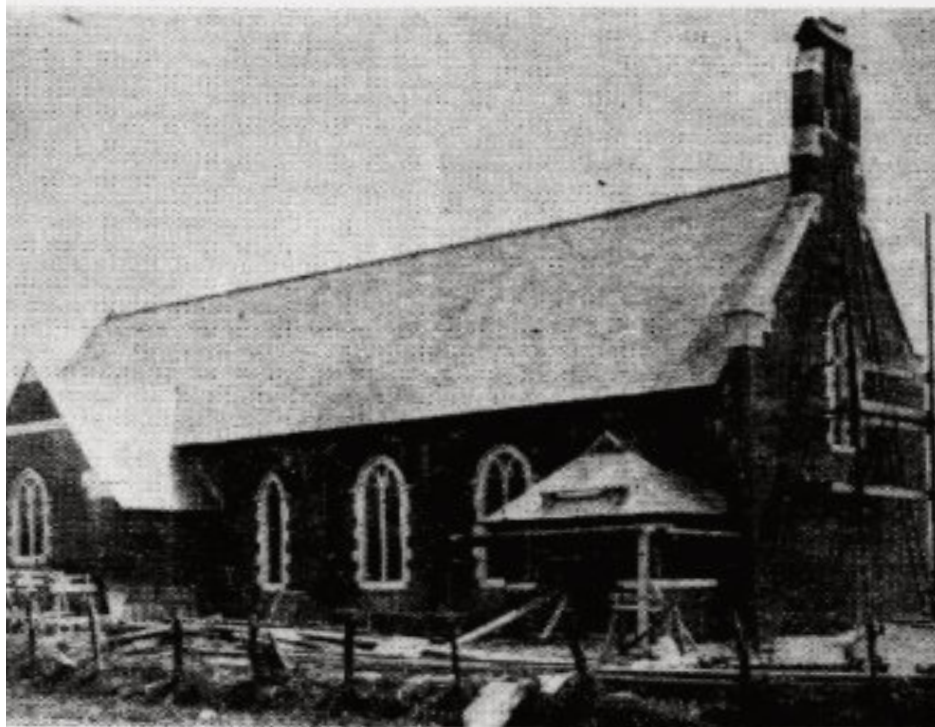


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Summer Holidays

The story is told of porters who were hired to carry a group's possessions on a jungle safari. The pace increased until the head porter called a halt: *'We've come so far, so fast we need to take a break and allow our souls to catch up with our bodies!'*

How often do we feel like this? August is a month when many of us take time off. Jesus and His disciples often made *'strategic withdrawals'* from the crowds: *'because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, "Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest"'* (Mark 6: 31,32).

Jesus saw how tired and stressed His disciples were and wanted to give them a break in their busy lives. He loved them and cared about their wellbeing. He longs to do the same with us, so that we can restore the balance of work, rest and play in our lives. Going on holiday gives us the opportunity to take time off, to let go the burdens that we carry every day and receive again His rest for our souls: *'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'* (Matthew 11:28).

The story is told of the aged Apostle John playing with doves. A passing hunter expressed surprise at what a man as pious as John was doing. John pointed to the bow in the hunter's hand and asked him why he carried it with a loosened string. The hunter replied, *'it loses its strength unless it is given the chance to unbend'*. John replied, *'why are you surprised that a servant of Christ should not relax to keep himself stronger for his work?'*



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9th Jan & Jim Proudfoot
16th Sue & Bob Mapp
23rd Joint Service at All Souls
30th Joint service
Sep 6th Lay led

Readers

2nd Joint service
9th Sheila Betts
16th Jan Lewis
23rd Joint Service at All Souls
30th Joint service
Sep 6th Lay led

Intercessions

2nd Joint service
9th Marian Williams
16th tba
23rd Joint Service at All Souls
30th Joint service
Sep 6th Lay led

Eucharist Assistants

2nd Mike Powell
9th Roy Chapman
16th Cath Swain
23rd Joint Service at All Souls
30th Mike Powell
Sep 6th Lay led

Altar Flowers

2nd Mike Bevan in memory of Yvonne
9th Glenda Penzer in memory of Gerry
16th Roy Chapman in memory of Joan
23rd Joint Service at All Souls

30th Vera Cockings in memory of Mark
Sep 6th Doreen, Joe and Dr Bill Johns
Coffee
2nd Babs Roberts, Jan Proudfoot
9th Sylvia Powell, Diane Holohan
16th Nansi Evans, Janet Jones
23rd Joint Service at All Souls
30th Pam Davies, Christine Williams
Sep 6th Anne Llewelyn, Jean Gwilym

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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 Williams, Eileen Wilson and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

Congratulations from all at St. Hilary's and St Martin's to our dear friend **Denise Rogers** who celebrates her **100th birthday** on August 5th

Denise Rogers (dob 05/08/1926)

"Went to St Hilary's in 1963.

Vicar was Rev. Llewellyn Jones.

Geoff, my son, was in the choir. Choirmaster & Organist, Mrs Binnig, lived next door to the church. The boys used to get 2/6d for a wedding.

My son & daughter both confirmed in St Hilary's.

Husband, Eddy, died May 1976. I gave money for the first book of remembrance.

I was a member of the PCC and took the minutes. Also typed the Vicar's (Hywel Hughes) notes for the magazine. When Emlyn Bawden was training to become a Lay Reader, I typed his sermons.

My late daughter, Sue, was married in St Hilary's and my husband and father are buried there.

The Parish Hall was opened just after Rev. Llewellyn Jones died.

In 1964, four of us - Thelma Treharne, Barbara Thomas, Eileen Watkins (all now deceased) and myself started the Young Wives Group in the tin shed at the top of Goetre Fawr Road (where the garage is now). We used to meet once a week. In the new Hall, jumble sales were very popular.

There was a Gardening Club run by George Heard, also a thriving Youth Club - a note of which, written by Grace Birt (nee Watkins) I gave to the vicar together with photos and a publication.

I am a member of Mothers' Union, enrolled by Mrs Mair Hughes in early 1970's."

Colin Williams

We all are familiar with the church poster which reminds us that our church has no walls. This message is true for Margaret and Colin's home — the welcome you received by them immediately inviting you to “come on in” no walls between you and them. The garden was a joy “take you want” his rhubarb was special and then Margaret would make a delicious cup of tea. They were a happy, fun couple. If there were problems they would sort it out and carry on. They did things together and didn't they enjoy each others company.

Colin's death is a tremendous loss to St. Martin's church and to St. Hilary's church. He worked tirelessly for both — For St. Martin's, his number one priority, he would be seen on his knees repairing the stairs, putting up a new Cross, taking down damaged items, repairing the front door, helping Roger put up a new notice board to name but a few. At St. Hilary's Colin's was the first marquee to be put up for the fetes so that he could sell his flowers and vegetables - he already had helped Margaret and the ladies from St. Martin's to bring their cakes for afternoon tea in the hall. Many of us are grateful to Colin for installing the two handrails leading from the Main Hall to the Lower Hall in the Parish Centre at St. Hilary's. Colin was a man of many talents.

He was born in Cockett and, after leaving School became a carpenter apprentice and, for some years worked for Swansea Council. He and Margaret married in Cockett church having met whilst visiting friends in Caswell. Until today they have lived in Priors Way where their twins David and Michael were brought up. Colin then took up studies for a Diploma in Building and, for the rest of his working life, lectured in Swansea Technical College in Mount Pleasant. Margaret and he loved holidays in France, going on gardening trips as they were faithful members of Dunvant Horticultural Society — again Margaret helped with her cakes for the teas at the annual flower show.

We send our sympathy to dearest Margaret and their sons and their families at the death of a much loved husband, father and grandfather. He was so proud of you all. I cannot end this tribute without mentioning Elaine and Ken Graves — true friends of Margaret and Colin — they holidayed in France — they shopped together - they enjoyed meals together — so as we hold all of Colin's loved ones in our prayers please also include Elaine who today is grieving the loss of a much loved friend.

Rest in Peace Colin and I am sure that when Jesus met you he would have said “My Dad was a Carpenter too”.

Eileen Nielsen



In memory of Alan Pickard

Carole Pickard and family would like to thank everyone who donated to The Parish of Killay in memory of Alan.

The total raised was £801.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

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.

Layfetta will quietly pray alongside those on the 8am and 8pm slots.



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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	Fl Exercise 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, annabelsschoolofdance@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 small trampolines)	Stephanie Nemeh, justjump78@gmail.com	
7:00 to 9:00pm	Indoor Bowls Club	Drop In to enquire	

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Music Society

Lleisiau Gŵyr (Gower Voices)

The Music Society enjoyed an evening of song from this choir.

List of songs that they sang:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', a traditional South African freedom song.

This little light of mine, a traditional Spiritual arranged by Steve Milloy.

Sung by the LADIES: Joyful Joyful from Sister Act 2, arranged by Mervyn Warren

Sung by the MEN: The Hippopotamus Song by Flanders and Swann.

Talk to the Animals, from Doctor Dolittle. Words and Music written by Leslie Bricusse.

Anfonaf Angel, music by Robat Arwyn, words by Hywel Gwynfryn.

As long as I have music by Don Besig.

One for the altos by Jay Althouse

The Sopranos Take it All (words written by Maggie Kirk) to the tune of ABBA's The Winner Takes it All.

I'm All Alone and Always Look on the Bright Side of Life from Monty Python's Musical, Spamalot.

ENCORE - Bring me sunshine, by Arthur Ken. Made popular by Morecambe and Wise.

Swansea Minster to host Gaia - Luke Jerram's giant Earth installation

Swansea Minster will host Gaia, a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, from 12th to 31st October.

Gaia is a six-metre sphere created from detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface. The huge installation will be suspended inside the Minster, offering visitors the experience of seeing the planet floating in three dimensions.

Jerram has aimed to evoke the Overview Effect - a phenomenon first described by author Frank White in 1987 - in which astronauts experience a profound sense of the Earth's fragility, the interconnection of all life, and a renewed sense of responsibility for the environment.

The Minster will also host a programme of cultural and religious events around the installation during its three-week run. More details at: SwanseaMinster.org.uk.

Our Church BBQ Brings the Community Together

On Saturday July 18th, the church hall and green was filled with laughter, great food, and warm fellowship as we hosted our successful BBQ and Homemade Food event.

Beyond the food and Bouncy Castle and Facepainting entertaining the children, the real highlight was the sense of community.

We want to sincerely thank everyone who helped make the BBQ event possible. To the volunteers, grillers, kitchen helpers, set-up and clean-up teams, and anyone who contributed in small ways - your effort made a big difference. We also extend our appreciation to all who attended and supported the event.

As we look back on a great day, having raised around £700 for church funds, we hope those who came enjoyed the fellowship as much as we did - and we look forward to welcoming even more people at future church events.

(Please see inside of back cover for photos)



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



Macmillan Mighty Hike

It's hard to believe that it's already been a month since the Mighty Hike. This year was the first time that I'd walked on a sunny day and that certainly made a difference. I'm glad that I took so much water with me, but can't say that I particularly enjoyed drinking warm water all day. I was extremely grateful to the kind gentleman who lived opposite St. Cadoc's Church in Cheriton, who filled my water bottles with ice cold water and ice cubes. Thanks to Rach and Penny Harris-John, Andy's wife, who were on duty at St. Mary's Church in Rhossili to offer prayers to support walkers and their family members who had lost relatives to cancer. The only tricky part of the walk was when we met a tractor pulling a trailer load of bales of hay and there was no way past. He couldn't reverse so we had to retrace our steps to get out of the way. The wheels of the tractor and the trailer were pushing the hedges on both sides, whilst we held our breath and huddled together in a farm gateway.

Thanks to everyone who supported me, the total raised is now £617, which with gift aid amounts to almost £740. Peter Lewis, Dan Edy, Natalie Evans and I all completed the full marathon. I received an email from Macmillan today saying that the total raised in Gower that day, now stands at £425,943.00 which is a magnificent amount.

Marian Williams



The deadline for articles for September 2026 magazine is Friday 28 August

SUMMER

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Summer Songs of Praise 2026

Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - June 1976

Vicar's Letter from Hywel Hughes:

We look forward to the weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Consecration of St Hilary's Church. To mark the occasion, we have received a number of valuable gifts. Mrs H E Jones has presented a beautiful silver ciborium in memory of her husband, the Rev H Llewelyn Jones, vicar of this parish in 1954-68. Mrs Iris Martin has made a pulpit fall; a font ewer has been given by Mrs Haynes; two oak alms dishes by an anonymous donor and we have also received a new oak hymn board.

A group of ladies, under the direction of Mrs Pamela Clement, are arranging a Floral Festival in church which will depict man's life and progress through the church. The Exhibition of Art & Craft in the hall will reflect the skills and interests of the people of the parish. On the Sunday, we shall be pleased to welcome the Bishop to celebrate and preach at the Thanksgiving Service and, on the following Tuesday, 10th August, the actual date of the Consecration of the Church, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11:00am, Choral Evensong at 7:30pm and followed by a buffet supper.

We have invited the clergy who have been associated with our parish and the local ministers. We look forward to all our church families meeting together to celebrate this notable event and so make it a memorable occasion in the history of the parish.

Mothers' Union:

To mark the Centenary, a number of events were held in London. The enrolling member, Mrs Mair Hughes, who is also diocesan president, was invited to a reception at St James' Palace and was presented to Her Majesty the Queen. She also attended a Thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey. Two members of the branch, Mrs Betty Nutt and Mrs Haidee Davies, were present at the Festival Hall to see the pageant "Mary Sumner at Home" and also a film of the work of the Mothers' Union world wide entitled "Mission Unlimited".

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Holy Baptism:

11th July Simon Mark Chapman, 20 Glan Dulais
Owain James, 11 Long Oaks Ave., Uplands

Rachel Jane Legg, 7 Voylart Road
Shirley Elizabeth Summerwill, Mark Shaun Summerwill,
Tracey Lisette Summerwill, Ryan Frederick Gordon Summerwill,
2 Glen Dale, Cefn Bychan, Penclawdd

25th July Christopher James Harrendence, 25 Goetre Bellaf Road
David Philip Bowen Smith, 10 Glan Dulais

Holy Matrimony:

17th July Kenneth William Horton and Susan Johnson

Burials:

13th July	Ernest Arthur Langstone, 29 Dylan Road
15th July	Sidney Sangan, 90 Killan Road
16th July	Muriel Justina Long, 2 Goetre Fach Road
17th July	Bill Parkhouse, 24 St Hilary Drive
19th July	Winifred Mabel McCleod, Glan-y-Mor, Penmaen
21st July	Huw Morris, 50 Y Berllan

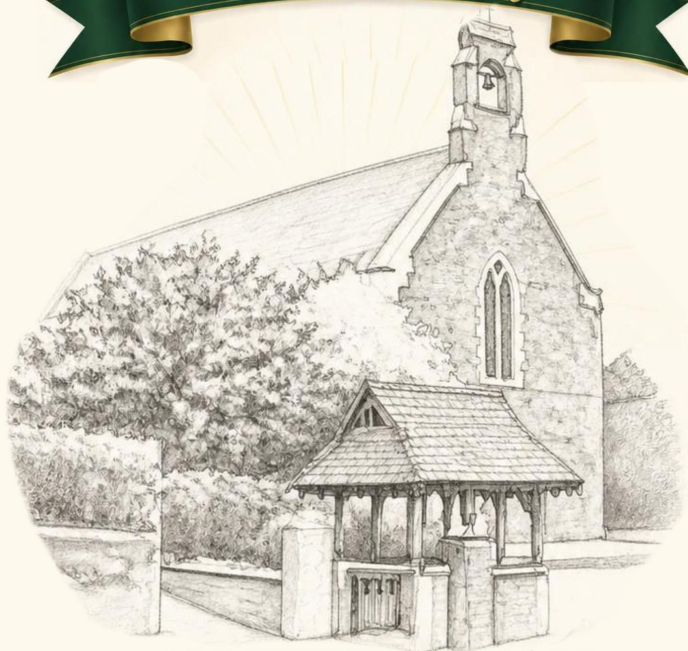
Reception Into the Church in Wales:

19th July Caroline Thomas, 40 Twyni Teg - By the Bishop of Swansea & Brecon



St Hilary's Church, Killay

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from
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St Hilary's Church Hall, Killay

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15TH AUG PRAYER, HEALING & BLESSING Become more familiar with the practices we use of invoking God's blessing on others & over our own life. St Mary's Church. 2-3PM PENHARD	EVERY FRIDAY ART EXHIBITION, COFFEE & CHAT Join us in St Mary's Church for a free coffee & chat. Explore our summer interactive art exhibition with a magnifying glass! 10AM - 12PM RHOSILI	EVERY THURSDAY BEACH PRAYERS Amidst the sound & scene of the beach, join an early evening gathering for short, powerful reflections. 6-11PM OXWICH
25TH AUG GOD WITH US IN HARD TIMES Become more familiar with the practices we use of invoking God's blessing on others & over our own life. St Catherine's Church. 7PM PORT EYNON	22ND AUG GOWER HISTORY OF THE TRACTARIAN MOVEMENT Listen to how Victorian Gower clergy shaped Church Tradition focusing on the life of Revd. J. J. Davies. 2-3PM HERNFFWRD	25TH JULY & 26TH AUG PILGRIMAGE Join us to walk a section of the Gower Pilgrimage Way exploring what pilgrimages means in 2025. 10-11AM PHILL DU
18TH & 25TH AUG SAUNA PRAYERS Enjoy a sauna, swim & spiritual refreshing both on the 18 TH & 25 TH on the 25 TH . OXWICH SAT 11-12 PM	22ND AUG WILD CHURCH Bring your own breakfast & join us for a time of community on the beach as we reflect on a story of Jesus. 10-11AM PHILL DU	

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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 how to baffle the church committee

My dear Nephew Darren

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a 'water feature' on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium. More than 25 years later, we are still actively discussing the idea.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While the Water Feature Group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work, and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly.

Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



Swansea Singers Early Music Group



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The second Friday of every month is reserved for members of the group who are interested in performing the music rehearsed - this session is led by conductor Nerissa John.

The group is presently recruiting SATB (Soprano, Contralto, Ténor, Bass) singers who can to a greater or lesser extent - sight read music ; when you join us, you will find a very friendly and supportive group of people.

We aim to sing A Cappella however a couple of our members can help by playing the piano accompaniment to the choral music if needed.

For the sessions led by Nerissa we pay £7.50 each (to cover her costs) ; all other sessions are free.

Most music is available free to print on CPDL - I can help with printing copies for you if this is difficult for you.

We have a WhatsApp group for members which you can join and a facebook page : www.facebook.com/swansea.singers .

We sing some very beautiful pieces by composers like Byrd, Lassus, Josquin de Pres, Tallis, Bach etc.

If you are interested or just want to try things out with us just contact us by any of the methods mentioned above.

John Lever

St Martin's Church



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Roger Draisey

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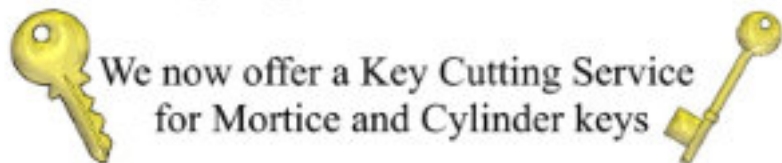


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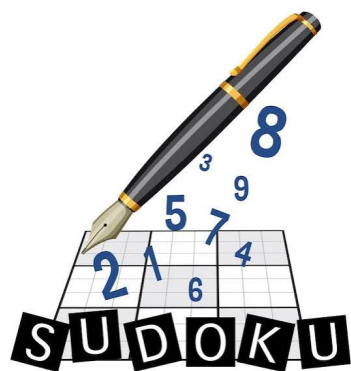


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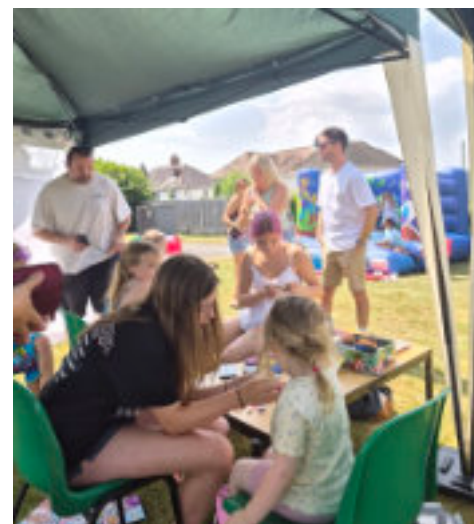
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Church Services: *St Hilary's & St Martin's*

AUGUST	ST HILARY'S KILLAY	ST MARTIN'S DUNVANT
2 Ninth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	9.30am Bubble Church 11.00am Joint Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Joint Eucharist at St Hilary's Church
6 Thursday	No Service this month	
9 Tenth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	10.00am Lay led Service
13 Thursday	No Service this month	
16 Eleventh Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	9.00am Eucharist
20 Thursday	No Service this month	
23 Twelfth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	9.30am Joint Eucharist at All Souls, Tycoch 6.00pm Café Church at St H	9.30am Joint Eucharist at All Souls, Tycoch
27 Thursday	No Service this month	
30 Thirteenth Sunday <i>after Trinity</i>	11.00am Joint Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Joint Eucharist at St Hilary's Church

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