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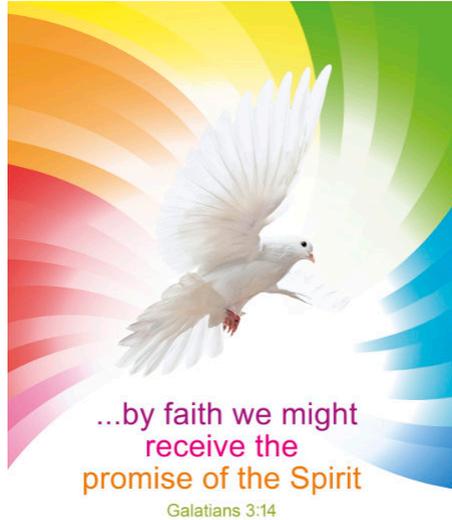
This month at Ascension Day, we remember Jesus ascending to 'God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). It's a somewhat neglected Christian festival, taking place on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. However, this phrase is used in three different contexts in the New Testament.

### *Sitting at God's right hand*

Jesus occupies a position of power and authority at the centre of the universe, 'exalted to the right hand of God' (Acts 2:33). This position was secured by His death and resurrection, enabling us to experience the life of heaven, including eternal life, forgiveness, healing and the power to transform lives and communities. Is this our expectation and experience?

### *Standing at God's right hand*

Our experience of heaven is only partial because of the presence of suffering and disappointment in our lives. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saw Jesus 'standing at the right hand of God' (Acts 7:56), when being stoned to death. Do we see that Jesus is on the throne and has a purpose for our lives, even when we are going through setbacks and difficulties? As a result of Stephen's death, the church grew and



the apostle Paul was impacted. Where do we see the fruit of the suffering in our lives?

### *Praying at God's right hand*

Finally, we are told that Jesus is 'interceding for us' at God's right hand (Romans 8:34 & Hebrews 7:25). Jesus is on our side at the heart of the universe and fully knows our needs when praying for us. He is for us, even when we feel defeated by the wrong things in our lives. How does this help us now?

So where has Jesus gone? Because He is in heaven, the Ascension opens up the possibility that we can experience the life of heaven, both now and in eternity.



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## St Hilary's Church, Killay

### Sidespersons:

#### May

<b>1st</b>	Ian & Gareth Dimblebee
<b>8th</b>	Sylvia Powell & Marian Williams
<b>15th</b>	Sylvia & Mike Powell
<b>22nd</b>	Sylvia Powell & Marian Williams
<b>29th</b>	9.30am @ All Souls, Tycoch

**June 5th** Angela Reed & Jan Jones

### Readers

<b>1st</b>	Elaine Redmond
<b>8th</b>	Angela Reed
<b>15th</b>	Sheila Betts
<b>22nd</b>	Lay led Service
<b>29th</b>	9.30am @ All Souls, Tycoch

**June 5th** Margaret Draisey

### Eucharist Assistants

<b>1st</b>	Sue Dimblebee
<b>8th</b>	Mike Powell
<b>15th</b>	Alan Pickard
<b>22nd</b>	Lay led Service
<b>29th</b>	9.30am @ All Souls, Tycoch

**June 5th** Gareth Lewis

### Altar Flowers

<b>1st</b>	Carole Pickard
<b>8th</b>	Memory of Roy Thomas
<b>15th</b>	Sylvia Powell
<b>22nd</b>	Memory of Fred Prestwood
<b>29th</b>	9.30am @ All Souls, Tycoch

**June 5th** Memory of Randall & David Nutt

### Coffee

<b>1st</b>	Joyce Hoskins, Elaine Graves
<b>8th</b>	Catherine Swain, Nansi Evans
<b>15th</b>	Nansi Evans, Sandra Banks
<b>22nd</b>	Diane Holohan, Angela Seaward
<b>29th</b>	9.30am @ All Souls, Tycoch

**June 5th** Lynne Lewis, Julia Lambert

## St Martin's Church, Dunvant

### Sidespersons

<b>1st</b>	11am @ St. Hilary's
<b>8th</b>	Sue Dimblebee
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### Altar Flowers

<b>8th</b>	Joan Sutton
<b>22nd</b>	Ian Dimblebee

### Holy Dusters

Carol & Julie





## **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.**

Barbara Davies (Derlwyn), Margaret Harris, Doll Lee, Don Lewis (Cynthia's husband), Eunice Miron, Diana Mowat, Olwen Nicholas, Glenda Penzer (now home from hospital), Rita and Graham Trew, Janie Thomas and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

Although everyone was involved on Sunday morning with preparations for Canon Phillip Gwynn's retirement service and Festive Board, everything stopped for silent prayers when we were told of the death of our dear friend and brother – Eric Thomas. Sian and Alison and all family members are in our thoughts at this time.

### **Joint PCC Meeting**

Canon Peter Brooks would like to call a joint PCC meeting on Thursday May 26th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Lower Hall at Killay Parish Centre.

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### **Retirement Celebrations**

Due to the Covid restrictions, the Parish Lunch planned for January last year became a joint celebratory / farewell lunch for Canon Phil and Sian on Thursday April 21st. Seventy six parishioners and friends from the Parishes of Killay and Tycoch, came together for a delicious lunch and convivial company at Clyne Golf Club. The sun shone all day and everyone enjoyed being in such beautiful surroundings.

When we had finished eating, Ken Ellis acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speakers, Howard Richards, Vicar's Warden at All Souls, Marian Williams, Vicar's Warden at St. Hilary's, Roger Draisey, Vicar's Sub-Warden at St. Martin's and Angela Reed representing the parishioners. Thanks also to Canon Phil and Sian for their kind words. I wish to record my sincere thanks to Sue Dimplebee and Sylvia Powell for their superb organisational skills, weeks of hard work and for

making all the arrangements on our behalf. Thanks to those who donated the raffle prizes and to all those who have contacted us to say how much they enjoyed the occasion.

### **Presentation to Canon Phil and Sian**

The Church Wardens decided that we should consult Canon Phil and Sian regarding a suitable gift. Following discussion, they decided that they would like to commission a painting by Nick Holly, a local artist from St. Thomas sometimes known as the Welsh L.S.Lowry. The chosen scene was Bracelet Bay, including the iconic Apple, Mumbles lighthouse and looking out to sea. The figures on the beach represent members of the Gwynn family as they all have very happy memories of summer days spent here over many years. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase the painting for them to hang on the wall in their new home.

### **Valedictory Service**

All Souls Church was full on Sunday morning as we came together to share Canon Phil's final Eucharist Service as our Vicar. It was an uplifting, yet emotional service and the sermon was a mixture of Canon Phil's thirty-three years in the church and the Gospel for the day. Choristers from both Parishes came together to process into church and lead the singing. We were honoured to be joined by the Lord Mayor of Swansea, Councillor Mary Jones and her Consort for this service, plus members of the Gwynn family and invited guests.

### **Buffet at St. Hilary's**

This was a great success, approximately 100 people were present to enjoy the delicious spread, the wine and the Prosecco for the toast. The atmosphere was warm as parishioners from both Parishes chatted and enjoyed the company of new friends. Rev'd Canon Huw Mosford entertained us with some amusing anecdotes before proposing a toast to Canon Phil and Sian, and Canon Phil was presented with a medal by the Lord Mayor, to commemorate his time as her Chaplain. Further surprise presentations were made to Canon Phil and Sian during the afternoon – a beautiful framed photograph of sunset at Worm's Head and a basket of flowers for Sian. Thank you to all who came to make the afternoon such a success.

*Marian Williams*

*Please see photos on centre spread and inside back cover*

## Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago – May 1972

### The Easter Vestry

The annual Easter Vestry was held in the Church Hall on 10th April with a very good number present. The business of the meeting began with the election of Churchwardens. Mr W A Sparks was re-elected People's Warden. The vicar explained that he had already indicated previously that it was his intention to change his warden every two or three years in order that the post of Vicar's Warden should be shared among the very many men in the parish who might be given the privilege and responsibility. He therefore nominated Mr George Heard, Wimmerfield Crescent, as his warden. He paid a very warm tribute to both the wardens and was particularly grateful to Mr Richie Fuller for all the splendid support he had received from him as Vicar's Warden, and to Mr Sparks for his many years of devoted service. Mr Fuller had kindly agreed to serve as Deputy Warden.

Then there followed the election of the Parochial Church Council: Messrs E Bawden, W Davies (Upper Killay), R Fuller, Leslie Heard, S Hoskins, Ken James, R Nutt, Roland Thomas, G Trew, E Wyatt, R Daniel, Dudley Evans, T Glasson, Roy Hewson, W Ivey, J K Morgan, Eric Thomas, Roy Thomas, Peter Williams, Mesdames Lilian Evans, B Haynes, Val Morgan, Kay Phillips, M Hughes, M Pearce, G Bowen, M Fuller, D Rogers, E Watkins and Miss Smale.

All the Sidemen were re-elected and the following were invited to be added to the list: Messrs Dudley Evans, Roy Hewson, David Painter, Christopher Stevens, Alan Bessette, Leslie Holland and Percy Richards.

The statement of the Church Wardens' Accounts were then presented which showed a credit balance of £386.95 on 31st December last. It was pointed out that there was a steady increase in income from coveted subscriptions which had helped to increase our total receipts. Parishioners were encouraged to maintain their regular contributions through the weekly envelope scheme in order to meet the increasing costs of church maintenance. During the year the loan on the Church Hall, received from the Diocesan Board of Finance, had been repaid but there were still the personal loans made by the parishioners outstanding.

The vicar expressed his thanks to the Rev Michael Walters, to Mr Keble Morgan, the Secretary of the Vestry and Church Council, and to Mr Ken James, the Parish Treasurer. He also thanked individually the very many people and organisations in the parish who had supported the work of the church to make such a successful year.

After the business had been completed the ladies kindly served refreshments and this gave all those present an opportunity to meet socially.

### St Martin's Vestry

The meeting at St Martin's was held after Evensong on 16th April. Mr A D Morgan was re-elected People's Warden and Mrs E Morgan was re-elected Vicar's Warden. The following were elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council: Messrs Eric Williams, Gordon Reynolds, G Parsons, Mrs Francis and Mrs A D Morgan. Mr C R Dickinson was added to the Sidemen's list. The Statement of Accounts was presented which showed a satisfactory credit balance. The vicar expressed his thanks to all who helped and supported the church during the past year and made special mention of the assistance St Martin's had received in their services from Mr Eric Williams and Mr George Timpson. Also tribute was paid to those who had helped in the Sunday school during the past year.

### From the Registers

#### Holy Baptism

9<sup>th</sup> April      Phillippa Lynne Curry, 12 Beeches Close, Hendrefoilan  
16<sup>th</sup> April      Sarah Helen Fox, 74 Broadmead  
30<sup>th</sup> April      Andrew David Steele, 5 Cyncoed Close  
30<sup>th</sup> April      Royston Craig Derrick, 215 Derlwyn

#### Holy Matrimony

6<sup>th</sup> April      Raymond Llewelyn Bolch, 183 Manselton Road  
                    and Helen Alyce Wood, 6 Broadmead  
8<sup>th</sup> April      Roger Knight, 77 Ridgeway and Pauline Barbara Jones,  
                    7 Hendrefoilan Drive  
15<sup>th</sup> April      Terence William Davies, 21 West Hill, Lamprey and Eira Martin,  
                    133 Duvant Road  
22<sup>nd</sup> April      Daniel Llewelyn Jones, 89 Carnglas Road and Olive Elizabeth Copp,  
                    59 Rhyd-y-Defaid  
29<sup>th</sup> April      Derek Alan Jones, 27 Pennard Drive, Southgate and Sarah Thomas,  
                    12 Dolycoed

#### Burials

5<sup>th</sup> April      Phoebe Jones, 585 Gower Road  
27<sup>th</sup> April      John Edward Rosser, 33 Odo Street, Hafod  
28<sup>th</sup> April      Irene Morfydd George, 650 Gower Road  
2<sup>nd</sup> May        William Dudley Williams, 4 Clyne View



## Mothers' Union

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on 3rd May in the Parish Centre at 2:00pm.

On Tuesday 17th May at 2:00pm in the Parish Centre Nigel & Eileen Fletcher will give a talk about their recent holiday.

*Sandra Banks*

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### 22nd May: Rogation Sunday (Sunday before Ascension)

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

In about 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At some point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds.' It was still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly, parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

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1	11.00am Holy Eucharist		9.30am Holy Eucharist
8	11.00am Holy Eucharist	9.00am Lay Worship	
15	11.00am Holy Eucharist		9.30am Lay Worship
22	11.00am Lay Worship	11.00am Holy Eucharist	9.30am Hymns of Praise Lay led
29	▶	▶	9.30am Joint Holy Eucharist



Visit/ Reception for Callum and his family to Swansea Mansion House to recognise outstanding voluntary fund raising of approx. £6500 in aid of a prosthetic leg for Ifan Phillips, former Osprey Rugby: April 2022

## Simeon Fellowship

At a recent meeting in the Parish Centre a decision was reached to dissolve the Simeon Fellowship organisation owing to a drop in numbers for various reasons. The Fellowship had run successfully for many years and it was great sadness that this decision had to be made.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in this venture over the years.



## ST HILARY'S CHURCH

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Jan	2	Beryl Harris	Jul	3	Eileen Nielsen
	9	Memory of Barbara Thomas		10	Memory of R Blackmore
	16	Olwen Nicholas		17	Sally Bowen
	23	Margaret Massey		24	Memory of Sue Morris
	30	5th Sunday		31	5th Sunday
Feb	6	Memory of Stuart Perry	Aug	7	Memory of Pearl, Len, Martyn & Norman Rees
	13	Gillian Hutchinson		14	Memory of Joan Chapman
	20	Pam & Murray Davies		21	Memory of John Evans
	27	Marian Halsey		28	Pat Davies
Mar	6	Lent	Sep	4	Memory of David Beynon
	13	Lent		11	Jan Proudfoot
	20	Lent		18	Memory of Tony Glasson
	27	Lent - Mothering Sunday		25	Memory of Eileen & George Silvester
Apr	3	Lent	Oct	2	Memory of Barbara Horsey
	10	Palm Sunday		9	Memory of Terry Reed
	17	Easter Day Flower Guild		16	Memory of David Kelly
	24	All Soul's Tycoch		23	Memory of Roy Roberts
				30	5th Sunday
May	1	Carole Pickard	Nov	6	Memory of Yvonne Bevan
	8	Memory of Roy Thomas		13	Remembrance Sunday Sue Mapp
	15	Sylvia Powell		20	Memory of Tony Nielsen
	22	Memory of Fred Prestwood		27	First Sunday in Advent
	29	5th Sunday			
June	5	Memory of Randall & David Nutt	Dec	4	Second Sunday in Advent
	12	Margaret Thomas		11	Third Sunday in Advent
	19	Memory of John Williams		18	Fourth Sunday in Advent
	26	Memory of Gareth Llewelyn		25	Christmas Day Mothers' Union

If you cannot provide flowers on your chosen date, please telephone Val Beynon 204352



# Ladies Guild

We were pleased to welcome one of our own members, Viv Davies, on 30th March, to talk about her holiday in South Africa before apartheid was abolished.

On the drive from the airport to Cape Town, Viv was saddened by the townships in which the black people lived, the houses were little more than shacks. Although the exterior of their hotel was unappealing, the inside was superb. Viv befriended, Sylvia, a gospel singer and cleaner at the hotel.

Viv and Tudor were amazed at the beauty of the country, visiting vineyards, a gem factory, kelp forest, barrel making and many museums.

They also visited segregated areas where the school for black children was two shipping containers, one for infants, one for juniors, on a rubbish tip. This was the sad part of the holiday; Viv was prepared for the poverty and had taken sweets, pens and notebooks for the children, and also met Rosie a very kind lady who made food for the children. It was very upsetting to see the conditions suffered by the black people. Viv and Tudor also visited Robben Island where Nelson Mandela had spent 27 years in prison.

Other visits included a winery, a shopping mall, a gem factory and a cable car ride to the top of Table



Mountain. Thank you Viv for a very interesting talk which gave us an insight into the two sides of the country during apartheid.

**Our final meeting before Easter, on 6th April, was a "Members Own" craft evening.** Members were invited to make small Easter baskets from thin card. There was a great deal of fun and laughter as members struggled to assemble the baskets which, on completion, were filled with small chocolate eggs. Sadly only 13 members attended, but they all agreed it was an enjoyable evening with a great deal of fun and laughter.

**Our Summer term** begins on April 27th with a talk by Mr Bob Dyer on Humour in the Courts.

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## Mothering Sunday at St. Martin's

A well attended congregation with councillor Louise Gibbard and daughter FFion present.

This service was tinged with sadness as it was Canon Phil's last official service with us.

At the end of the service all the ladies were presented with a pot of spring flowers prepared by Sylvia Powell of St Hilary's. During our tea and coffee following the service, a retirement card which was signed by all who were present with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement with Sian, and a bottle of wine, hope he likes red, with the name of St. Martin on the bottle. To get the most out of Canon Phil he drew out the hundred club balls, First prize was No. 75 Huw Stratton St Hilary's, second prize was No.10 Glyn Williams All Soul's.

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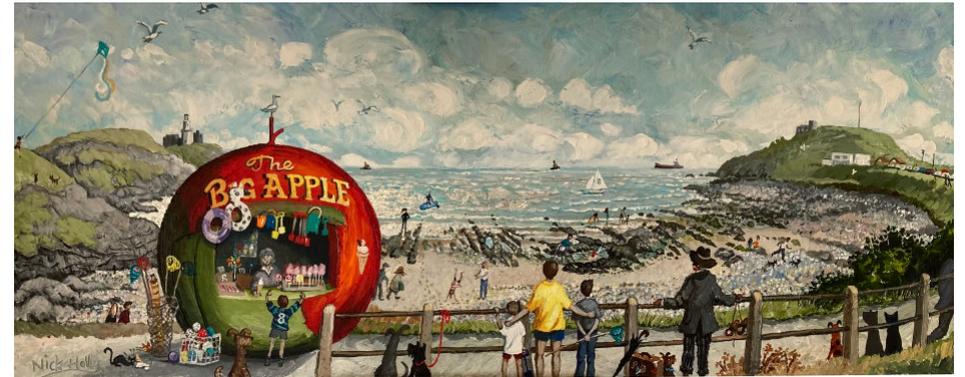


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Lunch at Clyne Golf Club



## Where did Jesus go at the Ascension?

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.



At Pentecost Peter said that Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear...' 'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand'' (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven ie eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and setbacks. However, Jesus is still on the throne! We are called to trust him daily.

The Bible also tells us that 'Christ Jesus who died....is interceding for us.' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God, and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the *up* language used to describe the event.

*'Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the One who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find Him.'* (Tom Wright).

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Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the centre of lanes in slower-moving traffic.

Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door? According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement.

Read all about the new rules at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

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*David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the need for insurance.*

## Should you insure your stall at the fete?

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Village fetes are a great way to build communities, have fun and raise money. However, accidents do happen, and insurance can give you peace of mind. You can even insure against cancellation because of bad weather.

The organisers of the fete should have their own insurance to cover public liability. This means the organisers are covered against legal claims for compensation from people who are injured. It may not cover loss from theft or other damage. Some fete organisers will insist each stall holder has their own insurance. It is possible to buy insurance of this type and the cost will depend on what type of things you are selling.

If the stallholder is a representative of a charity or a church, that organisation may have insurance that will cover a stall. For example, a church's insurance policy usually covers events organised and run by the church. However, there is a difference between the church organising something and someone doing their own thing and giving profits to the church.

If you are selling items, even second-hand, take care. Be careful with homemade goods and make sure ingredients are safely labelled. Even if the ingredients do not include anything that causes allergies, they can easily become contaminated if prepared in an environment that has allergens.

Electrical goods should not be sold second-hand, unless they have been tested to make sure they are safe (not to check they work).

As always this is a light-hearted introduction to a complex subject. Always check insurance cover before the event not after and get confirmation from the insurer in writing. Always get professional advice.

## Reflected Faith Series: The Meaning of Colours - part 1

In **March, April and May** this year the coloured frontal of the altar will have been changed many times – as will the colour of the priest's vestments.

Each colour – and there can be as many as six in a church's store – has a different meaning. They reflect the significance of that day or the season.

In March purple was used as a symbol of penitence, as we were in Lent and trying to prepare ourselves for Christ's final act of love for each of us.

**Holy Week** – the time of Christ's final journey – was denoted by the colour red. Red, the colour of blood, is used for feasts of martyrs as well as those for the Holy Spirit – when it more likely represents his flames of 'fire' which rested on those in the Upper Room.

**Maundy Thursday**, we switched to white for any Communion service, as this celebrates the remembrance of the first Communion with His apostles which He commanded us to continue.

**Good Friday**, and we were back to red.

Then on **Easter Sunday**, the day of the greatest Christian Celebration, we entered to an altar bedecked in gold or the 'whitest' with the most elaborate decoration the church possesses.

'Plain' White will be used for the Easter Season signifying purity and Christ's triumph over death until Ascension Day on 26th May. This, being a special and more significant day in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, goes to gold again: then immediately back to white for the next ten days.

On the day of **Pentecost** itself, Whit Sunday, 5th June, the colour will be? Yes, you got it, red for flames of fire.

### This month:

Watch out for the changing colours indicating the special meanings that day has in the life of the church. If you could choose a different colour for a different or even one of the same meanings, what would you choose and why? In June it will all change again, so we'll consider those next month.



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## English is becoming, like, less formal stuff, maybe, okay?

In the biggest ever study of its kind, researchers from Lancaster University looked at 100 million words to analyse trends. One expert says: “The most striking thing we found is how informal language has become. There has been a systematic shift towards more informal vocabulary and grammar.”

Some examples include a steep decline in the use of modal verbs such as ‘shall’, ‘must’ and ‘may’, while the use of Mr and Mrs is down by up to 57 percent. Instead, first names are used more and more often, even in formal letters.

Split infinitives are on the rise, and ‘shorthands’ such as ‘omg’ (oh my God), ‘tbh’ to be honest and ‘defo’ are used so much that they are now common parlance.

Could apostrophes become a thing of the past? In the last three decades alone, its use has declined by eight percent.

On the other hand, the word ‘amazing’ has increased in use five-fold – from 16.6 times per million to 88.6 times per million, while the use of ‘maybe’ has almost tripled, from 89.3 to 236.1 parts per million.

‘IN’ words on the street now include: A bit, amazing, ‘cos, focus groups, fame, global, internet, just, like, maybe, me, net, ok, online, phone, really, stuff, website

‘OUT’ words include: Authority, church, employment, may, which, whom, Mr, Mrs, must, shall, telephone, unemployment, upon, usually.

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**Responding to the world's challenges -  
Christian Aid Week 2022**

Zimbabwe is the focus country of this year's



**Christian Aid Week (15-21 May).**

Christian Aid partners have been working there to help people adapt their farming methods. Janet Zirugo (pictured) is a 70 year old grandmother and she has seen her life transformed by these new techniques.

One particular thing which has helped her is a new seed she now uses. These seeds are very resistant to drought and by using them, Janet can ensure a good crop for her family during the dry seasons which are much worse due to climate change. She has turned her dry and dusty patch of land into a



garden full of plenty and colour.

As ever, there will be many different fundraising events right across Wales during the Christian Aid Week period, including many individuals and groups who will participating in the 300,000 step challenge. This challenge event has really grabbed the imagination of many since its inception two years ago.

Find out more about how you can get involved here.

**You'll find 14 cheeses hidden within the words of this passage. How many can you find? The name of the first cheese is in the very first line ... cheddar.**

"The sailor watched dark clouds as he made a brief visit ashore. He had returned from Philadelphia and had hoped a mate would be on shore to meet him. He decided to wander by a stream and soon spotted an empty café table in a nearby cottage tea room. Until sitting down, he hadn't noticed how angry, argumentative and miserable the owners were.

However, he ate masses til only a crumb remained. He said goodbye to his hosts, thanking them, mentally making a note not to return. He made his way back to port, saluting his senior officer as he re-joined the ship."

*Answers in next edition*

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## St James the Least of All

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

### On the perils of the church picnic

The Rectory, St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. British picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand - and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mothers' Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

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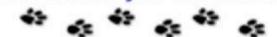
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## Special thank you to the working party

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To every one of you, a heartfelt thank you. Once again, we have shown what a dedicated team of volunteers we have at Killay and Tycoc. There are too many people to thank individually, but I must express our sincere thanks to Sylvia Powell and Sue Dimblebee for overseeing the events, particularly the catering arrangements for the buffet and as always, ensuring that they were a great success.

Our thanks also to Bob Mapp for his superb photographs enabling us to record these events for the history books.

*Marian Williams*



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