



# Parish Newsletter Tycoch and Killay



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## Weekly Worship

### Sunday

**St Martin:** 8am Holy Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup>  
9am Holy Eucharist 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11am Holy Eucharist 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**St Hilary:** 11.00 am Holy Eucharist.

### Wednesday

**All Souls:** 10.30am - Said Eucharist

### Thursday

**St. Hilary:** 11.00 am Said Eucharist

# Sunday 26 January The Conversion of Paul, Apostle



## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

**All Souls:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**St Hilary:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*Led by Worship Leaders*

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## **TODAY IS HOMELESS SUNDAY – A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP:**

Homeless Sunday is a chance for people to show solidarity with those experiencing homelessness and to reflect and plan practical action to help them. Homeless Sunday comes at the start of the night shelter season, allowing it to be marked in prayer. Archbishop John is urging all churches in Wales to take part. He said: “Tragically the sight of people sleeping rough has now become the norm in many cities and towns and setting up night shelters for those with nowhere else to go in the winter months is an increasing part of our churches’ mission. “Homeless Sunday is a chance for us to focus on this bleak fact – to pray and act for those who have nowhere to call home and to offer unconditional support for our volunteers who help them. We also give thanks for the blessings that volunteering can bring and hope that more people will be inspired to get involved.” All forms of homelessness have increased by four per cent since 2017. There are around 320,000 families homeless in Britain. Roughly 36 households become homeless every day. In Wales the picture is mixed but showing a general upward trend year on year for both homelessness and rough sleeping. In the Autumn of 2018, it was found that 158 people were sleeping rough in Wales. Since 2015 the number of individuals sleeping rough in Wales has increased by 193%.

## **TODAY IS WORLD LEPROSY DAY:**



Leprosy has been forgotten by society - leaving the people affected ignored and isolated. By raising awareness around the world we can tackle the prejudice and discrimination which often stops people coming forward for treatment, and raise funds to help beat the disease. Why not use World Leprosy Day to tell your friends and family about us. By simply passing on your knowledge and telling someone about us and our work, you'll be making a big difference. Leprosy can cause permanent nerve damage in the feet of people affected by the disease. Many are unable to feel pain and can injure their feet without realising. Our custom protective-footwear enables people affected by leprosy to walk without fear of gaining an injury. The footwear costs £3 to produce. Host a Socks and Sandals day, wear your funkiest socks and sandals combination and donate £3 so that a person affected by leprosy can regain their confidence and independence free from the threat of injury. For more information visit <https://www.lepra.org.uk/world-leprosy-day-2020>

## **JANUARY 100 CLUB DRAW:**

This month's draw took place at St.Martin's Church last Sunday. The two winners were – 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Ellis (*All Souls*) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Ann Ryan (*St.Hilary's*). Subs for 2020 are now due!

## **WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**



Please join with others at St Benedicts Church Sketty for the World Day of Prayer at 11am Friday 6 March 2020. This year's theme is Rise! Take up your Mat and Walk.

## **REMINDER PCC MEETINGS:**

### **Parish of Killay:**

Thursday 13th February 7.15pm  
in Choir Vestry at St. Hilary's.

### **Parish of Tycoch:**

Tuesday 18th February 7pm in  
Choir Vestry at All Souls.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **Collect**

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## *A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. (Ch1 v.4-10)*

The word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

## *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Ch.9 v.1–22)*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the

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sake of my name.’ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ All who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?’ Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

### **Psalm 67**

1. God be gracious to us and bless us; and make his face to shine upon us.
2. That your way may be known upon earth; your saving power among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, our own God, will bless us.
7. God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

### **Matthew. (Ch.19 v.24-30)**

Jesus said, ‘I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, ‘Then who can be saved?’ But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.’ Then Peter said to Jesus: ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**