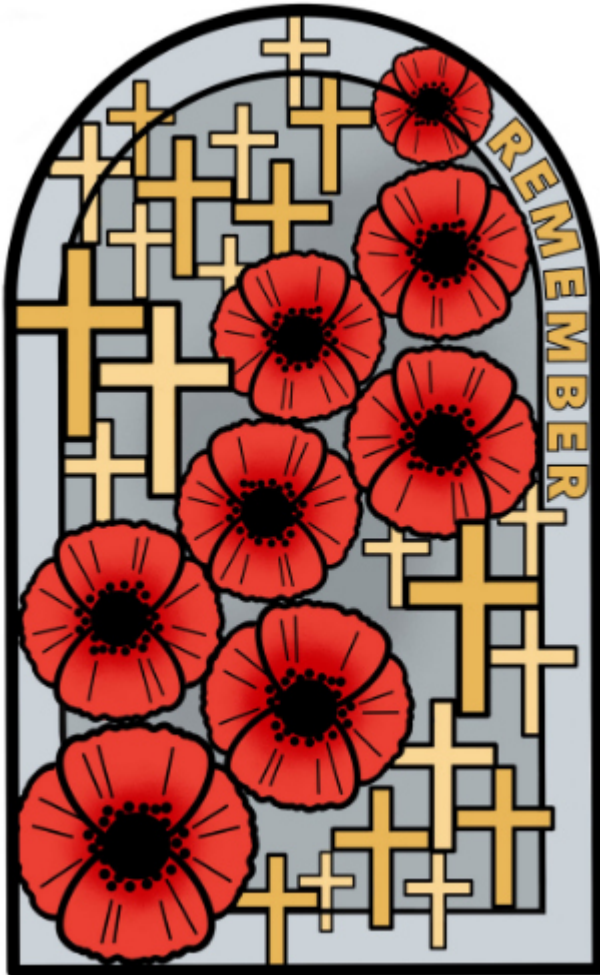


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## Dear Friends

### War and Peace

John Lennon wrote: *'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.'* But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the *real* way to peace.

**The way of war:** *'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.'* (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

**The way of peace:** Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.



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**3rd** Lay led service

**10th** Alan Clewett, Spencer Thomas

**17th** Geraldine & Roger Rees

**24th** Carol Conway, Jan Lewis

**Dec 1st** Lay led service

### Readers

**3rd** Lay led service

**10th** Jim Proudfoot

**17th** Jan Lewis

**24th** Nigel Fletcher

**Dec 1st** Lay led service

### Eucharist Assistants

**3rd** Lay led service

**10th** Cath Swain

**17th** Mike Powell

**24th** Roy Chapman

**Dec 1st** Lay led service

### Altar Flowers

**3rd** Mike Bevan in memory of Yvonne

**10th** Sue Mapp in memory of her mother

**17th** Val Beynon in memory of David

**24th** Jean Gwilym in memory of Glen

**Dec 1st** ADVENT

### Coffee

**3rd** Carol Conway, Jan Lewis

**10th** Jan Proudfoot, Christine Williams

**17th** Anne Llewelyn, Jean Gwilym

**24th** Eileen & Nigel Fletcher

**Dec 1st** Diane Holohan, Chris Regan

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**10th** Sue Dimblebee

**17th** Roger Draisey

**24th** Ian Dimblebee

### Readers

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**10th** Alun Besette

**17th** Margaret Draisey

**24th** Haulwen Lumsdain

### Altar Flowers

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# News

## We pray for those who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing homes.



### Our thoughts are also with those who lovingly care for them by day and night.

Julie Cole, Miriam Evans, Doll Lee, Don Lewis (Cynthia's Husband), Diane Lewis (Hillside Nursing Home), Eunice Miron, Diana Mowatt (Hengoed Court Residential Home), Olwen Nicholas, Betty Nutt, Mary Osborne (Hillside Nursing Home), Rev'd Judith Phillips, Gwynneth Prestwood (Hengoed Court Nursing Home), Rita Trew, Gloria and Brian Wilkins, Eileen Wilson and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

### Enid James:

We send our prayers at this time to Caroline and Jeff Thomas and their families — Laura, Robert and Ella, Robert, Heidi and Evie: on the death of a much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Enid died at home in her 99 year and was, up to her last weeks, interested in her church. When she and her late husband Cyril married, they lived in Killan Road so St. Martin's Church was where they worshipped. She moved to St. Nicholas Court in 1982 and carried on their Faith at St. Hilary's Church. She loved to read the magazine and hear all church news. She will be sadly missed by her neighbours and friends. Enid walked with Jesus every day of her life. She knew her Jesus and her Jesus knew Enid. May she Rest in Peace.

Birthday wishes to Ken James who celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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### CHURCH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to our readers and all of you who make our Church Magazine possible and to all who help in delivering door to door, it is very much appreciated. It is that time of year when the annual subscriptions for the Church Magazines delivered to you are due for payment.

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# Music Society

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October Speaker: Members own

Our chairperson Babs Roberts welcomed us to the meeting and gave a talk and played CD's on the music of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. He was a Russian composer in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was the first Russian composer to make a mark internationally. Born in 1840 he was not educated musically but for the civil service. He eventually entered the Saint Petersburg Conservatory and graduated in 1865. He wrote some of the most popular concert and theatrical music including the ballets 'Swan Lake' and 'The Nutcracker', 'the 1812 Overture', concertos, symphonies and opera.

Despite his successes his life was blighted by personal problems and depression, including being separated from his mother to go to boarding school and her early death, the death of a close friend and his failed marriage. He died suddenly of cholera at 53 years old.

Music played included the following:

'Sugar Plum Fairy' from the Nutcracker Suite. This gave happy memories for Angela as she can remember dancing to this with her colleagues working at the telephone exchange at the GPO.

'5<sup>th</sup> Symphony in E minor' played by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra asked for by Gillian.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Movement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony. Everyone enjoyed this music.

Nutcracker Suite -

'Arabian Dance'. This was very dramatic with tambourines.

'Chinese Dance'.

'Dance of the Reed Flutes'. Many will recognize this from a chocolate advert.

'Waltz of the Flowers'. Another well known tune.

Swan Lake

The 2<sup>nd</sup> movement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony (Pathétique). This was very dramatic.

1812 Overture. This started quietly then became more lively.

Barbara thanked everyone for listening and we all enjoyed the music.

An interesting and informative talk by Clive and his playing of the piano enjoyed by all. Angela gave the vote of thanks.

*Phyllis Rott*

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## The war of the cafés and the laptops



How do you regard your local café? As a place to meet your friends and catch up on the local news? Or as your office, where you do emails, hold Zoom meetings and work for hours – all for the price of a cappuccino?

It seems that across the country, local cafés are being invaded by laptop holding freeloaders who want to use their premises as free office space.

One café owner tells the story of a project manager who spends his morning in her café holding Zoom

meetings in a very loud voice, and then paces the length of her café to discuss weekly sales targets on the phone, oblivious of other customers. “He is really focused on his meetings – he got furious when I finally said something.”

Another café owner tells of several laptop workers who move into her café for the entire day, taking up tables for hours and hours, all for the price of one cup of coffee. “But we are a small independent business, so we need to keep those tables busy and turned around!”

Still another has been told to keep her café quiet during the laptop users’ Zoom meetings, and even to stop other customers from talking at all.

The café owners are united in saying that they welcome laptop workers as long as they spend money appropriate to the time they spend at the tables, and who do not stay for more than two hours. “Otherwise, there is no warm, bustling atmosphere. The place becomes silent like an office, with people intent over their computers. It is the kiss of death to our business.”

## Gwynneth's Birthday Party



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October I arrived with 2 members of Ladies Guild at a fantastically decorated lounge in Hengoed Court. There were lots of people gathered there, friends and fellow residents of Gwynneth, friends from church and ladies guild, along with her sons Michael and Christopher with their wives Debra and Tina and her lovely grand-daughter Lena.

Sitting next to Gwynneth was Diana Mowat whom we all know with fondness as a regular church member at St. Hilary's. At the centre was the Birthday Girl Gwynneth looking well and really enjoying all the socialising with her family and friends old and new.

The buffet food laid on for us was excellent with a very tasty Birthday Cake. We were entertained by a gentleman playing guitar and singing, we all joined in the singing and some dancing. I did spy our own Jane Risborough having a dance. (No surprise there!!!).

Of course Gwynneth was in her element, she does love being with people and it was a joy to see her so happy with family and friends. All our love and best wishes to you Gwynneth.

Many thanks to Gwynneth her family and the staff at Hengoed Court for a most memorable afternoon.

*Angela Reed*



## Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold, Cubed sugar was regarded as posh
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping,
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food
21. Prunes were medicinal
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

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## Annual Christmas Concert

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## Church in Wales to invest nearly £10m in new schemes to promote growth

The Church in Wales has announced investment totalling nearly £10m in four major projects designed to promote growth in church attendance across the nation.

Projects in north east Wales, in Swansea and in Monmouth will be given multi-million-pound grants to develop new initiatives, centres and church communities.

The grants are being made from the Church Growth Fund, in which the Church is investing £100m to support projects in a once-in-a-generation opportunity to resource confident and consistent evangelism throughout Wales.

The Church Growth Fund is a development of the Church in Wales's recent Evangelism Fund programme, which has been successful in helping create fast-growing congregations in several parts of Wales.

One of the four new projects is for six new 'Mission Hub Churches' in the diocese of St Asaph, which has already successfully established four such Hub

projects since 2021 in Welshpool, Mold, Penrhyn Bay and Holywell.

The second project, also in St Asaph diocese, is a scheme to create a team of Pioneer Missioners in rural areas to support mission in church congregations.

For the third project, totalling £2.8m over five years, St Mary's Church in Swansea city centre will become the first minster church in Wales next year.

For the fourth project, the Diocese of Monmouth has secured funding of more than £1m to help grow new worshipping communities by building stronger relationships with schools. The project will provide a Schools Engagement Pioneer (SEP) for four carefully selected locations - North Monmouthshire, East Cardiff, Islwyn, and Abergavenny.

The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Revd Andrew John, said: "The Church Growth Fund represents a transformative step forward in our mission to reach communities across Wales with the love and hope of the Gospel."



## Mothers' Union

Our first meeting in October was a very relaxing and thought provoking experience. Nabeel Masih, our vicar's husband, spoke to us about his faith, music and worship. Nabeel is a senior lecturer at Trinity St David University in Computer Animation and visual effects. Nabeel leads worship in English, Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi. His vibrant spiritual music transcends cultural barriers, infusing hope and unity. Nabeel and family lived in Abu Dhabi due to his father's work and later the family returned to Pakistan. Eventually due to the political situation they moved to the UK. Nabeel performed in several bands delivering the Christian message in a very sincere style. Nabeel put great emphasis on how we should treat others in a caring helpful and compassionate way. He sat with members for refreshments and answered many of their questions in a lovely friendly manner.



Our second meeting in October was attended by Rev Tim Williams, Mothers' Union Chaplain, his wife, Helen who is the MU Diocesan Secretary and our Diocesan President, Ruth Roberts who is due to retire after six years. Our new president in January 2025 will be Gillian Knight, wife of the former vicar of Sketty, Canon Andrew Knight. Rev Tim spoke to us about his role of chaplain at the Royal Welsh Show (RWS) and the team of people that he works with. The showground at Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys is a very busy working area and the team of chaplains are available for any event at the Royal Welsh Showground

to listen, help and advise people of all faiths or none. There are very many trade stands, competitions, international visitors, sponsors, indoor and outdoor events. The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society has played a large role in the development of agriculture and rural economy in Wales for over a century since 1904. The RWS is considered to be the largest agricultural show in Europe. Almost a quarter of a million people visit the RWS annually. Both Rev Tim and his wife Helen are dedicated chaplains at the RWS and they, with the other members of the team, work all the year round providing pastoral care for staff, visitors and exhibitors.

Ruth, our retiring president thanked members for their support over the last six years and gave each member a bookmark with our founder, Mary Sumner's prayer on the reverse of a beautiful photo of a stained-glass window. She left us with a pack of up to date MU information for Rev Layfetta.

### Future dates: -

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	11 am	St Mary's Swansea, MU Archidiaconal Eucharist, organised by Cockett branch.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	2 pm	Church Hall, Andrew Jones – "Remembrance".
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	2.15 pm	St Mary's Swansea, Fr Mark Griffiths – Advent Service.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	2 pm	Church Hall, Debra John – "Gower Dreaming".

Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings.

*Carole and Alan Pickard.*

**The Ministry Area Big Quiz in aid of Tearfund  
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## St Martin's Harvest Festival Supper



St Martin's Harvest Festival Supper turned into know your neighbour, that is people who live near our church but never take that step and come in. The idea came from our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Tickets were given firstly to our regular church members and the rest to those who supported the Macmillan coffee morning, and neighbours we did not know. 34 packed in with space very limited, they were served Chili and Rice and Lamb Cawl, followed by ginger cake and welsh cakes. Live music was provided by Keyboard Vocalist Martin Draisey playing songs from the Eighties.

This was not a fund raising event but a Community event, but donations and a raffle raised £286 for our church funds.

A very big thank you to all who helped in any way and we hope our work will entice people to regular worship in St Martin's.

*Roger Draisey*



## Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - November 1974

### HARVEST SUPPER

After a short but enjoyable service in church a large number of people gathered in the Church Hall for the annual Harvest Supper. The ladies of the PCC with the men's wives once again surpassed themselves with a superb buffet, beautifully laid out. The vicar and church wardens welcomed Mr and Mrs Griffin to the parish and hoped their stay would be pleasant and long standing. The remainder of the evening was given over to entertainment provided by Mr Eric Thomas and Mr Randall Nutt and took the form of a community quiz, some solo items, and 'Call My Bluff'. We wish to thank all those who took part and, from the eagerness with which the supper is anticipated, it has now established itself as a very important social occasion in the life of the parish.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We hope that additional efforts will be made this year to ensure the success of the Christmas Bazaar.....This year we have introduced a number of changes with regard to the arrangements for the bazaar. It is to be held on a week-night - Thursday, 5th December, at 6:30pm. The stalls will include home made cakes and sweets, grocery, soft toys, secondhand jewellery, Christmas decorations, Christmas gifts, garden, bathroom, babywear. In addition there will be a grotto where the children can visit Father Christmas.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Our thanks to the two visiting preachers during the month, Canon Walters James, who preached at the Harvest service and Dr Maxwell who spoke on his work as a medical missionary in Chile. We gratefully acknowledge the gift of £25 from the Mothers' Union and an anonymous gift of robes for the choir.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### HOLY BAPTISM

6th October	Joanne Louise Penzer, Eythorne, Dover Kelly Louise Gadd, 32 Broadacre, Dunvant
13th October	Michael William Sellick, Goetre Fawr Road, Killay Deborah Estelle and Isabel Jayne Grey, Cae Crwn, Killay

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

5th October	John Richard Woodthorpe and Patricia Anne Porter
12th October	Roland Thomas and Margaret Patricia Hare
26th October	Stephen Anthony Bagnulo and Janet Elizabeth Halsey

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<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:45 and 11:00am 6:00pm 2:00 to 4:00pm	<b>Flexercise Keep Fit for 50+</b> <b>4th Killay Brownies</b> <b>Mothers Union – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</b>	Chris - 07738199666
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4:00pm 10:00am	<b>Drama Kids Academy</b> <b>Luncheon Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month</b>	Steph - 07944430123 Kay - 01792206373
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:15am 7:00 to 8:00pm	<b>Foot Clinic (once a month by appointment)</b> <b>Holistic Sound Therapy- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month</b> Promotes relaxation and stress relief	Emma - 01792427515 / 07790230195 Faith Challinor-Wheatley 01792290458 - Faithcomplementaryholistics@yahoo.co.uk
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:00 to 9:00	<b>Indoor Bowls Club</b>	Drop In to enquire
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## Church Review

## News from the Ministry Area Council from Peter Lewis

At our September MAC meeting we agreed to undertake a review of our church life and mission as The Gower Ministry Area, a prayerful exercise in listening to the Lord, sharing our thoughts together and making plans. The process will involve the Archdeacon of Gower (Ven Jonathan Davies), our laity in our congregations and our clergy in the ministry area.

Using Psalm 23 as our backdrop, it is a process by which we can feel confident that the Anglican churches in our ministry area are best equipped for us to proclaim that the Lord Jesus is our Shepherd: an invitation that we offer to the unchurched and an expression for deepening the discipleship of church members.

This review gives scope to express dynamic and bold steps forward, a faithfulness of living out our faith, ideas for growth as well as the challenges of declining congregations, scarcity of people with the energy/time/skills and insufficient finances.

This variety of feelings and circumstances are all contained within Psalm 23 and we need to be realistic in recognising that the Lord is with us in the valley of the shadow of death as much as by quiet waters and green pastures.

The review itself is a series of questions to be discussed around the topics of Vision, Plans, Purpose; Pastoral and Caring; Growing Faith; Buildings; Giving and Finance; Worship.

The plan is:

*Oct-Dec 2024*, MA Chapter (clergy, MA wardens, MA treasurer, MA chair) review each congregation, noting the insights from the priests with particular oversight in the relevant cluster of churches.

*Jan - Mar 2025*, each congregational committee uses the questions to review their church together.

*May 2025*, MA Chapter & Archdeacon consider first and second reviews and make recommendations

*June 2025*, MAC and congregations respond to recommendations

*Sept 2025*, MAC work to agree on a plan, following any constitutional procedures, appropriate steps are initiated in a timely manner.

## Sermon Series

All our congregations will be following the same themes from 17th Nov through to mid Advent. We start with safeguarding Sunday and then move through four weeks considering topics of 'growing as disciples'.

### In Search of Christmas

Last year in Reynoldston, lots of people from all over the ministry area took part in a family trail around the village. This year we have an event which will bring people to follow clues around the village whilst visiting three venues: the village hall for puppets singing and dancing; St George's Church for creative prayer and then the Methodist chapel for Christmas craft. The event will help all ages engage with the Nativity and will run from 11am to 4pm.

If you'd like to come and take part, helping out, contact Revd. Peter Lewis (peterlewis@cinw.org.uk) 079440566335, or if you have youngsters in the family, bring them along for a fabulous free Christmassy day out.

### Wonder of wellbeing

Venture out this month with a new art exhibition at Rhossili's St Mary's that has been put together to help people contemplate The Lord's Prayer afresh.

Take a fresh Autumnal walk and pop into the Art Show, open 10am to 3pm. Treat yourself to a little spiritual retreat at our free creative Workshops 10am to 3pm on Nov 13th 10am to 3pm at Llanmadoc's St Madoc's youth centre (textured paper postcard and wild walking); or in our own Reynoldston's Methodist Chapel on Nov 20th (handlettering creative art). If you'd like to have space outside for prayerfulness, then come to Wild Church walk on Saturday 23rd Nov 1pm Oxwich exploring 'Seeking Solitude' as we venture along the beach to Nicholaston woods. Information and booking at wonderofwellbeingower.org.uk

Our Growth Fund Bid for the wellbeing project for 5 years will be assessed by the panel at the end of November, and if successful then Chloe will be continuing as the creative practitioner and will be joined by a wellbeing chaplain and a project coordinator.

This project will then have much more connection throughout the ministry area from Tycoch to Llangenneth.

### Becoming a Registered Charity

Gower Ministry Area will soon be a charitable incorporated charity and the MAC will be trustees. Thank you to treasurers and MAC members who've helped us in the process. When we get our charity number, that will need to be displayed in our correspondence and we will be processing our Gift Aid as a ministry area (but each congregation will get their own appropriate monies from any submission).

## Exercise Classes



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## St James the Least of All

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'*

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

### On why the Church should never combine parishes

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.*

*I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.*

*The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so like to have a church not to go to.*

*The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.*

*(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)*

*Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.*

*The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.*

*In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.*

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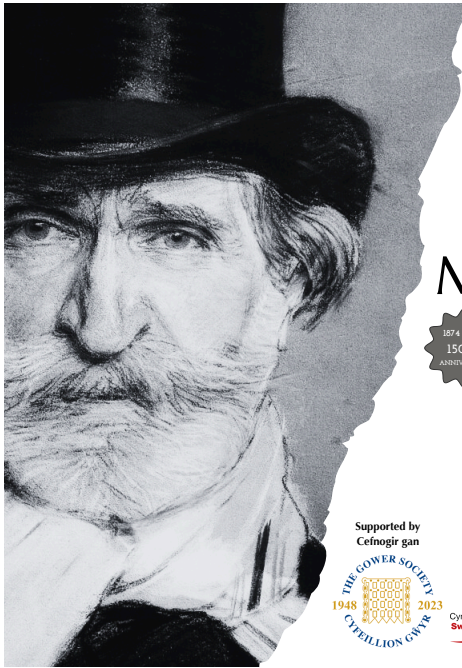
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## HARVEST SUPPER – Friday 18th October 2024

Over 70 members of St Hilary's, St Martin's, All Souls and friends from the Ministry area joined together in the Parish Centre for an evening of good food, good company and excellent entertainment.

The evening got off to a foot tapping, finger clicking and clapping start with the Swansea U3A Ukulele big band. The band of over 20 ukelele musicians, led by Andy Skilling played for over an hour with a repertoire that spanned tunes written over 100 years. Not forgetting the band were ably assisted by the one and only Mike Powell on the cajon (a Peruvian percussion instrument!)

The audience were encouraged to sing along to many varied songs including; Travelling Light (Cliff Richard), Sherry Baby (Four Seasons), Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? (The Sheralles), Pretty Woman (Roy Orbison) and Living Next Door to Alice (Smokie).

The oldest song O Sole Mio had been written in 1898 and was sung in Italian. Although most people recognised the tune as that used in a famous Walls ice-cream advert from the 1980's.

They also played Sloop John B, a Caribbean folk song dating back to 1916, although better know as a Beach Boys chart topper in 1966.

To demonstrate their versatility they sang a version of R.E.M's 1991 classic Losing my Religion.

And finally to get the hands clapping and arms swaying the programme was completed with a very rousing rendition of Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline.

This really summed up the evening entertainment, So Good, So Good, So Good.

By this time we were all ready for our Harvest Supper. The catering staff, Sylvia, Marian, Geraldine, Lisa and others (too numerous to mention) swung into action, serving up bowls of homemade cawl and fresh bread in double quick time.

Thank you to the Rev. Peter Phillips, who attended with his wife Judith, for leading us in prayer and blessing the good food we were about to devour.

If the cawl wasn't enough, it was followed up by generous portions of tasty apple crumble with lashings of custard.

Judging by all the empty dishes the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Then an army of volunteers stepped up to wash up.

Nigel spontaneously thanked everyone who had contributed to organising an extremely successful event.



Swansea U3A Ukulele big band at the Harvest Supper at St Hilary's Church Hall



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<b>7</b> Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
<b>10</b> Second Sunday of The Kingdom	10.55am Eucharist ( <i>Remembrance</i> ) <i>Followed by coffee</i>	10.55am Lay led Service ( <i>Remembrance</i> )
<b>14</b> Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
<b>17</b> Third Sunday of The Kingdom	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	9.00am Eucharist
<b>21</b> Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
<b>24</b> Christ the King Fourth Sunday of The Kingdom	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>
<b>28</b> Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	

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