



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 2nd December The First Sunday of Advent



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

**SET AN EXTRA PLACE FOR JESUS:
HELP FUND DIOCESAN FAMILY CENTRES:**



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If, tomorrow, Jesus walked among us in Swansea or Brecon as he walked in Galilee 2,000 years ago, where would he start his visit, do you think? He might start in the Quadrant in Swansea – who knows? He might start in the Beacons or the villages of Gower. There again he might start in the places where Faith in Families have their family centres. For more than 17 years Faith in Families has been helping parents by running family centres. It is the work of Jesus. But of course Jesus is coming, isn't he? On December 25th we will celebrate with slap-up Christmas meals: turkey, roast potatoes, all the trimmings and Christmas pudding. One estimate of the cost of a Christmas meal for four today is £84.27. How about including Jesus in the meal? It would cost you £21.07 – assuming Jesus eats as much as everyone else eats. The suggestion is that you give £21.07 this Advent to Faith in Families – or more if you are going to drink champagne...If all the worshippers in all the parishes in our Diocese gave £21.07 to Faith in Families that would be £105,350. And they need the money. And we could keep the family centres open in 2019 – long enough to find new sources of funding. You can give online: Visit: www.faithinfamilies.wales Or you can access our appeal page at: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/FIFsaveourcentres>.

Or send a cheque to: 'Save our Centres' Faith in Families Core Services 6-9 Llangwm, Penlan, Swansea SA5 7JU.

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

There is a regular meeting at Siloam on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm to pray for various aspects of our Christian presence in the community of Killay and Dunvant. The idea is that people from various Christian churches can meet together in a very informal way, this time prayer will be especially focussed on the

KILLAY CHRISTMAS

FAYRE SUCCESS:

Thank you to all who helped in any way, the huge sum of £1,740 was raised on the day, and we still have the Big Christmas Draw coming up following our Killay Parish Carol Service on **12th December** – that should further swell the coffas.

ADVENT 

ADVENT – A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

I've just been watching on BBC Breakfast, there was a debate on how soon do you start eating mince pies? – one presenter spoke of having his first mince pie in August! It is not Christmas yet, even though Christmas lights could be seen in windows in late October! We need to prepare for Christmas, that is what Advent is all about. To help you prepare, details of the various Christmas Carol Services appear both in the magazine (available today) and on the web-sites, posters will start appearing soon. If you want to put one date in your diary, the Christingle Service this year will be on Friday 14th December at 6pm in All Souls Church – truly one of the biggest services of the year! There is also a brand new concept in Killay this Christmas – help find the sheep treasure hunt, linked to a Messy Christmas Party in St. Hilary's Parish Centre on Saturday before Christmas – details can also be found in magazine.

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah. (Ch.33 v.14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. (Ch.3 v.9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Psalm 25. 1-10

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame; but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
3. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.
5. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love; for they are from everlasting.

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6. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
8. He will guide the humble in doing right; and teach his way to the lowly.
9. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth; to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
10. For your name's sake, O Lord; be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Luke. (Ch.21 v.25-36)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to Christ our Lord

