

# CHURCH Magazine

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Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
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Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

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## Dear Friends

**Saint Matthew – called just as he was**

This month we remember Matthew's call to be an apostle of Jesus and ask what it means for us to follow Christ.

**Jesus calls us where we are:**

*'Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.' (Matthew 9:9).*

It was just an ordinary day at Matthew's tax booth, when Jesus called him. He simply got up and followed! Despite Matthew's past, his occupation and what people thought of him, Jesus still called him. Are we ready to follow when Jesus calls us into a relationship with Himself?



**Jesus comes to where we are:**

*'While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' (10,11).*

Jesus went to Matthew's home and ate with tax collectors and sinners, demonstrating that He meets people where they are, despite their sin and shame. The Pharisees avoided sinners, because they believed only the perfect could have access to God. When God is at work in the lives of those we don't expect, allow Jesus to open our hearts to embrace what He is doing.

**Jesus comforts us where we are:**

*'On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill.' (12).*

Jesus came to save sinners and to give hope to the hopeless. The Pharisees were so committed to keeping the law, that they had forgotten God's heart of compassion. However, Jesus reminded them that they were witnessing God's love in action. In what ways can we express compassion towards others, especially those outside the community of faith?

# St Hilary's & St Martin's - Who's Who

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| <b>Eucharistic Assistant:</b>      | Susan Dimblebee                                                                                                                                                            |
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## St Hilary's Church, Killay

### Sidespersons

**Sept** Diane Holohan, Chris Regan

**Oct** Jan & Jim Proudfoot

### Elements

**6th** Lay led

**13th** Centenary Service 2pm

**20th** Julie Dowzell Thomas, Spencer Thomas

**27th** Sue Davies, Roy Chapman

**Oct 4th** Lay led

### Readers

**6th** Lay led

**13th** Centenary Service 2pm

**20th** Babs Roberts

**27th** Gillian Hutchinson

**Oct 4th** Lay led

### Intercessions

**6th** Lay led

**13th** Centenary Service 2pm

**20th** Marian Williams

**27th** Jan Lewis

**Oct 4th** Lay led

### Eucharist Assistants

**6th** Lay led

**13th** Centenary Service 2pm

**20th** Roy Chapman

**27th** Cath Swain

**Oct 4th** Lay led

### Altar Flowers

**6th** Doreen, Joe and Dr Bill Johns

**13th** Church Centenary Flowers

**20th** Angela Seaward in memory of Robert

**27th** Jan Proudfoot

**Oct 4th** Eileen Nielsen in memory of Anthony

### Coffee

**6th** Anne Llewelyn, Jean Gwilym

**13th** Centenary Service 2pm

**20th** Sally Bowen, Sue Mapp

**27th** Jan Lewis, Christine Williams

**Oct 4th** Sylvia Powell, Diane Holohan

## St Martin's Church, Dunvant

### Sidespersons

**6th** Gareth Dimblebee

**13th** Roger Draisey

**20th** Ian Dimblebee

**27th** Roger Draisey

### Readers

**6th** Carol Lewis

**13th** Kim Edwards

**20th** Alun Bessette

**27th** Margaret Draisey

### Altar Flowers

**6th** Ian Dimblebee

**13th** Doreen, Jo and Dr Bill Johns

**20th** Jan Huxtable

**27th** Joyce Hoskins

**Holy Dusters** Margaret & Roger

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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, Mary Osborne (Hillside Nursing Home), Rev'd Judith Phillips, Rita Trew, Margaret Williams, Eileen Wilson and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

Denise Rogers would like to say a big thank you to all those who kindly sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Sandra Banks

This tribute is about a private, quiet much underestimated lady who spoke kindly to everyone and who spoke kindly about everyone.

Sandra was born in St. Mary's Hospital, Hampstead. Her family were from Mumbles moving to London in the 1930s. War soon came and as a young girl she was evacuated to Dorset. When she returned home she went on to Grammar School — her job on leaving school was the Land Registry in London. At 17 she met Michael who was also working there and they married in St. Peter's Church, Belsize Park. They were blessed with a daughter Gillian; they holidayed in Swansea — Gillian's God Mother was living in West Cross. Michael sought promotion with the Land Registry and was successful and they were overjoyed to move to Curry Close. Killay in 1973.

They worshipped from day one in St. Hilary's Church — Sandra having a beautiful Voice became a member of the church choir and also became a member of the Mothers' Union. She was a much respected member of the Music Society and the Bowls Club. Sandra became the Branch Secretary of the Mothers' Union and also Programme Secretary — members were always sure of being entertained with quality, interesting speakers — chosen by Sandra.

Sadly Michael passed away a few years ago but Sandra remained in the home until two years ago when Gillian and her husband David and Mum decided to purchase a home together in Lon Mefus, Tycosh. Sandra remained there until her untimely death on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Sandra extended unconditional love to her family as did Michael, and the family adored and respected her in return. Gillian has been comforted these past weeks in the knowledge that her mother and father are now together never again to be parted. We send our love and our prayers to Gillian, David, Charlotte, Nathan and Shannon.

Irene Elizabeth Nutt (affectionately known to us as Betty)

Although this is a tribute to Betty I have to include Randall. They were inseparable and I have an everlasting memory of them. Randall and Betty were members of the church choir. Randall sang in front of the organ Betty the opposite side of the sanctuary. When the choir went to receive the sacrament, Randall would stand behind his fellow choristers until Betty joined him at the head of the chancel steps they would hold hands and walk to the altar rail, kneel and receive together, then return to their respective places in the choir with a smile to each other. A joyous sight.

Betty was born in the Dulais Valley in 1928. The following year the family moved to Penrhiwceiber in the Cynon Valley. Her job after school was with the Civil Service in Cardiff and in the 1940's she met Randall — they married in 1950. At St. Winifred's Church she became a member of the Mothers' Union. 1966 they moved to their present house in Killay with their three sons - David, Gareth and Gerwen. Sadly a few years ago David died.

The following Sunday they walked into St. Hilary's Church and stayed for the rest of their lives. Betty and Randall were involved with the Gardening Club: Music Society: Church Office: Gardening trips in this country and abroad including the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Summer and Christmas Fares and any other events that the church held — Betty in the kitchen, Randall making sure everything in the hall was going to his plan. The choir was a great love of both of them as was the church Youth Club and Sunday School — both were Sunday School teachers.

Both loved travelling together; they travelled all over the world - North America; Canada; Thailand; Australia; Singapore; Hong Kong and most of the European Countries.

Betty was enrolled as a member of the Killay Mothers' Union in 1967. After serving as a committee member she became a Branch Leader carrying out the office for over 7

years. When Betty retired from the position, Fr. Timothy Williams the vicar at the time, invited Carole Pickard to take on the Office. Carol always said that Betty was a role model for her and she appreciated the help and guidance that Betty so readily gave. The Killay Mothers' Union will always remember the happy times — trips to Brecon: social bus trips: Christmas dinners: afternoon teas to name but a few. Her friendship and her generosity will be sadly missed by them. Betty's membership span over 65 years.

Betty's neighbours, for over 40 years, were Pam Davies and her late husband Murray — the family wish to record their gratitude for their friendship and loyal support of Betty to the end.

Betty lived in the same home that she moved into in 1966 and on August 10<sup>th</sup> she spent her last day there. When Randall was in the church waiting for Betty to meet up with him, she was often late, his words were "Whatever kept you Betty". I am sure that when they met up again in their heavenly home those would be his first words to Betty.

We as a Church were blessed to have had two such Christian members in our midst and we send our love, prayers and sympathy to the family on the loss of a loving mother, mother in law, grand mother and great grandmother. The late David's wife Tina and her children Jennifer and Catherine and grandchildren Amelia, Isla and Grayson: Gareth and Linda and their children Geraint and Kerys and grandchildren Sasha, Elis and Freyar; and Gerwen and Sharon.

Joy Milligan:

It was with great sadness that we heard of Joy's death.

We remember Joy as a faithful worshipper at St. Hilary's church and with fondness we remember James and Andrew being confirmed. Soon after they assisted Canon Brian Jones and Rev'd Andrew Meredith when they carried out duties as servers — Joy was so very proud of her sons.

We send our sympathy to Peter, James and Andrew and to their families.

## Alan Clewett

Alan was born in Newton, Mumbles and attended school there and worshipped in St. Peter's church. Alan then went to Dynevor School. After leaving school he worked for Richard Thomas and Baldwin's Steel Works in Gowerton. He then decided to further his education and went to night school and took on a course which enabled him to become a metallurgist.

He then joined Ford Motor Co. and remained there until his retirement.

Whilst attending St. Peter's church, until well into his adult life, he was a server, sang in the choir and carried out the duties of sides person.

At the age of 20 he met a 16 year old Carol Williams. The meeting took place at the Scout's Hall, Brynmill, during an Honour your Partner Dance - Charles Harding was there at the time and they remained good, lifelong friends up to the time of Charles's death.

1967 Carol and Alan married at St. Peter's church Newton and set up home in Lon Masarn Tycoch — Catherine and Jonathan were born there. They came to Killay in 1983 and have remained there, welcoming guests from many parts of the world as well as their local friends. Both were social people and enjoyed entertaining — Carol was well known for her cooking skills and her presentation of delicious food; she catered for many important events ably assisted by Alan. Alan joined St. Hilary's Church in 1985.

Alan was a keen golfer but he was blessed with a beautiful voice, we all know from hearing him sing in our church and also with the Gwalia Choir where he was a member for over 30 years. Alan was also a keen scouter as Carol was a keen guider — Alan for many years was District Commissioner and then again for many years Area Commissioner.

Alan was a man who did not have idle hands. He was a keen gardener — he and Carol travelled in this country and abroad and he was always on hand to carry out intricate jobs in church — he was the Safety Officer for many years and he took his position extremely seriously, no stone was unturned.

We will miss Alan as a very popular well respected gentleman who would always stop and chat to you and listen to what you had to say. He lived a very interesting life, he had many skills, and he was always happy to pass his knowledge on.

We send our love, our prayers and our heartfelt sympathy to Carol, Catherine, Jonathan and their families.

## Gloria Wilkins

I am privileged to be able to begin this tribute by going back several years. I was born in Strawberry Place, Morriston and Gloria Tucker was born two roads away in Woodfield Street and Brian Wilkins (a life long friend of my cousin Rev'd David Watkins) was born 2 miles away in Cwmrhdyceirw. So on 15 October 1960 it was only natural that I, my mother and David's mother and sister would stand at the gates of St. David's church in Morriston to see Gloria and Brian walk down the church drive on their wedding day. A glorious memory.

When Gloria left school her first job was in Peter Lord's shoe shop in Swansea. Brian was working in Lipton's Grocers in High Street and they met at the bus stop catching the same bus home. As I wrote above, they married in 1960. In 1963 they moved to Ridgeway and were blessed with two children — Cheryl and Neil. Later they were proud and happy when Neil gave them a grand daughter Katie. Gloria trained as a mid-wife in Mount Pleasant Hospital and also worked at Singleton Hospital. She later worked in Radio Rentals and ModPlan also for David McLean selling property for a development in Gorseinon. At the age of 51 she enrolled on a Microsoft Computer Course at Swansea University. She also had a great interest in well being and fitness and the need to exercise to keep healthy and attended many classes to ensure her own well being.

Both loved dancing and travelling; they travelled on cruises in the Mediterranean and for their Golden Wedding travelled to New York on the Queen Mary. Gloria was very musical as was her father, and she played the organ. She was also a talented artist — her pictures grace the walls of Ridgeway and the walls of the family. They did enjoy a full social life — enjoying the company of their neighbours Jane and Hayden and Gloria's friend Ann. Sadly Gloria's health deteriorated over the past few years but her faith and resilience helped her get over many illnesses. We send love and prayers to Brian, Cheryl and Neil and grand daughter Katie on the death of a much loved wife and mother and grandmother.

*Eileen Nielsen*



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Once again, my sincere thanks to you all.

Glenys Hall.

P.S.

While we were walking through the Botanical Gardens in Singleton Park it was lovely to see Margaret Williams (St. Martins) and other residents enjoying a Picnic Lunch in the gardens in the sunshine.



### 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](mailto: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**



Anniversary and Birthday congratulations  
and best wishes to Peter and Judith



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|                                                                                   |                                                                                                                |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:30<br>10:15 to 12:30                                           | Bubble Church (with puppets)<br>Sunday School                                                                  | 1st Sunday of the month<br>2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month | Drop In<br>Drop In                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9:00 and 10:30am.<br>9:15 to 11:00am<br>1:00 to 2:00pm<br>7:30pm | Slimming World<br>TOTS Group (up to school age)<br>Welsh Story & Rhyme Time (up to 18 months)<br>Music Society | 2nd Monday of the month                                  | Sue 07813316739<br>Drop In (Term Time)<br>Drop In (Term Time) Patsy                                                                                                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9:45 and 11:00am<br>1:15 to 2:15pm<br>6:00pm<br>2:30 to 4:00pm  | FLexercise Keep Fit for 50+<br>Chair Yoga<br>4th Killay Brownies<br>Mothers Union                              | 3rd Tuesday of the month                                 | Chris 07738199666<br>Celene 07595456532                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9:30am<br>2:00 to 3:00<br>5:30 to 7:30<br>10:00am             | Weightwatchers<br>Tai Chi<br>Annabel's School of Dance (Ballet for children & adults).<br>Luncheon Club        | 1st Wednesday of the month                               | Drop In Kate kgoudge@www.com<br>Rachel Owens 07722285175<br>racheltaichimovements@proton.me<br>Annabel Jones-Gammon<br>annabelsschoolofdance@outlook.com<br>Kay 01792206373 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>9:15am<br>5:45 to 6:45pm                                       | Foot Clinic (once a month by appointment)<br>Dancefit                                                          |                                                          | Julie 07796173074<br>Rachel info@swanseadance.com                                                                                                                           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9:00 to 10:00<br>7:00 to 10:00                                   | Just Jump (Fitness on small trampolines)<br>Indoor Bowls Club                                                  |                                                          | Stephanie Nemeth justjump78@gmail.com<br>Drop In                                                                                                                            |

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## Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - August 1976

### Golden Jubilee

The Bishop was the celebrant and preacher at the special Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 8th August at 10:30am. We were pleased to welcome to our celebrations the wife of the first vicar of the parish, Mrs D Lynne-Davies and her daughter, Dr Patricia Lynne-Davies who had come over from Palo Alto, California, and her son Dr Gerald Lynne-Davies and his wife and three children from Kitchener, Canada, together with Mrs Llewellyn Jones, the wife of the previous vicar who now lives in Morriston. During the service the Bishop dedicated a beautiful silver ciborium presented by Mrs Jones in memory of her husband, Rev Llewellyn Jones, and an all season pulpit fall made and presented by Mrs Iris Martin, Dunvant Road and two oak alms dishes given by an anonymous donor.

### Floral Festival

During the weekend, the church was decorated with flowers by the group of ladies who normally undertake the floral arrangements for the festivals.....The floral arrangements were greatly appreciated by the many hundreds who came to visit the church and we are grateful to the following ladies who were responsible for the arrangements: Mesdames Mary Pearce, Barbara Haynes, Olwen Iles, Joan Saunders, Maureen Amer, Lilian Evans, Joan Thomas, Mair Hughes, Betty Hoskins, Muriel Hitchings, Jay Warner and Pamela Clement who very ably supervised them.

### Exhibition of Art and Craft

In celebrating a Jubilee, very naturally one looks back and recalls the past history of the church and parish. It was, therefore, felt that we should also reflect the activity in the parish today. With this in mind, we invited anyone who wished to exhibit their art, craft or hobby and put them on display in the church hall during the weekend. The exhibition which resulted proved to be quite outstanding and of an extremely high standard. In addition, it was expertly laid out by those who organised it so that all the articles could be viewed to their best advantage. Its remarkable success is reflected in that nearly one thousand people came to visit it. All were surprised at the skill and talent to be found in the area. Our special thanks are due to those who loaned their exhibits; to Messrs Randall Nutt and Eric Thomas and all their helpers who organised it and to the Llchwyr Art Club for the loan of their stands.

### Jubilee Brochure

The brochure giving the history of the foundation of the parish and the building of the church was published just in time for the Jubilee weekend. Four hundred copies were printed and almost all of those were sold immediately. We have ordered a

further hundred copies and these are now available. We are deeply indebted to Dr Patricia Lynne-Davies and Mr David Morgan for their informative account of the last 50 years. Our gratitude is also due to Mr Williams, Dunvant, for producing such an attractive publication, to those who lent old photographs and to Mr Lyn Harris, Three Crosses, for providing interior and exterior photographs of the church. This booklet provided a very interesting and informative account of the formative years of the parish.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Holy Baptism

|             |                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15th August | Leigh-Ann Nicola John, 585 Gower Road                                                                                              |
| 22nd August | James Morgan Sellick and Andrew Sellick, 29 Meadow View<br>Anna Marie Roberts, 12 Dol-y-Coed<br>Jason Steven Short, 73 Killan Road |

#### Holy Matrimony

|             |                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14th August | Jeffrey Arthur Belt and Gillian Haymore<br>John Edmund Phillips and Barbara Jayne Davies<br>William John Thomas and Julie Brannigan |
| 15th August | David Lawrence Baines and Paula Jane Collins                                                                                        |
| 19th August | Keith Lewis and Janet Margaret Tucker                                                                                               |
| 21st August | Ernest Wood and Susan Margaret Williams                                                                                             |

#### Burials

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| 7th August | Brinley Joseph Jenkins, 10 Voylart |
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### The Gower Show 2026: *Volunteer, Marian Williams*

"This has always been a highlight of the year for the farming community in Gower, set in the spectacular surroundings of Penrice Castle Park. I had often attended as a visitor, but being there as a volunteer with the Wonder of Wellbeing team was a completely different experience. Setting up on Saturday afternoon with Revd. Peter, Dan and Natalie created a real sense of belonging alongside Revd. Sue and Megan from the Lamplighter and the other exhibitors. Thanks to Rach and Chloe, the organisation was superb.



"The sunshine allowed us to open the sides of the marquee, inviting people in to enjoy live music from His Nameless Birds, children's crafts, the art show, and pilgrimage information. The Steps of Faith puppet show, balloon modelling, bubble making and interaction with visitors were a real bonus, and Meg's Gower Activity Book proved popular. The chaplains, including Revd. Pete, Archdeacon Peter, Ross and Penny, maintained a welcoming presence across the showground, engaging visitors, stallholders and community services throughout the day.

It was useful to be able to draw on experience of Wild Church, the Rhossili Art Shows and the Pilgrimage Way when discussing these events with visitors as Natalie and I had participated in many of these activities, we could support Dan when he was busy with other conversations. The Assembly Bangers slot was an excellent idea for those of us of a certain age knew all the words and the actions! I remember singing Father Abraham when all the Sunday Schools went to Brecon Cathedral to meet Bishop Dewi Bridges. The midday service was well attended, with every seat taken and Louise supporting Revd. Pete. It was also good to see Patrice from Gower New Life Church joining us.

"Penny and Rach's "Where's Jesus?" scavenger hunt was a huge attraction and, for me, the highlight of the day. Children searched stalls for hidden figures and received Love Hearts when they brought them back to the marquee. Some even chose to re-hide them for others to find, while stallholders were delighted to see families visiting their stands as part of the hunt."

# Café Church

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# St Martin's Church

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ST. HILARY'S

In July 1955 my parents, David & Joy Aubrey, my sister Jennifer & I moved to our new house in Fairy Grove. My new neighbour Carol George said she attended Sunday School at the wooden building on Dunvant Rd which is now a petrol station. This was my introduction to St Hilary's. The vicar, Rev Llewellyn Jones, encouraged us to meet weekly at the school room near the Railway Inn - so along with Elwyn James & Angela Gibbs and others we were a happy group. I went on to be confirmed as was my sister in the late 1950s.

Time went on and in February 1965 I was married to Clive Lewis, originally from Upper Killay. We were blessed with 2 daughters - Denise in April 1967 and Andrea in July 1969. Both girls were christened and later confirmed at St Hilary's and in May 1993 Denise was married at St Hilary's to Michael Morley. During this time I joined Young Wives, laterly known as Ladies Guild, and enjoyed over 40 years of friendship. When my girls were having tuition prior to confirmation, Mrs Mair Hughes, wife of Canon Hughes, suggested going to St Martin's which was close to our home. We had a warm welcome and that still applies today.

St Hilary's has been the cornerstone of many of my precious memories and will always be special to me. St Martin's is also special and in February 2025, when we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, Rev Layfetta gave us both a blessing at morning service.

So thank you St Martin's & to St Hilary's a very Happy 100th birthday.

Carole Lewis.

### Colin's Bench

Colin's bench was placed at St Hilary's graveyard on August 5th by his sons David & Michael.

The bench was made by David in Bahrain in memory of their stillborn son. A while later it was shipped home to Colin and Margaret.



## 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 what clergy should wear on their feet



*My dear Nephew Darren*

*Thank you for sending me the photograph of you having your face painted at your parish's 'Fun Day' - although I can't help feeling that to label an event 'fun' is the most effective way of draining it of all amusement whatsoever. Why on earth can't parishes continue with the traditional title of 'Crowning of the Rose Queen and Fete', equally traditionally grimly enjoyed to the accompaniment of thunder and torrential rain.*

*However, the one thing that caused me the greatest concern in your photo was the fact that you were wearing sandals. Sandals are only to be worn by Franciscan monks (without socks) and holidaymakers on Blackpool promenade (regrettably, generally with socks). I know that you will argue that Jesus wore sandals. This was mainly because reliable pairs of brogues had yet to be invented, but also because He lived in a hot, dry country. We live in a cold, wet one.*

*The only appropriate colour for footwear for a parish priest is black, and the only appropriate material is leather - although I will concede that can create difficulties. Wet leather shoes and polished marble sanctuary floors are a potentially lethal combination.*

*I well remember as a curate when old Canon Griffith entered the Sanctuary, having just got drenched coming from the Rectory. His feet moved across the marble floor some miles per hour faster than the rest of his body. Had he landed face down, the congregation may have assumed he was reverently prostrating himself before the altar. But lying in a supine position, staring in a dazed state at the rafters, only conveyed inappropriate indolence, when he should be at work.*

*However, do not take the alternative of wearing crepe soles. I suspect your present church will be fully carpeted - it seems to go with your sort of theology - and there will be no problem. But crepe soles and any sort of polished stone floor are a truly disastrous mixture. The slightest movement will make it sound as if you are being followed by a swarm of demented frogs.*

*Your loving uncle,  
Eustace*

# Ministry Area Wave of Prayer

On Sept 9th we’ve a ministry area wide wave of prayer, with all our churches hosting a time of prayer – and we’ll have material to help people at home join in too. We have a timetable of when a prayer session will start at each church, which darts around the clusters so that meetings that usually take place on Wednesdays can be included in the wave of prayer.

All of these little services will have a common pattern, and there is space for each church to mark their time of prayer in different ways. So, some areas maybe inviting prayer requests from their community or church visitors through the week, some may have an extended time of quiet after the shared service, some may have various prayer activities and keep the church open.

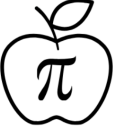
We want to create a time where all our congregations can pray for church mission and life around the ministry area, around the world and for the people and places that God is putting on our heart.

This prayer initiative is part of the 24/7 Prayer Network which is encouraging groups to use that week of September as a time to gather.

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| 9am    | The Lamplighter, Bishopston | 930am   | St David’s Llanddewi             |
| 945am  | St Mary’s Pennard           | 1030am  | All Souls Tycoch                 |
| 11am   | St Cenydd, Llangennith      | 1130am  | St Hilary’s Killay               |
| Midday | St Illtyd’s Oxwich          | 12.30pm | SS Rhidian & Illtyd, Llanrhidian |
| 1pm    | St John Penmaen             | 130pm   | St Mary Rhossili                 |
| 2pm    | St David on the Marsh       | 230pm   | St Cattwg Port Eynon             |
| 3pm    | St Teilo Bishopston         | 330pm   | St Andrew Penrice                |
| 4pm    | St Martin Dunvant           | 430pm   | St George Reynoldston            |
| 5pm    | St Madoc Llanmadoc          | 530pm   | St Nicholas Nicholaston          |
| 6pm    | St Cadoc Cheriton           | 630pm   | St Illtyd Ilston                 |
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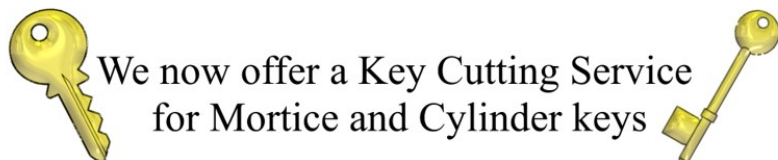


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*If you have any news or photos you would care to share please contact Roger Rees*



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## Exercise Classes

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| Tues  | 9:45am & 11:00am | Ladies |
| Tues  | 7:00pm           | Ladies |
| Thurs | 10:00am          | Ladies |

## Centenary Photo Exhibition

When I began to compile some words to go with the pictures I took of the recent Centenary Photo Exhibition, my memory took me back to a song by "Bread" and later by "Kojak" entitled, 'If a picture paints a thousand words'; well I'm certain all visitors to the two day exhibition will have gone away with many happy memories of days gone by as well as some sad ones too.

The exhibition was shown in two parts; in church with the more religious pictures, while in the Hall there were many of groups and organisations activities from across the years.

So many thanks to Sylvia and her team of volunteers who came together to

organise the event over many weeks; to those who provided the pictures, artefacts, and memorabilia; to those providing the exhibition boards, to the stewards who manned the venues. So whatever your contribution was; it was much appreciated, not forgetting the many folks who visited the exhibition, and the volunteers who put the exhibition up....and took it down at the end.

Special thanks to Anne Llewelyn and Margaret Thomas for their skills in decorating the church with beautiful floral arrangements.

*Mike Powell*



## CENTENARY PHOTO EXHIBITION



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

| SEPTEMBER                                                      | ST HILARY'S<br>KILLAY                                                        | ST MARTIN'S<br>DUNVANT                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3</b><br>Thursday                                           | 11.00am<br>Eucharist                                                         |                                                   |
| <b>6</b><br><b>Fourteenth Sunday</b><br><i>after Trinity</i>   | 9.30am Bubble Church<br>11.00am Lay led Service<br><i>Followed by coffee</i> | 11.00am<br>Eucharist                              |
| <b>10</b><br>Thursday                                          | 11.00am<br>Eucharist                                                         |                                                   |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Fifteenth Sunday</b><br><i>after Trinity</i>   | 2.00pm<br>Centenary Service                                                  | 10.00am<br>Lay led Service                        |
| <b>17</b><br>Thursday                                          | 11.00am<br>Eucharist                                                         |                                                   |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Sixteenth Sunday</b><br><i>after Trinity</i>   | 11.00am<br>Eucharist<br><i>Followed by coffee</i>                            | 9.00am<br>Eucharist                               |
| <b>24</b><br>Thursday                                          | 11.00am<br>Eucharist                                                         |                                                   |
| <b>27</b><br><b>Seventeenth Sunday</b><br><i>after Trinity</i> | 11.00am<br>Eucharist<br><i>Followed by coffee</i><br>6.00pm Café Church      | 11.00am<br>Eucharist<br><i>Followed by coffee</i> |

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