



Parish Newsletter Tycoch and Killay

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Weekly Worship Sunday

St Martin: 8am Holy Eucharist 1st
9am Holy Eucharist 3rd
11am Holy Eucharist 4th

All Souls: 9.30am - Holy Eucharist 1st /2nd
9.30am Said Eucharist 4th

St Hilary: 11.00 am Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday

All Souls: 10.30am - Said Eucharist

Thursday

St. Hilary: 11.00 am Said Eucharist



Sunday 13th January 2019 Hilary, Bishop

DIOCESAN VISION PRAYER:

Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. AMEN



Family Worship:

St Martin: 2nd Sunday

All Souls: 3rd Sunday

St Hilary: 4th Sunday

Led by Worship Leaders

2 READINGS / 3 CHURCHES:

Today the main readings taken from the Church-in-Wales Lectionary are for The Baptism of Christ and take precedence, these will be used in Tycoch and St. Martin's. However, also today we have the option to celebrate Hilary, Bishop. Therefore as the Patronal Saint, we shall use the readings for St. Hilary in Killay Parish Church this morning.

JOINT SERVICE IN DUNVANT NEXT SUNDAY : WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

All are invited to inter-denomination worship at Ebenezer Chapel on Dunvant Square next Sunday evening at 6pm. A great opportunity to start the new year with renewing old friendships – and making new ones by worshipping together.



WHAT COMES AFTER ALPHA?

Following the success of the Alpha Course, we will be running The Prayer Course – a partnership between 24-7 Prayer and Alpha. The course will explore prayer over a 6 week period. The course will begin tomorrow (14th Jan) at 7pm in Killay Parish Centre. Each session will begin with coffee/tea, then a short video, before splitting into groups for discussion and prayer. The suggestion is that you might like to bring an unchurched friend with you? To find out more contact Jeremy or Sarah Harris

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS – AND GIFTS: Canon Phillip and Sian were overwhelmed by the number of Christmas cards received, and gifts too! The gifts in glassware have been particularly enjoyed. As it is not possible to send cards to everyone, please accept our grateful thanks for your love and generosity.

‘THAT THEY BE ONE’ – A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18TH – 25TH JANUARY): ‘My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.’ (John 17:20,21). The basis of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Jesus’ prayer for the unity of the Church. We need to pray for greater unity across the denominations, as this will help people to believe in Jesus for themselves. Paul reminds us that while we are ‘one body and one Spirit’ (Eph 4:4), we have to strive for unity: ‘Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.’ (Ephesians 4:3). What does this mean practically? Love Christians across boundaries: What opportunities do we have to build relationships with Christians in other churches, recognising all we share in our faith in Christ? As Paul says; ‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.’ (Eph 4:2). Serve Christian across boundaries: How can we show love for other Christians or take opportunities to partner together? Despite the fundamental barriers that separate us, if we can demonstrate God’s love together, those around see that we really are Christians. This brings glory to God! ‘How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!..there the Lord bestows his blessing’ (Ps 133:1,3). The picture of oil running down Aaron’s beard is messy! Striving towards unity is worth the messiness, as it results in blessing. ‘The Lord asks us for unity; our world, torn apart by all too many divisions that affect the most vulnerable, begs for unity’ (Pope Francis).

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect

Everlasting God, whose servant Hilary steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ to be both human and divine: grant us his gentle courtesy to bring to all the message of redemption in the incarnate Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A reading from the book of Ezekiel (Ch.34 v:11-16)

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries; and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

A reading from the First Letter from John (Ch.2: v18-25)

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us - eternal life.

Year C – Hilary (Bishop)

Psalm 28 : v. 6-9

6. Blessed be the Lord; for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

7. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

8. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

9. O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint...

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

John (Ch.8: v.25-32)

So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Christ our Lord.