



# 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>

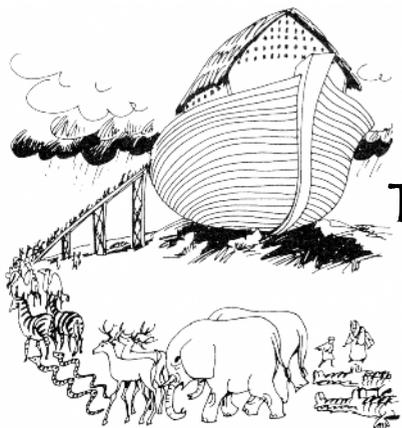
**St Hilary:** 11.00 am Holy Eucharist.

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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



# SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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*

**ST HILARY'S  
MUSIC SOCIETY:**

**Tomorrow** evening at 7.30pm in St. Hilary's Parish Centre, we will be welcoming Les and Penny Ryan and The Ariosa Singers for their annual performance. All welcome to this highly enjoyable event.

Members free, visitors £2.



**MATTHIAS, APOSTLE:**

We shall celebrate this interesting character at All Souls Eucharist on **Wednesday** at 10.30a.m.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:**

Every day in Sierra Leone, 10 women die in childbirth. In rural communities, the poorest women are forced to walk for hours under the baking sun to find a nurse or midwife while others travel on the back of a motorbike to reach medical care far away, in what is the world's most dangerous country to give birth. May to December are the 'hunger months' in Sierra Leone and on one meal a day, some mums simply don't have the strength to survive a difficult labour. Others are fortunate enough to have a basic clinic nearby; these often lack essential equipment, beds and supplies and have no light meaning babies are delivered by torchlight at night. Wherever he went, Jesus was moved by the suffering of people and Christian Aid is inviting churches to stand up for mums this Christian Aid Week (*May 12-18th*) against the scandal of life ending when it should be beginning. Christian Aid is helping communities build their own health clinics and is delivering health training and helping improve hygiene to save lives in a country where one in nine children don't live to see their fifth birthday. Ministry of Health figures showed in 2013 that 40% of the mums who died were teenagers and Christian Aid's partner RADA is facilitating health clubs in schools to help girls make informed decisions and stay in education. Christian Aid regional coordinator for South and Mid Wales, Cynan Llwyd said: "Christian Aid Week is an amazing celebration of our potential to change the world, through generosity, solidarity and action. "Our world needs hope right now. Every mother, every child, all of us are made in God's image and we passionately believe that when we come together the almighty power of people can make a world in which dignity, equality and justice is experienced by everyone. Let's stand together this Christian Aid Week for dignity, equality and justice. Make sure that the whole community knows what's happening – remember to order your bunting, banners and posters!" **Please be generous and give what you can in the big red envelopes at the back of your church.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Thurs 30th – Ascension Day:** This lesser celebrated feast will be marked with the 11am Eucharist at St.Hilary's.

7pm that evening there will be the first PCC meeting of the new session for Tycoch (*at The Vicarage*). Please let Vicar/Churchwardens have items for agenda.

**Sunday 2nd June – Joint Service** at Siloam, 6pm: Guest preacher will be Canon Phillip, all are welcome from across the Christian perspective in the area.

**Saturday 29th June – Ordination service** at Brecon Cathedral, 2pm: Clyne Trinity's own Sr.Marian will be Ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of Wales. Please support Sr.Marian in your prayers.

**NEXT 5th SUNDAY – Sunday 30th June**, at 10.30am: This time the service takes place in Holy Trinity Church in Sketty Park, and the newly ordained Sr.Marian will be taking a full part in the service.

\*N.B.\* There will be no other services that morning.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*A reading from the book of:*

**Genesis. (Ch.7 v.1–5, 11–18; Ch.8 v.6–18; Ch.9 v.8–13)**

The Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind – every bird, every winged creature. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God

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said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Ch.9 v.36-43)*

There was in Joppa a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **Psalm 23**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul; and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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**John. (Ch.10 v.22-30)**

### ***Glory to Christ our Saviour***

The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

*This the Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise to Christ our Lord***