



Parish Newsletter Tycoch and Killay

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Weekly Worship Sunday

St Martin: 8am Holy Eucharist 1st/4th
9am Family Worship/Holy Eucharist 2nd/3rd

All Souls: 9.30am - Holy Eucharist

St Hilary: 11.00 am Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday

All Souls: 10.30am - Said Eucharist

Thursday

St. Hilary: 11.00 am Said Eucharist

Sunday 28th October

Bible Sunday

(The Last Sunday after Trinity)



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

TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY – WHY?:

The aim of Bible Sunday is to help place Scripture right at the very heart of our lives, our churches and our hearts. But also to challenge ourselves to look beyond our own church walls, to realise that we are exceptionally blessed to own God's Word not only in our own language but in many versions and formats, while millions around the world cannot access even a single verse in their own language. Perhaps this will help us approach the Bible with fresh eyes, with the reality of what an incredible gift we have in our hands..

ITEMS LEFT AT ALL SOULS CHURCH:

Over recent weeks, the following items have been found at All Souls...

- Red/Grey Stormtech brand hooded anorak, Medium adult size.
 - A5 size white ipad in red Snugg brand case.
- Please contact Tycoch Wardens if you believe one of these items to be yours. The anorak is in the Vestry, the ipad is being securely held at the Vicarage.

HARVEST VISION APPEAL:

Last day for unwanted specs today.



HELP WITH LIFTS AT ST. HILARY'S:

We are looking for volunteer drivers to offer lifts to and from Sunday morning services on a rota basis. Please contact one of the Wardens if you feel able to help.

HALLOWEEN – WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?:

There shall not be found among you anyone...who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord (*Deuteronomy 18:10-13*).

ALL SOULS PARISH LUNCH:

All are invited to join us for Sunday Lunch NEXT SUNDAY at The Black Boy. If you would like to come along, please put your name on the list at the back of the church, to assist with catering arrangements – N.B. The list will close today. Everyone will order and pay for their own meals on the day.

KILLAY – BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

We hope that you will help in this huge fundraising event, largely spearheaded by Dave and Mary Jones. Please take some raffle tickets books as you leave the church this morning. The grand draw will take place following a Carol Service on **Wednesday 12th December**. This will also be the launch of this year's Christmas Tree Festival, following a break last year.

ARCHBISHOP'S DEANERY VISITATION – A REMINDER:

All Parish Officers and anyone holding a Bishop's Licence i.e. Eucharistic Assistants and Lay-worship leaders are required to attend this formal gathering at St. Michael's Church in Pontarddulais on **Wednesday** at 6.30pm.

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. (Ch.55 v.1-11)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy. (Ch.3 v.14 - 4.5)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is

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coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Psalm 19. 7-14

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

11. By them also is your servant taught; and in keeping them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults!

13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins; lest they get dominion over me.

13a. So shall I be undefiled; and innocent of great offence.

14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St.... **John. (Ch.5 v.36b-47)**
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to the Jews, 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to Christ our Lord