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Dear Friends

The Truth of the Ascension

'While He was blessing them, Jesus left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:51).

The Ascension is a hugely neglected festival, which deserves to have a bigger place in our church life. How do we understand it?

The Ascension tells us that Jesus is in control: 'Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). Jesus occupies the top spot in the universe; the control of our world is in the safe, scarred hands of Jesus. We can offer Him our worship and allegiance, knowing that His plans are better than those of any Prime Minister or President.

The Ascension tells us that God is committed to His world: 'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus' (Ephesians 2:6). Jesus did not leave His humanity behind when He ascended, for we are raised with Christ to heaven. Therefore, God is bound to His world and we can trust Him to fulfil His purposes for our lives and world.

The Ascension gives us a job to do: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:18,19). God's way of working in the world is through us. He commissions us for this task at the Ascension and equips us at Pentecost. We are called to make disciples, starting in our workplace, family and community.

'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.' (Teresa of Avila).

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5th Lay led service
12th Pam Davies, Angela Reed
19th Christine Williams, Val Beynon
26th Sheila Betts, Sally Bowen
June 2nd Lay led service

Readers

5th Lay led service
12th Carol Conway
19th Dave Coffey
26th Gillian Hutchinson
June 2nd Lay led service

Eucharist Assistants

5th Lay led service
12th Alan Pickard
19th Mike Powell
26th Roy Chapman
June 2nd Lay led service

Altar Flowers

5th Barbara Thomas in memory of Roy
12th Beryl Harris in memory of Gerry
19th Val Griffiths in memory of Gerald
26th Gwynneth Prestwood in memory of Fred
June 2nd Angela Reed in memory of Terry

Coffee

5th Angela Reed, Janet Jones
12th Cath Swain, Nansi Evans
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June 2nd Angela Seaward, Cath Swain

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26th Ian Dimblebee

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19th Haulwen Lumsdaine
26th Carol Lewis

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The deadline for articles for June 2024 magazine is Friday 24 May

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, Barbara Davies (Derlwyn), Miriam Evans, Enid James (St. Nicholas Court), Doll Lee, Don Lewis (Cynthia's husband), Eunice Miron, Diane Lewis (Hillside Nursing Home), Diana Mowat (Hengoed Court Residential Home), Olwen Nicholas, Betty Nutt, Mary Osborne (Hillside Nursing Home), Rev'd Judith Phillips, Gwynneth Prestwood (Hengoed Court Residential Home), Rita Trew, Gloria and Brian Wilkins and all others known to Him who need our prayers.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Layfetta's dad, Louis Macdonald. Along with the tragic loss of Matthew, Nabeel's nephew, our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are sent with much love to Layfetta, Nabeel, Malachi, Joel, Joshua and Salomey



There are vacancies for placing flowers on the Altar for 7th July and 28th July

If anyone would like to place flowers on the Altar on one of those dates please contact me, tel: 01792 521943.

Anne Llewelyn



It is not too late to join the envelope scheme for 2024.

If anyone is interested, please see me or tel: 01792 207916

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Mothers' Union



Our speaker in April was an amazing lady called Sally Bowen, a lifelong member of St Hilary's Church. Her talk was entitled, "Royal Memorabilia". Sally's cards and letters received by her over many years from members of the Royal Family were displayed on three large tables. She began by telling about replies on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II for Her Majesty's birthday in 2006, then Diamond Anniversary greetings, an 86th birthday card, congratulations for reigning 60 years a get well card, 87th birthday card, longest reigning monarch in British history 2015, 89th birthday, 90th birthday and 91st birthday.

Sally told us of attending Trooping of the Colour in 2019 for Her Majesty's birthday parade in 2021. Sally sent a supportive message to Her Majesty regarding problems concerning Prince Harry and Meghan also a message about the Duke of Edinburgh's

health. Sally had responses to the greetings that she sent to Her Majesty for her Platinum Jubilee year and Her Majesty's 96th birthday.

Sally's talk continued with details of responses she had received on behalf of Diana Princess of Wales ranging from 1984 to 1992. In August 1997, when Princess Diana died, Sally had a reply from Diana's sister Lady Sarah McCorquodale. In September of that year, Sally received a reply from Prince Charles, William and Harry after sending a sympathy card to them.

Ranging from June 2022 to March 2024, Sally had replies to messages to The Duke of Edinburgh, King Charles and one get well card stimulated a reply within 4 days. Between 1992 – 2019 those responding to Sally's communications were; Princess Anne and Timothy Lawrence, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Queen Mother, Prince Charles, Prince Harry and the Duchess of Sussex.

Finally, we heard about responses to Sally from Prince William and Kate Middleton in 2010, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011. Sadly in 2023 there was a reply after Sally sent a sympathy card when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth died. The most recent reply was received 2nd April 2024 after Sally had sent a get-well card to the Princess of Wales.

In September 2022 while we were watching television, we were delighted to see Sally close to Prince William and Princess Kate as they greeted people outside St Thomas' church, Swansea.

Thank you Sally for sharing your memories and display with us. You really deserve all the replies that you have received over many years. You are an amazing supporter of our Royal family.

Carole Pickard.

Future dates: -

Friday 3rd May 11 am St Mary's, Swansea – Archidiaconal Eucharist, organised by Penllergaer MU.

Tuesday 7th May 2 pm, Church Hall – "Pilgrimage to Lourdes" – Biddy O'Kane.

Tuesday 21st May 2 pm, Church Hall – "Faith in Families" – Rev Jimmy Page.

Wednesday 22nd May 2.30 pm MU Diocesan Festival, Brecon Cathedral – Bishop John Lomas.

All are welcome at any meeting.

Music Society

On Monday 8th April we were welcomed by our leader Babs Roberts who introduced our guests for the evening, a return visit by the saxophone quartet Saxology. There were brief introductions of the members, being Gareth Davies on Soprano Sax, Anthony White on Alto Sax, Lynne Elis on Tenor Sax and Lynne Novis on Baritone Sax. Gareth and Anthony swap saxes on some compositions. They play music that is either specifically written, or arranged, for the four types of saxophone.

The one hour programme for the evening was as follows:

Highlights from the stage play 'Mary Poppins'

Everyone knows the story and music from the much loved 1964 film. The stage play expands on the story and has more scenes with the Banks family, especially Mr Banks. Lynne on tenor sax played the melody of the waltz 'Being Mrs Banks' beautifully.

'Blue Skies' by Irving Berlin. Arrangement by Gregory Yasinitzky.

This was written in 1926 with a theme of happiness overcoming depression and has been sung by many including Ella Fitzgerald and Rod Stewart.

Next were two well known folk songs



arranged by Craig Rickards 'Londonderry Air' or Danny Boy, and 'Ar Lan y Mor'.

'Sax in the city' by Colin Crabb.

He was taught by Johnny Dankworth and influenced by Dave Brubeck and Gerry Mulligan. This was to be called 'Salsa para Lauren' but, as a section resembles the signature tune to the TV series Sex in the City, the name was changed.

'Lullaby of Birdland' by George Shearing and David Weiss in 1952, arranged for saxophone by Kenneth Abelung. It refers to the Birdland Jazz Club in New York, named after the saxophonist Charlie 'Bird' Parker, and popular with Hollywood stars and the Rat Pack. Charlie Parker used to practice for up to 15 hours per day.

'Misty' by Errol Garner. This version arranged by Alexander Burden. Composed in 1954 this jazz standard is one of the 25 most performed standards of the 20th Century. Lyrics were added in

1955 by Johnny Burke and it became the title song of the 1971 Clint Eastwood thriller Play Misty for me.

'Moon River' by Henry Mancini with lyrics by Johnny Mercer in 1961.

Arranged for saxophone by Nick Keyes. It was originally performed by Audrey Hepburn in the film Breakfast at Tiffany's.

'Sway' by Pablo Beltran Luiz in 1953 with lyrics by Norman Gimbel. Arranged by Jon Hatton.

This is in a mambo style and was an international hit for Dean Martin. It is a standard in the jazz and pop repertoire.

'Moondance' by Van Morrison. Arranged

by Jon Hatton. Released in 1970 it is one of the favourite pieces of the quartet to play. Jon Hatton composes and arranges music mainly for saxophone and clarinet ensembles but also composes for choir and orchestra.

'Come fly with me' composed by James Van Heusen with lyrics by Sammy Cahn. Arranged by John Whelan.

It was written in 1958 for Frank Sinatra and quickly became part of his concert repertoire. It has also been used in numerous films.

Angela Reed gave the vote of thanks expressing our enjoyment with the music.



Sing Gently - Music for the Spirit and Soul

Swansea Philharmonic Choir's summer Charity concert will be held in All Saints' Church, Oystermouth, on Saturday 8th June, 2024, starting at 6.00 p.m.

As the title suggests, the evening's programme will be a relaxing miscellany of pieces, appropriate for a summer evening.

Proceeds from the concert will go to **Breast Cancer Now**.

Tickets, costing £10 (£5 for students) are available from Jan Proudfoot on 299443, or on the door on the night.

Parish of Killay Magazine, 50 years ago - May 1974

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

There will be a special Ascension Day service in St Hilary's Church on Thursday, 23rd May at 9am. We hope all the children of our church will make a special effort to attend and we would also welcome their parents. Forms for permission to attend this service will be available from the Vicar or from Sunday School. Parents have a statutory right to withdraw children from school for a religious service on this day. They will return immediately from the service to school. There will also be a service of Holy Communion at 11am on Ascension Day.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CURATE

We are very pleased to announce that the Bishop has approved the appointment of Mr J W Griffin as an assistant curate to our parish. Mr Griffin is from Swansea and is a member of St Barnabas Church. He is, at the moment, completing his studies at St Michael's College, Llandaff. He will be ordained deacon at Brecon Cathedral in September and will commence his duties in the parish immediately afterwards. In the meanwhile, he intends getting married and we hope that he will settle into the curate's house a few weeks before his ordination.

CURATE'S HOUSE

Negotiations are still proceeding with regard to the curate's house. At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the purchase of this property was approved and it was recommended that it should receive a grant and a loan from the Representative Body. If this is done, we shall need to borrow about £5000.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism:

- 16th April Richard Stephen Wynn Allen, 17 Heol Dulais, Birchgrove
Amber Claire Read, 28a Wimmerfield Avenue
- 28th April Louise Anne Fuller, 21 Walters Row, Dunvant
Elizabeth Anne Griffiths, 3 Cannisland Park, Parkmill
David Simon Bevan, 27 Bro Dedwydd, Dunvant
Philip John Morgan, 98b Gower Road, Upper Killay
Craig Roger & Adrian Brett Harrendence, 25 Goetre Bellaf Road, Killay

Holy Matrimony:

13th April John Cunningham & Wendy Ann Whiting

Burials:

8th April William Stanley Isaac, 492 Gower Road
9th April Minnie Colville Young, 26 Tycoch Road

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the stones and mortar...

Reflecting Faith: the church as a building

Today's church buildings are rich and varied in their designs, sizes, materials, plans and groupings; from large cruciform churches to simple single room designs; from red brick to stone, and so on.

I wanted to look up some information about the fact that today's church buildings, although they may be 'modern', are usually built upon or very close to a previous church building. In other words, they stand quite literally in a long succession of church buildings.

However, on entering 'church building footprint' into the computer search engine, it responded in a related but unexpected, to me, way: '*The Energy Footprint Tool is a great way of monitoring your church building's carbon usage and energy efficiency.*'

A very real issue for today's world! - and one we are very conscious about when we enter the building on a Sunday morning to find, even with the heating turned on for a number of hours, that it is considerably cooler than our own centrally heated homes.

Whilst it is theologically wonderful to have high ceilings, we can see how future remodelling might well lower the ceilings, bring in the walls, and shrink the glassed areas.

And so it has been through the ages - church buildings have constantly been amended.

When you look carefully at a church that is more than a few hundred years old, in any part of the world, you can trace the development of its use by its architecture. Perhaps you'll see a door or window bricked up or a new one opened. The widening of the nave by the addition of arches and one or more aisles. Change in stone or building materials as later technology was available or even a change in design as new techniques came into safe use.

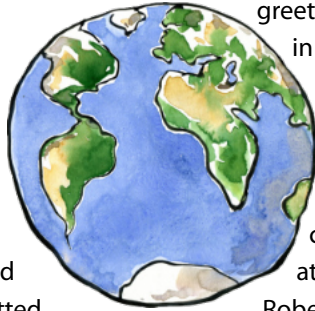
Peter Lewis' News

1. Econews

The Bishop is asking all congregations to undertake the Eco church survey. Last month, Reynoldston, Port Eynon and Ilston congregations submitted their survey and have been given the Bronze Award. For smaller congregations, try and get all your members together, and in larger churches, you'll need at least 15 or 20 so that the survey's questions can be discussed and owned by the congregation. Having just one person complete the survey won't achieve the aim of sharing the topics to generate plans for the congregations.

Heather from St George's, "Those in attendance expressed their thanks for bringing to their attention matters not previously discussed but of importance and interest. We are looking to replace existing lighting with LED lights and consider encouraging more wildlife to the marginal land round the churchyard."

Merlin from St Illtyd's, "We try to be 'green' in the materials we use and recycle where possible. Our electricity supply is partially from renewable sources. If refreshments are served there is never any leftover food. Some of the survey's suggestions are second nature to many of us - sharing cars for church attendance, distributing



greeting cards by hand, keeping in touch and offering help to those who don't drive. But we would like to consider greater use of Fair Trade and recycled materials, closer control of energy use at home and in transport.

Robert from St Cattwg's "We are installing swift boxes in church and the survey helped us to look more closely at the chemicals we use for cleaning, Fairtrade products and to consider green tariffs for utilities".

Peter, Ministry Area Lead, suggests you allot 2 hours for the survey and someone is present who pays the bills so you can answer questions on utilities. If you undertake the survey, please contact him so the Ministry Area Council can keep track of how we are engaging.

2. Ascensiontide and Pentecost (9th to 19th May)

As Jesus ascended, he commanded his followers to WAIT and PRAY so we're inviting everyone to mark Ascensiontide as a season to celebrate that we are all praying for folk we know to grow in faith. We are joining the international initiative, 'Thy Kingdom Come', for each of us to pray for 5 people each day. With this in mind we will have devotional booklets in our churches for you to take home, or you can download the daily prayers at

www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources which includes videos, material in Welsh and resources for children/families to pray together.

On Ascension Day we've a ministry area Eucharist at 7.30am (!) at St David's in Wernffrd, followed by breakfast in Llanmorlais Hall and there are other services too.

Going for a walk, or a little car drive in Ascensiontide is a lovely way to get to know some of our locality, so we're encouraging people to follow something of the Gower Pilgrimage Way, walk to another nearby church, maybe people in Ty Coch to walk to St Hilary's or in Killay to visit Dunvant. Along the way, the Wellbeing project is providing a resource for you to use as a prompt to prayer as you walk or if you have driven. These will be available in church and from the MA website on the page about announcements: www.gowerma.org/announcementsand-diary-dates

When Pentecost Sunday arrives, we are all invited to a choral Evensong at 6pm in St Illtyd's church, Ilston, where there'll be additional parking available.

3. Our Bishop's visit to Gower Ministry Area

On Monday June 3rd, we will be marking a year since our ministry area was inaugurated with a celebration service for EVERYONE. Oxwich Bay Hotel

have very kindly given us use of their outside marquee free of charge for an evening service that starts at 7pm and use of their car park for the event.

Bishop John will be with us and the celebration is going to include items and involvement from all over the area so that our singing, prayers, interviews and reflections come from all our 20 congregations. This is being planned with those who lead worship in our churches and more information will appear during May. As we've been given free use of the marquee, we encourage people to make this a social event and come down early for a drink or a meal. The wellbeing project will have activities and after the celebration a licensed bar will be available so we can continue our fellowship with a cracking beach view.

4. Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM)

We are in a transition year as we consider our 2023 Annual Accounts and Report, and our treasurers and Peter Townsend the Ministry Area Treasurer have worked hard to consolidate our accounts. These will be brought to the MAC for them to approve, and we're asking every congregational committee to receive their part of those accounts to help them understand their finances and plan ahead. All 'members' of our congregations are invited to the AVM to receive the 2023 Accounts and Reports, to give comments, ask questions and for us to pray God's blessing upon us. There

are a few elections that need to take place, and we'll be receiving from our 20 congregations the names of those people who'll be the MAC reps, the congregational wardens and congregational treasurers.

We are holding the AVM much later than normal in order to get all the preparatory work completed before the meeting. To encourage people to come together, we are having a ministry area Morning prayer-style service at St Hilary's church at 10.30am on Sunday 30th June, followed by the AVM in St Hilary's hall. Given that 30th June is the 5th Sunday of the month we are able to employ a new pattern for our services that day. The only morning service in the ministry area will be 10.30am at St Hilary's but we are also offering a Holy Communion service at Llanrhidian in the afternoon so we are able to provide The Eucharist.

5. The Wonder of Wellbeing Gower (details on wonderofwellbeinggower.org)

Wild Church, where we meet outside for worship and explore faith through the outdoors has been going now for 2 months and is attracting people who don't normally attend church worship.

Our next session is on June 3rd, Texture Trails on May 4th 11am to 3pm in Rhossili St Mary and on May 25th at Port Eynon's St Cattwg. This involves reflecting on a little walk in the area through creative art – and it's designed for people who don't think they can do art. This is a lovely way to pray and be still with God, so book in to our free events if you'd like to try it out – or bring someone with you. They are both drop in sessions, so come at any time between the start and finish times.

We also have a presence in Rhosilli church for creative prayers leading up to D Day and on July 6th for the MacMillan Mighty Hike around Gower.

6. Ministry Area Admin

Unfortunately, the person who was going to start with us had to withdraw for family reasons and so whilst we wait for a new appointment, the clergy and wardens have agreed that we need to make a start on consolidating our admin work. We're grateful to Marian who is leading on a few admin tasks with us. The diocese has started to kit out St Hilary's hall's office with extra equipment to give us a head start.

Why your television is like the Trinity

Here is a trick question: How many colours does your television set use?

Answer: Just three: red, green and blue. And in that order, just like a rainbow (where reds are at one side, blues at the opposite side, green in the middle). This is known as "RGB".

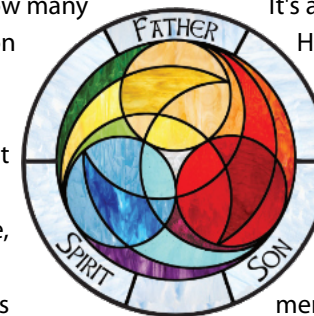
These are TV's three primary colours which, when their luminescence is fired at your eyes, give all the colours of the visible spectrum. These are all 'additive' colours. In fact, mix these three together in different proportions, and your screen can offer you 16 million colours.

You thought the sequence was red/yellow/blue? No, that's for painted or printed colours. A TV set positively gives out light in three different colours, whereas paint daubed on paper absorbs and removes some colours, to reflect back merely a small part of the light falling on it the colour that you see.

You'll soon call out the repair man if your television loses one of its three colours and all the presenters look as though they came from Mars. But change the intensity of any one colour (red, green or blue) even slightly and you change the overall colour.

Switch them all off, and you are left with black. Let all three of them shine at

full brightness, at the same point – and then as if by magic you have a totally different colour: WHITE!



It's a parable which illustrates the Holy Trinity. Three completely distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), just as your TV set has three quite separate colours: red, green, blue.

Take away any One member of the Trinity, and you slip into theological error; take away any one of the three colours, and you call out the TV repair engineer!

So -

It DOES matter that God is our Creator and Father - otherwise our whole life is merely a meaningless illusion. It DOES matter that Jesus is God the Son, for otherwise His death is simply a human tragedy, with no promise of salvation or eternal life.

It DOES matter that the Holy Spirit is with us here and now, otherwise we are disconnected from God.

Yes it really does matter! Just as it is essential that a TV set can produce white by the equal intensity of all of its three colours. In fact, the more you think about it, the more it seems that the doctrine of the Trinity is far from being a complicated bit of theological nonsense, but is a sort of theological test-card, to make sure that we've got the right picture of God, without distortion.

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Abraham split.

Joseph ruled.

Jacob fooled.

Bush talked.

Moses balked.

Pharaoh plagued.

People walked.

Sea divided.

Tablets guided.

Promise landed.

Saul freaked.

David peaked.

Prophets warned.

Jesus born.

God walked.

Love talked.

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Love rose.

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- Anon

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One Enchanted Evening

Most of you know by now that I've been in a residential home for the last six months. Well, last week when we were having our coffee one of the directors of the home, named Tim, asked me if I would like to go to a football match at the Swansea.com stadium one evening that week.

I immediately said "Yes, please" but didn't mention that I am really a rugby fan! I thought it would be a nice change for me as my nice and interesting evenings of the past, namely the music club, gardening club, whist and bridge, are all over for the present time. Not to forget my Ladies Guild, which I obviously miss so much.

Off we went on the evening in question at about 7 o'clock. We consisted of the chief carer, who I get on with very well, six or seven men plus our driver Tim in our coach, which is suitably fitted out for wheelchairs. We arrived at the stadium and were taken up about three floors to the hospitality box provided by the club. It was a rather posh room with a black glass table and about 10 chairs. A delicious meal then arrived consisting of chicken, steak, chips, mushrooms, tomatoes and watercress - a very, very nice meal. This was followed by a lovely pear dessert and a drink.

After the meal we then proceeded to our seats, which were just outside our box, to enjoy the match; although it was a damp and cold evening. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves especially as the Swans won 3-0 against Stoke, which pleased everyone. All in all it was a nice change; a good evening out. Hopefully there will be another one soon!

Before I close I would like to thank our vicar, Layfetta, and her husband who visited me before Easter and gave me communion, which was very kind of them. I would also like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes, phone calls and visits. All of which I appreciate so much. Everyone is welcome. My love to you all. Your friend, Gwynneth Prestwood

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On the perils of building a kitchen in church

My dear Nephew Darren

It never fails to amaze me how, in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings has soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.

Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early, in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.

I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour – until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right – and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.

I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

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Murder Mystery

At the Duntant Social Club (the Workies) on Friday 19th April, 92 people eagerly awaited St Martin's adaption of a Murder Mystery. With all 10 suspects and many of the audience in 1943 period dress enjoying the cut and thrust of accusations and intrigue and light hearted banter. The half time break saw us enjoy 'Sausage and Chips' supplied and delivered by Roma's Fish Restaurant in Gorseinon.

At the end 2 teams 1 from Penclawdd and the 3 amigos from Duntant who deduced correctly from the 6 secret clues who the murderer was. It came down to a tie breaker which was won by the 3 amigos. With the mystery finished we all had some social time with friends and listening to their comments, all enjoyed the evening.

A very well done to the 10 suspects, some who stepped in at short notice to fill the gaps left for genuine reasons by those who were unable to attend. A big thank you to all involved.

Roger Draisey



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9 Thursday Ascension Day	11.00am Eucharist	
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	10.00am Family Worship Lay-led
16 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
19 The Day of Pentecost <i>Whitsunday</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	9.00am Eucharist
23 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
26 Trinity Sunday	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>	11.00am Eucharist <i>Followed by coffee</i>
30 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	

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