THE PARISH OF KILLAY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1138042

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-09-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish.

Activities: To witness to the life, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus of Nazareth, in our worship, our teaching, our sharing and our caring within the Christian community and outside in the larger community of Killay, Dunvant and Three Crosses - Through ecumenical worship and the use of our Parish Centre for outreach and social occasions for both the young and old of the community at large.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- City Of Swansea

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,485	£88,005	-	-
2023-12-31	£97,677	£141,712	-	-
2022-12-31	£106,167	£86,738	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,818	£62,256	-	-
2020-12-31	£101,172	£140,526	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Clewett		2019-04-07
Angela Reed		2019-04-07
Barbara Roberts		2019-04-07
COLIN WILLIAMS		2013-03-17
Charlotte Margaret Ann Draisey		2020-10-11
Diane Holohan		2020-10-11
Eileen Rotheram Fletcher		2020-10-11
Janet Sheila Betts		2016-05-01
John Michael Powell		2016-05-01
Julia Susan Jane Lambert		2020-10-11
MARIAN IRENE WILLIAMS		2018-04-15
Nansi Mary Evans		2019-04-07
Rev Layfetta Ann Marie Masih		2025-02-02
Roger Paul Draisey		2016-05-01
Sandra Joan Banks		2019-04-07
Susan Dimblebee		2016-05-01

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Gower Ministry Area CIO Annual Report 2024

Charity number 1210801

Introduction from the Ministry Area Leader (MAL), Revd. Peter Lewis

Gower Ministry Area was inaugurated by Bishop John on May 31st 2023, and since that inception, our twenty congregations have been working together to create a new identity, church culture and stronger focus on both local and joint mission. We've seen how God's faithfulness has drawn us together and given us a vision for recognising how the gifts God provides can be used together for the Kingdom. This was celebrated in a ministry area event in June at Oxwich Bay Hotel where folk from all over the ministry area came together to celebrate how God's provision has blessed us.

Administratively, our finance team have been consolidating our practices, leading us to the My Fund protocols and the share Gift Aid applications for 2025. Our regular meetings for those involved in lay worship and leading have allowed us to plan more of our ongoing training and projects in our churches, especially fuelled by the weekly gatherings of our clergy. The building up of friendships and inter-dependency has been a hallmark of the clergy ethos, replicated by laity joining together in such ventures as our Open the Books team, Wonder of Wellbeing Project, Safeguarding training, Harvest Quiz, support for Persecuted Christians, Presence in the Gower Show, Village Christmas outreach in Reynoldston (sadly cancelled owing to extreme winter weather), a Youth outing to Spree.

As we move into 2025, we will be building on this inter-dependence in relation to our mission to the local communities in churches in both our Swansea & rural contexts as well as the visitors to Gower. May everyone, or all ages and backgrounds, who participate in the life of our churches be blessed as we encourage the Lord through our service and worship.

A list of all the Clergy, Officers and Trustees of the Ministry Area and those who serve on the Ministry Area Council

Ministry Area Leader: Revd. Peter Lewis
Team Vicars: Ven Peter Brooks, Revd. Tim Ardouin, Revd. Layfetta Masih
Non Stipendiary and house for duty clergy: Canon Roger Donaldson, Revd. Nigel Doyle, Revd. Hilary Evans, Revd. Sue Waite, Revd. Nigel King
Licensed Lay Readers: Ross Davies, Barry Ecclestone, David Ball
Ministry Area Wardens: Marian Williams, Pam Dennis
Ministry Area Treasurer: Peter Townsend
Ministry Area Council (MAC) Lay chair: Barry Fox
MAC Secretary: Caroline Wassell
Ministry Area Safeguarding Officer: Sue Mobbs

Elected MAC members: Alan Glass, Catherine Thomas, David Harry, Roger Draisey, Merlin Kingham, Penny Henderson, Simon Davies, Enid Jones, Pam Meakins, John Tucker, Gillian Morgan, Celia Hall, Charlotte Foxell, Roger Button, Paul Shenston, Leslie Sheills.

MA representation

Standing Committee: Rev Layfetta Masih
Diocesan Conference: Simon Davies, Alan Glass, Catherine Thomas, Liza Lomax, David Harry

Independent Examiner of Accounts: David Jenkins ACA

An overview of the work of the Ministry Area Council

Much of the 2024 MAC business was related to administration. In November, Gower Ministry Area cio (charitable incorporated organisation) was successfully registered with The Charity Commission. We briefly had Bethan working as our MA administrator, but sadly owing to family responsibilities, she had to resign. However, whilst with us, she set up protocols for our MA to work well through various polices, especially safeguarding, ensuing that church members and officials were able to undertake appropriate

training.

In September 2024, the MAC agreed to a church review programme that would help each congregation to discern the particular calling that they feel God is revealing to them. At a time when the MAC is very aware of the challenges of reaching the diocesan ministry share, and in the context of many congregations voicing concerns of an elderly parishoners, we petitioned the diocese to re-examine the amounts being asked for the ministry share, but were informed that the amount reflects the actual costs for clergy and ministry.

The 'working agreement' for the MA, prepared in 2023 was ratified in 2024 with much of the year seeing various aspects of our governance developing in both the MAC level of responsibility and devolved responsibility at the local congregations..

Over the year we organised social and worship gatherings as a MA, with combined services on the 5th Sunday of the month, and much support in the various groups like Open the Book, Treasurers' meetings and the wellbeing project.

Going into 2025 we plan to dissolve the charity of Killay with Dunvant churches, implement the My Fund software and register the charity with the HMRC so we can claim Gift Aid as a MA. In mission and worship, we're intending to organise retreats, continue our shared children's and youth work, and support our different enterprises in outreach. Peter Lewis MAL

Report from the Ministry Area Wardens

The combined services on the 5th Sunday of the month have enabled us to join the congregations of other churches in the Ministry Area. This has been a really positive experience thanks to the welcome we have received. I spent 7 weeks in October and November travelling around Gower and sharing Lay led services, Morning Prayer, Eucharist and Baptism services. This was a wonderful experience, all so different, yet so familiar and getting to know so many people in Gower. This is something which we recommend and which you might consider.

Once again this year, each cluster was represented at Reynoldston on Good Friday, Pam and I travelled with Barry Fox to our MA Away Day at Llangasty, we came together at Oxwich to mark our first birthday at the beginning of June, our first MA Vestry Meeting held at Killay on June 30th, many of the churches hosted Gower Festival performances highlighting the beauty and serenity of our churches, and joined together to raise money for Tear Fund in their Big Quiz. Of course there have been many meetings which have enabled the Ministry Area Chapter to work closely together and become a close knit team, together with the Diocesan networking meetings for MA Wardens held in person or online.

Conducting reviews of the churches started before Christmas, and we have attended congregational meetings. Wild Church has brought people together and given a different insight to all of us.

We both feel that coming together in this way is one of the ways in which our Ministry Area can grow and our clusters can be linked. Once again, this year, it has been a delight to read about all the events in the Ministry Area in the MA Magazine.

Report from the Ministry Area Ministry Team

The MAMT, consisting of the clergy and lay worship leaders in the MA, brought a focus in 2024 of meeting up to share good practice and resources on liturgical seasons. It was also clear that the majority of the lay worship leaders received their formal training many years ago and it was agreed at the end of the year that we will use 2025 as a time to train new leaders and also encourage existing leaders to have ongoing training through the MAMT meetings.

The clergy continued to meet each Tuesday for prayer and planning, creating more joined up ways of working together and supporting each other in our variety of ministries. Peter Lewis MAL

Report from the Ministry Area Administrator

Since joining the team in January, the early part of the year has been spent getting to know the structure of the MA and the teams within. There was particular focus on updating the Membership app and helping Congregational Wardens in this process. Current activity is focused on adding remaining Trustees to the Charity Commission and DBS checks. Future plans involve bringing PAT testing 'in-house' to cut costs and

taking on tasks to support MA magazine.

Report from the Property subgroup

Since our coming together in 2024, this small group has concentrated on creating a list of approved contractors, supporting congregations in addressing the needs identified in the 2023/24 Quinquennial Inspection (QI) building reports. The Property subgroup reported to congregations several policies and provision procedures such as asbestos reports, insurance information and the collation of data in a church handbook to be held in each church building. Peter Lewis MAL

Report from the Eco subgroup

It has been a challenge to enable this group to keep working, and so much of the Eco responsibility, in practice has been approached by individual church congregations. Many undertook the A Rocha Ecochurch audits, with half of our churches now attaining Bronze status. Partnership with Swansea Council continued specific work with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty project (those in Gower), with particular progress at Oxwich church and Llanrhidian for bats, Port Eynon and Wernffrwd for swifts, Penmaen for a small natural area. Peter Lewis MAL

Mother's Union Branches

Killay MU

In January 2024 I began my 16th year as Branch Leader. Our first MU Archidiaconal Eucharist at St Mary's, Swansea was led by Rev Sue Waite.

Rev Layfetta welcomed us to St Hilary's for our first branch eucharist of 2024. During refreshments in the Hall, we collected a variety of items for the Safe Houses.

In February our AGM was chaired by Marian Williams and our accounts presented by Alan after they had been inspected by Ken Ellis. Our "Wave of Prayer" service in February was led by me in St Hilary's Church. I was very proud to read about our founder, Mary Sumner and how in 1876 she formed a group of mothers drawn from all social classes to meet together to discuss Christian faith and family life.

In March we really enjoyed Mike Powell's talk on "Prayer, Poems and Worship". Our second speaker was Rev Layfetta who gave a talk about Lent and its real purpose – loving God and each other. During March our members donated £45.50 to "Make a Mothers' Day" appeal.

Our excellent speaker in April was Sally Bowen who talked about, "Royal Memorabilia".

Thanks to Biddy O'Kane for another excellent talk about her experience of pilgramages to Lourdes. Another speaker in May was Rev Jim Page who is the Bishop's Officer for social responsibilty and the Chaplain of Faith in Families.

Our first meeting in June was to remember and give thanks for all those who planned and took part in the D-Day landings 80 years ago. We loved our singalong to the D Day Darlings.

At the June Archidiaconal Eucharist in St Mary's, we handed over 2 huge sacks full of new items for women and children in the Safe Houses. Thank you if you have donated to our collection.

The fundraising afternoon in our church hall in June was in aid of caravan holidays for needy families (AFIA). The hall was full of MU members and friends from so many areas. Those present enjoyed refreshments, bought books, cakes, raffle tickets etc. £900 was a fantastic sum of money raised by so many generous people (thank you if you helped or donated).

We celebrated the centenary of St Hilary's, Killay, Mothers' Union on 2nd July. It was a very meaningful service written and led by Rev Tim Williams our MU Chaplain. Parts of the service were conducted by Rev Peter Lewis and Archdeacon Peter Brooks. The buffet was amazing and our celebration cake was enormous. Rev Tim Williams reminded us that the branch of Dunvant and Killay was formed in 1924 when 42 members were recorded. The newly built St Hilary's was opened in 1926 and MU presented an oak lectern which is still in use.

In September, Mr Sidney Wilkins from Mumbles RNLI gave us a very interesting talk on the history of The Mumbles Lifeboat and station since 1832. Our members collected and donated £55 to Mumbles RNLI. In September we sent £86 to our Diocesan Treasurer to help with MU projects. Our Church Treasurer was sent £150 to cover some of the costs of us using the hall in such comfortable surroundings.

In October Nabeel Masih, our vicar's husband, spoke to us about his faith, music and worship. Nabeel put great emphasis on how we should treat others in a caring helpful and compassionate way. 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. 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.
Our first meeting in November was about "Remembrance" by Andy Jones. Andy is an amazing speaker with such a wealth of knowledge about the first and second world wars.
Debra John, a local actress, performed a story called "Gower Dreaming" (smuggling and shipwrecking etc) in November and we thanked her for fantastic presentation.
The last meeting of the year was early December and was a 'bring and share' buffet and social afternoon.
Due to Alan's heart operation and lengthy recovery and my deteriorating sight loss I needed to announce that Alan and I have now finished organising Mothers' Union at the end of its 100th year in Killay Branch. During my sixteen years as Branch Leader, Alan has helped enormously, especially in his role as Treasurer and Secretary. I would like to thank our current and former Bishops, presidents, trustees, clergy, church wardens, branch leaders, secretaries, treasurers, committee members and everyone else we have worked with. We look forward to seeing the Killay Branch continuing into the future under new leadership.

THREE CLIFFS MU

Mothers' Union has changed over the years; Whereas it used to be open only to married women, it is now available to all – even men! At our branch, we have about 30 members of various ages with at least three over 90. However, that doesn't restrict our programme at all.
We started off our year with the Annual Meeting and a quiz. As Lent was approaching, we had a pancake race down the aisle of our Church which isn't wide enough for two runners so we had time trials. A bit of cheating was going on but we had fun. The Rev. Sue Waite led our Lady Day Service. At our next meeting, Debra John told us all about the life of a Victorian maid. She was in costume and acted the part with knowledge and humour. The Diocesan Festival was held in May at Brecon Cathedral. This usually involves taking a picnic which is delightful when shared by the river on a sunny day, but is often eaten in our cars because of rain. Our Summer evening out was held in June. Our Archdeacon Peter and his wife Andrea, have a very talented daughter in law. She gave us some of her free time (not much of this as a mother of a young family) to show us how to make an Autumn wreath. This could also be re-designed for Christmas .
Our last speaker of the year told us all about her dog charity and all it involves.
Mothers' Union is a group who try to do God's work, the way our founder, Mary Sumner, did, but while this is our first priority, we also have fun and friendship at the same time.

Llanrhidian MU

We may be small in our membership in Llanrhidian, but members are loyal and faithful, meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month at our village hall. Transport is available to ensure members arrive safely. We hold a short service each time before various activities and discussions. We are keenly aware of the vast numbers of our members globally as we light candles and pray for our Diocesan links worldwide in our "Wave of Prayer". This is a vital part of the prayerful nature of our Christian Organisation with over 4 million members in 83 countries worldwide.
We celebrate the main Christian festivals in our church year with Lenten and Advent reflection both at Branch and Archdeaconry level. A very memorable, moving, Advent reflection led by Father Mark Griffiths, left us all with food for thought.
We were humbled to join a service for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence and domestic abuse as we stand in solidarity for those experiencing such violence.
The Diocesan Festival at Brecon Cathedral is a highlight for Mothers Union as we gather to say thank you to our organisation, proudly displaying our Branch banner.
Our Archdeaconry fundraising event for AFIA was a huge success, held in St Hilary's church hall, very well attended by all branches who thoroughly enjoyed chatting and spending time together, raising £1000 for AFIA funds.

Our branch enjoys “time out” meeting for lunch during our summer break and again at Christmas time. I value the support of all my members and clergy, thank them for continuing to meet with each other and uphold the values of Mothers Union.

Church discipling groups

In addition to the weekly online Tuesday evening bible study, the Lamplighter started a bible study and two bible studies began in the East cluster. For Lent there was a MA Lent course, but the very cold and wet weather created many challenges in our rural context with an early date for Easter meaning that we were having to travel at a very dark time of the year. Over the year, lots of people did contribute and attend parts of the wellbeing Project and the new Wild Church monthly activities attracted people from all over the MA as a fresh expression of discipling.

Report from the Wonder of Wellbeing Project

Chloe started working in the Project in February 2023, through funding from the Alun Walters Trust connected to Oxwich church and the Rural Anchor levelling up fund. It was an amazing year of stepping out in faith and trying all sorts of activities and approaches to creativity, art, prayer, walking, the Outdoors and evangelism. Chloe and Peter worked with lots of folk from within our congregations and from the community to test the waters in a range of wellbeing session, prayerful activities, spiritual tourism that saw us working with Faith in Families on the beach, leading monthly Wild Church outside in torrential rain, ministering alongside hurting people in some creative art workshops and developing resources that local schools are now using for wellbeing. With one eye on these activities and the other on the future opportunities, Peter worked with the diocese to make a bid for the Church in Wales Growth Fund to make this a 5 year project, becoming successful in January 2025.
Chloe Thomas

Missional and outreach activities across the Ministry Area

In 2024, the new Open the Book groups engaged well with local churches, with plans for two more groups being training in 2025 for us to cover all the primary schools who are requesting us. All the clergy, with several lay people developed great relationships with schools visiting the churches and groups delivering lessons and assemblies. On D Day ‘s 80th anniversary, Knelston school played a full part of the Rhossili commemoration with St Mary’s. New in-roads were made with Olchfa Comprehensive and Fr Tim took on some additional roles with Faith at Bishopston comprehensive school. Killay and Dunvant congregations provided members who went on Bubble church training with Revd. Layfetta, to start up special services on the first Sunday of the month for younger children – a great way to link faith with their Tots group. Much planning and effort went into a family Christmas event in Reynoldston, which had to be cancelled owing to a spate of terrible wet and windy weather.

The Lamplighter in Bishopston welcomed people for worship, friendship groups and café and Christian resources being purchased. The bishop arrived as part of their 30th anniversary celebration. Thanks again to Louise Rigdon who coordinates the volunteers and the business.

The North Gower Food Hub, supported by lots of churches and with staff from the Ma continued to reach out to people in need, with more people requesting food than that which could be provided.

Our churches continued to be heart of many community events, with St Hilary’s bringing together lots of the community in a new Carol service. The MA clergy

Gower Ministry Area Magazine

It is hard to believe but there have been 1,500 monthly editions of the Magazine since it started. It goes back to the very beginning of the last century. Our stalwart correspondent, Valerie Beynon, brings alive for us each month what was going on in Gower a hundred years ago, but the Magazine was twenty-five years old even then.

Of course, the Magazine has changed over the years. Thanks to all those who give their time to make it successful today. Some write articles. Some take pictures. And a wonderful team organise: they collect subscriptions and distribute the copies when they are printed.

There are many reasons for having a magazine, but the most important one is to bring the Ministry Area together. We get to hear about the successes of all the other congregations and sometimes their problems too. On top of that it does, also, make a small profit for the MAC largely because of the support of our printer Jim Harford who charges far less than he could. Income comes roughly half from advertising and half from subscriptions.

We especially thank Frances Owen-John, for all the work she has done sending out invoices and paying bills. Frances is now stepping down as Treasurer and Andy is taking over. Frances rescued the magazine from bankruptcy in 2019 and brought it back to solvency. We are very grateful for her patience, wisdom and hard work.

Peace and blessings

Nigel King (Editor)

Gower Pilgrimage Way

In 2025 the Gower Pilgrimage Way will be managed as part of the Wonder of Wellbeing Project. In 2024, we had many visitors and our plans are to expand the pilgrimage experience with the extra staff members to bring their ideas and skills.

Report from the Ministry Area Treasurer

The full report is part of the annual Financial statements.

In summary:

Thank you to all who are giving towards the finances of our church life and mission. Regular and realistic giving, especially through the Give Direct scheme, is commended.

Thank you to all the treasurers and everyone involved in collection of monies and Gift aid for your work in 2024.

The investment portfolio held by some of the churches has seen a 3.9% rise in value over the past year.

The Ministry Share for Gower for 2024 was paid in full. With increasing financial pressures, it is not clear whether this will be possible in the future.

The consolidated accounts show a net movement of £40K in unrestricted funds in 2024. The performance of churches is not uniform, however, with a number showing significant deficits. In some churches this has put their finances in a precarious position.

Overall, the net assets of the Ministry Area rose by approximately £16K or 1.32%

The implementation of the My Fund computer software was not possible in 2024 in the absence of the provision of appropriate training for church treasurers

Peter Townsend MA Treasurer

Reports from our twenty congregations in the Ministry Area

St. Hilary's Church, Killay

We suffered the devastating loss of our organist Huw Thomas and his wife Janie, one of our choristers, at the beginning of the year. The hall was full when we were invited to a memorial lunch in their memory.

Church services changed slightly when the Lay led service on the 4th Sunday of the month moved to the 1st. Sunday School was held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays with the numbers increasing slowly. Midweek services attract approximately 20 regular worshippers, led by Mike, one of our Lay Worship leaders when Layfetta couldn't be there. Tots group has grown, and Bubble Church was launched in December. Killay MU branch celebrated its Centenary.

Our Brownie pack celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and a presentation in church by Layfetta. The Experience Easter was a great success, visited by children and teachers from Dunvant, Hendrefoilan and Cilâ Primary Schools. The church was full when Dunvant school came on two Sunday mornings and for our Carol Service with Killay Community Council, Siloam Baptist Church and Hendrefoilan School. The Air

Cadets came for the Battle of Britain Memorial Service in September.
Our grant application and Faculty regarding repairs to the Lychgate were successful and work is now underway. Our asbestos survey was clear, and the usual PAT testing and servicing of Fire extinguishers took place. Social and Fundraising events raised funds for our church - the Annual East Cluster Lunch at Clyne Golf Club in January, a Community Choral Event, Harvest Supper, Coffee morning, Gwalia Concert and Christmas Raffle. We joined in MA events on Good Friday, at Oxwich in June, at the Away Day at Llangasty, Wellbeing events on the beach and hosted the Tear Fund Big Quiz. We were also involved in preparation for our office to become the Gower MAA Office prior to an appointment being made.

St. Martin's, Dunvant

Our first Murder Mystery in April boosted Church Funds by £850, St Hilary's and St Martin's involved local friends. Sadly, one of our hard-working regulars, Ann Stone passed away in August.
September the leak in our roof was repaired. Our first Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £260, contact and friends were made with our near church neighbours. In October we held our first Harvest Supper. We invited our new friends from the Macmillan coffee morning and we now have 4 more regular worshippers at St Martin's. We will continue with both these new ventures and have started House Bible Study Group. In December, Bubble Church started in St Hilary's and 6 members of St Martin's were there to support Layfetta in, as well as supporting Tot's Club and 'Open the Book' in Pen Y Fro School. We also presented Christingle at the school and they came to our Candlelight Carol Service where some 64 Adults enjoyed this festive treat. Over Christmas we also flew the flag at Dunvant Social Centre where we had a table showing people where and what we do in the community, alongside the WI, the Ramblers Society, Ebenezer Chapel, all organised by our local council. Due to weather damage, our Outside Notice Board had to be replaced, but thanks to a donation from Ann Nicholls, we have new Aluminium Notice Board, informing passers by the times of our Services. In the Spring we are going to try to find a way to encourage local youngsters to our Church. Pen Y Fro School will be visiting us once again to Easter Experience in April.
We will also be visiting the Sick, and administering Holy Communion. Carol and Clive Lewis celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in February and had their vows blessed by Layfetta during Sunday Morning Service. Following refreshments, they showed us their Anniversary card from King Charles.

All Souls Church, Tycoch

Church life continues to bloom as we welcome new worshipers to our fold. Attendance is consistent across our services, and participation by the young people is encouraged and growing. We welcomed Ben and his mum. He asked to be baptised with full immersion which, was facilitated in October. An increase of young people pushes forward plans for new forms of worship, plus preparation for confirmation begins in January 2025. Messy Christingle brought a busy year to and end with a fun and festive gathering of young and old. A summer fundraiser with the concert band and two musical afternoon tea events put the fun in fundraising. Seasonal festivities are a good excuse to enhance our post service fellowship with home baked goods. As a congregation we welcome any reason to celebrate together. The Experience Easter event with Sketty Primary School was a huge success, and led to a request to do same at Christmas. Both events involved donkeys who, at Christmas, brought Mary into Church enhancing our story. Plans to hold similar events at Easter 2025 are underway. A group session was well attended to assist those required to complete the online safeguarding course. The contractor engaged to extend the Garden of Remembrance has let us down again. Contact made with new contractor and we are hopeful for completion in spring 2025. Exterior painting of the Church windows and doors completed in September. Further work required by Quinquennial inspection to be carried out in 2025. Rising costs has meant our Church Hall only made enough to cover costs. To retain the hall for our community as well as a source of income for our church, we intend to use a considerable amount of our reserves and seek other funding opportunities over the next two years. No incidents or accidents reported.

St Teilo's, Bishopston

Congregations at St Teilo's continue to grow, with our Sundays feeling more and more like pre-Covid times. It is a joy to be able to stay after the service and chat over a cup of coffee. Something that had been

greatly missed. Work on our buildings continue, all be at a slower pace with delays and problems with various trades. Finally, however, we have installed a much-needed handrail on the Chancel steps, meeting with everyone's approval. We are still trying to arrange for the stone mason, hopefully later this year to treat the walls in the Chancel for damp. We are now looking to start work on the damp in the bell tower but first have to comply with the regulations of the Bat Protection Officers. Our Hall Committee have set up a monthly community cinema which is proving to be quite popular and helping to fund the maintenance and upkeep of the hall. We look forward to continuing our outreach and growth of the Church in 2025.

St Mary's, Pennard

We are pleased to see that our attendance has returned to pre-pandemic numbers. Our monthly Services in the Community Hall remain our most popular. Average attendance for our Sunday services in church and Wednesdays is pretty much the same. All Easter and Christmas Services were well attended especially Christingle on Christmas Eve afternoon. Once again, we had atrocious weather for Carols on the Cliffs but the event was much appreciated by those who braved the elements. Darran Hickery, a former member of our congregation, was ordained in June 2024. Our proposed renovation work was put out to tender resulting in several applications. In January 2025 the Ven Peter, a Warden and the Treasurer met with Architect Carl Morgan and agreed upon a contractor. We are hopeful that building work will at last commence during the year. We know that 2025 will be a year of changes and challenges but we will put our hands into the hand of God and go forth.

St. John's, Penmaen and St. Nicholas, Nicholaston.

This year at St. John the Baptist, was spent concentrating efforts to facilitate the Faculty works and finally secure enough tenders for the work involved. Time was also spent canvassing the Community Council to try to drum up support for a Friends of St. John's, to enable the local community to take more responsibility for keeping St. John the Baptist church viable.

Progress was made by the end of the year with enough tenders submitted for the work, to enable approaches to be made to fundraising charitable bodies. This resulted in grants totalling £14,760 being offered. Together with parishioner's and residents fundraising and donations of £4,900, bringing our total funds towards the work to £19,660. We also applied to join Swansea City Council's Biodiversity Scheme for Gower Churches. This application was successful and the City Council applied for a Faculty to cover the proposed works.

At St. Nicholas the year was less hectic and demanding. We had another CADW Open Doors day again in September. Chloe Thomas took the opportunity to set up a table of activities for youngsters in the back of the church as part of the Gower Wellbeing Project.

We were very pleased at Nicholaston and Penmaen to help celebrate Rev Nigel King's 80th birthday during the summer, Nigel holds a special place in our hearts.

For 2025, we hope to see the completion of the Faculty works at St. John's and perhaps give some time and thought to St. Nicholas church.

St Illtyd's, Oxwich

With the Clergy cover available, we had little requirement for lay-led services, this all looks set to change, with both Roger and Hilary moving away. The Wellbeing Project used St Illtyd's for a number of events, some of which took place on the beach, and drew in a number of people. With funding for two more staff, this project looks set to grow. To make the building multi-functional, plans progressed to install a water supply, W.C. and kitchenette. The W.C. should be accessible to wheel-chair users. Coffee is invariably served after Sunday services, and it will be wonderful to have a water supply onsite for washing up. Regrettably, the organ will be too large to be accommodated, and so it will be replaced with a modern keyboard with more flexibility. Bats inhabit the tower, but do not interfere with the operation of the church, efforts have been made to minimise interference with them. The tower has been made darker and temperature stable, to encourage more bats to roost at no cost. Storms have been more severe recently and made the ground less stable. The power line to the church was brought down three times, fortunately with no loss of power, but compromising access to the church. As part of the proposed building

programme, an underground duct for the power cable will be laid, alongside the incoming water supply pipe and will be a visual improvement, as well as a storm-proof. One of the tree falls was a large sycamore which fell the whole width of the churchyard. It damaged a number of graves, and efforts are underway to try to locate the families involved. Damage to the footpath should be dealt with by the proposed building works, as this is the intended route for the water supply, ducts and drainage.

St David's Church, Llanddewi

St David's, is a Grade Two listed church building, set in a farmyard, between the villages of Knelston and Scurlage. We have appreciated the priestly services, teaching, and pastoral ministry of Rev Peter Lewis, and also the support and care given by Rev Roger Donaldson. Regular worship services continued to be monthly Sunday Holy Communion at 9:30, and weekly mid-week communion services, which include a short Bible study with questions, discussion, teaching, fellowship with members of other churches, and prayer. Our Sunday congregation is small, comprising people from our local communities, with usually a slightly larger mid-week congregation. We hosted two joyful Festival services: on St David's Day people from north and south Gower enjoyed worship and praise mainly in the Welsh language and at Harvest people from came from South West Gower cluster. The church was filled for both services. Finances give cause for concern, with expenditure exceeding income. We depend on regular giving and fundraising, which challenge our small, scattered congregation. We have no legacies. We held two social and fund-raising activities: a coffee morning and a talk followed by refreshments. Temporary repairs to the church tower roof were carried out prevent leaking. permanent repairs are awaited. The Quinquennial inspection reported highlighted the need for tower roof repairs and some other minor repairs, mainly to cracks in the church walls and damaged coping stones. The Churchyard cutting area has been reduced, to reduce costs and to encourage natural habitat. The Gower Pilgrimage continues to bring visitors. The church is always open and beautiful comments are left in the visitors' book about the calming nature of the building. Its simplicity and natural light are perfect for quiet contemplation. We pray St David's will serve in a fresh and sustainable way as a centre of Christian faith and hope.

St Andrew's, Penrice

We have sustained our witness and worship each Sunday morning, and celebrated Easter, Ascension, St Andrew's Day, Harvest and Christmas Day. Our Harvest Supper at the Britannia Inn was again one of our largest. Given St Andrew's longstanding interest in older liturgies, we continue to celebrate, on the first Sunday of the month, the Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. We held four Penrice Lectures in 2024, which were given by Andrew Dulley, Hugh Dunthorne, Jeff Childs and Canon Roger Donaldson, and were well attended by 60+ neighbours and visitors. The Penrice Calendar for 2025 was produced thanks to the generosity of Jim Harford and sold out. These fund-raising actions were in the hands of Michael and Angela Barnett. Our charity work for 2024 was led by Cathy Dorran, an indefatigable supporter of people in need. Under the supervision of William Doran, we were able to repair the fabric and completely redecorate the church over the autumn of 2024; while the work was in progress, each Sunday we managed to hold a service, often in the vestry. We thank our contractors Charlie Short of South Wales Heritage Plasterwork and Digs Electrical Ltd for their excellent efficient services.

St Cattwg's, Port Eynon

The change to Sunday evening services at 5.00pm has proved to be a success with several members of our congregation either coming back or being new to Sunday worship. We have also attracted members from other churches in the ministry area who come when they do not have a communion service in their "home Church". With the installation of a large screen monitor the ability to vary the way services are presented has also been popular. Our alternate Saturday morning café continues to bring both locals and visitors together in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Apart from worship our church is used by various music groups and has been used in the summer holidays by The Wellbeing Project when the weather was not suitable for the beach. We have had visits from the local primary school as part of the Open The Book initiative.

St Mary the Virgin, Rhossili

Over 2024 we set up artwork and prayer installations in St Mary's for locals and visitors to use as part of their reflections on life, spiritual journeys and to express themselves in challenging times. Over 1,500 people interacted with these presentations, and, to build on that success, funding was granted to extend our wonder of wellbeing project in Gower for another five years. Highlights in the art projects were connecting with Knelston Primary School for Rhossili's village D-Day commemorations, being a place for those on the Gower Peninsula Macmillan Mighty Hike to express their feelings and prayers as they walked in memory or support of others, and being a venue for the wellbeing project reflective walks, Wild Church and Prayer meetings. Come rain or shine, Rev Peter walked his dogs around Rhossili on Thursday mornings for Ebb and Flow reflections; people can join him at 8.15am every week all year. Visitors leave prayer requests at the Lady Altar which are shared at monthly services. The church opens daily thanks to those who diligently make this possible; we are also grateful to our generous benefactors, in particular the Bowen Richards Trust and Rhossili Council. Gower Festival thrilled again with a sell-out summer concert by the Castalian Quartet. Autumn harvest combined a convivial supper with entertainment in the Village Hall, and food-hub donations. Storm Darragh ripped into the church roof in December, however it did not deter the traditional joining with Pitton Chapel for a shared carol service, and a packed-out all-ages nativity service at St Mary's set a joyful mood for Christmas celebrations. This has all helped us be a place where Spirituality, Creativity and Nature interweave, somewhere where we can come alongside visitors and bless their lives as well as creating a quiet sacred space for people to privately express their hopes and fears.

St. George's, Reynoldston

St. George's has continued with its weekly Sunday services, Holy Communion and All Age services alongside weekday Morning Prayers. The introduction of Welsh language Communion services, on behalf of the Ministry Area, has been most welcome. The Remembrance Service was well attended, a moving service. Many of our services are presented via a TV screen, now with upgraded media facilities. Congregation numbers have reduced over the year due to illness, deaths and moves from the village. The Church's Social Group has again been active during the year, organising a number of community events - Village Quiz, Harvest Supper and Community Carols. Church members were involved in organising the Christmas food collection for the Gower Food Hub and the Salvation Army. We have an ageing and reducing congregation, but the Diocesan charge has not reduced in line with falling income. To ensure long term survival, we need an urgent and significant reduction in annual payments. 2025 will see the completion of the repairs to the bell tower and the work required in and outside the church, identified in the Quinquennial Report. We thank Revd. Peter and Canon Roger for their ministry throughout the year.

St Cenydd's Llangennith

St Cenydd's has been open to a small but steady congregation, strengthened in the summer months by visitors. One wedding was celebrated and one funeral took place as well as several well attended concerts. The church continues to be opened daily and receives large numbers of visitors who enjoy the historic, peaceful setting. The small Church Council meets regularly and keeps in touch with manage church affairs. There is a location in the porch for donations to North Gower Food Hub. A 'Friends of St Cenydd's' group was successfully set up in the spring. In April, the new heating, lighting and PA system was installed and motion sensitive lighting is proving very helpful to visitors, especially in the darker months. At the rear of the church there is now an interesting exhibition of church and village history and a collection of old photographs which we are hoping to expand. The churchyard is well maintained with regular cutting around the graves but leaving the margins and several 'wild' areas uncut for wildlife. A small cowslip bank has been planted at the entrance and it is hoped that more wild flowers will be sown this year. Storms caused damage to two sections of roof and a more serious hole high on the south side of the nave roof allowing the ingress of water. The insurers quickly oversaw repairs by a trusted local contractor and the experience has given us much reassurance. Following receipt of the Quinquennial inspection report, work was undertaken to clean gutters and cut back undergrowth around the church walls and part of the churchyard wall. As recommended, a structural engineering company has been instructed to survey the tower, so plans can be made to carry out necessary repairs, if financially feasible. This will be the main

focus for 2025.

St. David's Church, Gwernffrwd

Attendances remain good at our weekly services and we held several special services during the year including the Dydd Gŵyl Dewi service, Good Shepherd Sunday when we were joined by two magnificent Suffolk rams, the Ascension Day Breakfast Service, Harvest Thanksgiving and services at Easter and Christmas. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols saw the church nearly full to capacity with many people from our local community joining us. Our finances remain satisfactory thanks to generous weekly giving, fund raising and bequests and donations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way and to Lorraine for keeping our accounts in good order. We have continued to support the North Gower Food Hub with food and cash and collected monetary donations for ABCD, Tŷ Hafan, Faith in Families and Gower YFC tractor run for Cancer Research. Barry continues to keep an eye on the fabric of our building including the bell repair and we thank Sid Davis for maintaining the churchyard. We are grateful to the anonymous donor of the information board installed in the churchyard and to Margaret Coppin for buying two electric heaters in memory of her husband, Derrick. We have rejoiced with two families during the year. Suzanne Evans and Ian Donaldson were married in April and in June Idris Connor, the son of Anwen and Sophie was baptised. Sadly, we have shared the sorrow of the families of Sonia Davies, Cliff Jones, Olga Hughes, Ernie Beynon, Jacob Crane, Denise Doyle, Alastair Elkes-Jones and Cath Mathewson. We would like to record our appreciation to Frs Tim and Nigel, Revd. Keith and Reader Ross for conducting our services throughout the year and everyone who contributes in any way to keeping our 'little church on the marsh' such a warm and friendly place to worship.

St. Cadoc's, Cheriton and St. Madoc's, Llanmadoc

This year, by using what's left in our reserve funds, we will be able to pay our parish share. Next year may be a problem. To this end – our main drive will be to make our communities of Llanmadoc, Cheriton and Landimore aware of the present financial situation – re: possible closures of St Madoc and / or St Cadoc due to lack of funds – and to generate possible solutions for a positive way forward. We have embarked upon a mail shot to all households in these three communities (some 200) advising them of the risks we face – and seeking feedback and help. This will be followed by a village meeting (once all the feedback is received). Peter Lewis and Tim Ardouin have agreed to attend this meeting and help us in any way they can. Our main aim will be to increase 'Friends of St Madoc and St Cadoc churches' with annual contributions of say £50 (or even better monthly payments of £5). We are also mentioning the exhausted and elderly committee who are finding it difficult to keep on top of running the churches in terms of the day-to-day operations, repairs, fund-raising and grant applications – with the aim of seeking helpers.

St Rhydian and St Illtyd's, Llanrhidian

Perched in a commanding position above the marsh, the church of Llanrhidian is one of the most beautiful places of worship on the Gower peninsular. Despite this, congregations have been slow to return after the covid pandemic, and it has been difficult to view this trend with anything less than deep concern. One response has been to institute a service of Eucharist and Evensong on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons each month. We have seen the initial handful of attendees grow, even through the cold and damp winter. We have every hope that as the year turns, our numbers will continue to grow in response to more creative thinking about how to spread the Word. The natural beauty of our surroundings and the humble warmth of our building have attracted many couples choosing St Rhydian and St Illtyd's as their special place for the solemnisation of wedding vows. We have also held many joyful christenings, and we have joined many people in their saying their formal farewells to loved ones. We continue to reach out to the wider community with our message of peace and hope and have welcomed the school into the church for a range of festive services. We have also held special gatherings off site at key times in the church year, including Christmas Carols at GG's in Penclawdd and our regular Observances on Good Friday, and the very special Easter sunrise service which is held every year on Cefn Bryn. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pam Meakin and Jennifer Griffiths in their roles as Wardens, especially at weddings and funerals. Pam has tirelessly kept the church open, and a brigade of ladies have cleaned and arranged flowers. Jennifer

Griffiths has helped with weekly newsletters. Fr Tim and Fr Nigel, supported by Ross have provided clerical guidance and devotion.

St Gwynour's, Llanyrnewydd (Penclawdd)

As may be noted from this year's attendance figures, our church is locally regarded as a venue for funerals rather than for more joyous celebrations. As a congregation we are seeking ways to change this deep-rooted perception, and in so doing, to find the means to keep our church open and to act as a focus for our local community needs. To this end our fundraising efforts towards the end of last year were well received. A ukulele concert in the church in early December, followed by mulled wine, attracted an appreciative audience. We are grateful to the staff of GG's Ice Cream, in Penclawdd, for allowing us to hold a carol concert there, and our own church carol service on Christmas Eve was as always well attended. Our congregation remains small in number, but steady and faithful. We will continue to seek ways in which we may translate local awareness of our church into a willingness to use our building as a place where local needs may be met.

Church Statistics for 2024

The following table uses the average figures for attendance and reflects our church registers for Life Event services (occasional offices).

Gower Ministry Area Church Statistics 2023	Llanyrnewydd	Wernffrwd	Llanrhidian	Cheriton	Llanmadoc	Llangennith	Rhossili	Port Eynon	Llanddewi	Reynoldston	Penrice	Oxwich	Nicholaston	Pemaen	Ilston	Pennard	Bishopston	Killay	Dunvant	Tycoch	**TOTALS**
wedding services in 2024	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	22
infant baptisms in 2024	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	11
baptisms of 8 years+ in 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
confirmees confirmed in 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
2024 Sunday service attendees	9	23	14	13	12	14	10	19	10	19	8	15	10	11	12	29	28	55	14	20	345
average number of 2024 mid-week Communon attendees	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	7	20	0	8	63
funeral services in church /grounds	5	2	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	8	7	16	0	4	58
funeral services clergy took (not in church/ grounds)	13						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	20

Accounts for St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches
Charity Number 1138042
For the Year ending 31st December 2024

I would like firstly to report that 2024 was the first full year that the two churches in the Parish of Killay were wholly combined with the other eighteen Gower Anglican Churches to form the Gower Ministry Area CIO. The new Charity Number is 1210801 and our Annual Report and Financial Statement are part of the consolidated documents prepared for the Gower Ministry Area. I will therefore include those documents in our Charity Commission submission for 2024.

The information in this Financial Report is included in the Gower Ministry Area Financial Statement but rather prepared in the format used by the former Parish of Killay.

I am happy to report that the 2024 accounts show a year-end surplus. This is a welcome turnaround in our finances and the £11,480 net surplus is a much-needed top-up to reserves.

Several factors have contributed to this change in fortune since 2023, the main ones being:

- £9,211 fall in Ministry Share since joining the MA.
- £6,011 fall in building maintenance costs and no major refurbishments.
- £3,645 fall in fuel costs.
- £4,528 increase in fundraising over six social events, 100 Club, raffles (cost of fundraising taken into account so this is all profit).

One disappointing outcome in 2024 was the decrease in income from hall letting. This was largely due to the loss of the long-running School of Ballet due to Miss Kim's retirement at the end of the summer term. Although we have picked up a few more bookings, these are no substitute for the loss of a very popular dance school that ran classes two evenings a week during term time.

Hopefully, with continued efforts to advertise our hall we will go on to attract new bookings in 2025, preferably regular weekly classes / groups.

The closing balance across all accounts was £100,494 divided in the following way:

	Current Account	Gold Account
Restricted	£1,488	£29,260
Designated	£0	£50,092
Unrestricted	£18,738	£916

The Restricted Funds are divided as follows:

Grant (Diocese Lychgate admin)	£3,000
St Hilary's Building and Fabric	£415
St Martin's Building and Fabric	£2,952
St Martin's Stained-Glass window	£25
Parish Centre	£607
Graveyard and Grounds.	£22,372
Tots / Sunday School	£586
Easter flowers	£162
Children's Ministry at Christmas	£243
Jamaica donation	£386

The Designated Funds are divided as follows:

Sale of Parsonage to building repairs	£40,092
Bequest for repair of Lychgate	£10,000

I would like to thank Mr Ken Ellis and Mr Alan Pickard for their continued advice and support this year. Grateful thanks and appreciation also go to Mrs Geraldine Rees, our Gift Aid Secretary and Ms Marian Williams, our Warden..

Diane Holohan
Treasurer, St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches

ST HILARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S CHURCHES, SWANSEA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	THIS YEAR 2024		LAST YEAR 2023	
RECEIPTS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Direct Giving				
Planned Giving	39,132		41,764	
Open Plate	3,724	42,856	2,572	44,336
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		12,637		10,557
Special Collections				
World Church and Other Good Causes		1,626		1,384
Magazine				
Advertising and Sales		983		1,344
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising Group Events (incl. Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		7,799		4,868
Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	344		500	
Donations & Gifts	2,076		1,623	
Other including Grants, Insurance Claims and Loans	6,637	9,057	6,568	8,691
Other Income				
Funerals and Burials - Restricted		3,311		4,384
Funerals - Unrestricted	780		1,292	
Weddings/Baptisms	840	1,620	301	1,593
Photocopying, Tots, Flowers, MA mag etc.		1838		80
Bank Interest		1,900		3,240
Parish Centre Income				
Letting		15,858		17,200
TOTAL RECEIPTS		99485		97,677

	THIS YEAR 2024		LAST YEAR 2023	
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
Mission and Outreach				
Local	1,291		793	
World	0	1,291	600	1,393
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Ministry Share, Clergy expenses, MA costs		51,749		60,960
Maintenance of the Churches				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	6,050		10,516	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	4,892	10,942	7,789	18,305
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		6,585		3,891
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Books, Courses				
Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion),		0		0
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying, Sundries		1,050		
Licences, Petty Cash, bank		77		3,363
Cost of Money Raising		2,315		3039
Parish Centre Outgoings				
Heat, Light, Water, Insurance,	7,040		6,219	
Maintenance, Cleaning supplies	3,961	11,001	7,075	13,294
Exceptional Costs		2,995		37,467
Hall refurbishment, support costs etc				
TOTAL PAYMENTS		88,005		141,712
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT		11,480		-44,035
1st January Bank Balances	89,014		133,049	
1st January Cash Balances	0		0	
		89,014		133,049
31st December Bank Balances	100,494		89,014	
31st December Cash Balances	0		0	
		100,494		89,014

Gower Ministry Area CIO

Charity Number 1210801

May 19th, 2025

Financial Statements

Year ended December 31st 2024

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The year 2024 was the first full year that the Gower Ministry Area had overall responsibility for the financial management of the twenty Gower Anglican churches. The consolidated accounts presented here bring together all the finances of the individual churches and have been prepared with the help of all seventeen church treasurers as well as one or two who look after the finances of church halls. A debt of gratitude is owed to them all.

At the end 0f 2024, the Gower Ministry Area had assets in excess of 1.2 million pounds which included some £421K of invested funds. Inspection of the consolidated Income and Expenditure figures shows a positive net movement of £10,000 which contrasts with a negative movement in 2023. This gives a slightly distorted picture, for some of this positive movement came from a one time release of funds from Benefice accounts. This was when those accounts were closed as the Ministry Area took over overall financial responsibility. For individual churches there is still concern for over half saw a reduction in their assets as they spent more of their unrestricted funds than they received in income. This has led to a reduction in their reserves with some churches now in a precarious financial position. Plans for a Ministry Area stewardship campaign in 2025 will hopefully alleviate the financial strains.

Investments generally showed increases of about 7% although the total Ministry Area holding rose by just 4% as one church sold off a substantial investment to stabilise its finances.

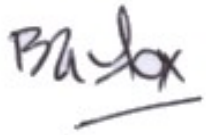
In 2024, the Ministry Area continued to pay in full the Diocesan allocation of Ministry Share. Continuing financial pressures make full payment ever more difficult and may not be possible in the future.

It was the intention that the MyFund accounting package would be fully implemented across the Ministry Area starting in January 2025. However, progress has been hampered by the lack of training. Implementation will have to wait until appropriate training is put in place.

On a more positive note to end this brief report, the Well Being project completed phase one very successfully in 2024 and new funding has been approved for an expanded five year project to start in 2025.

2. Risk Review

The Ministry Area Council considers the major risks to which the Ministry Area is exposed and establishes polices to mitigate those risks. The principal risks include declining and ageing church membership, the state of repair of the church buildings and the financial requirements to meet day to day administration. The fabric of each church building is continually monitored by the respective Sub-Wardens and reported upon to the Ministry Area Council. No significant spend on fabric is permitted unless the church can demonstrate it has the requisite funding in place.



Signed _____ Date: 19th May 2025
Chair of Gower Ministry Area Council
Mr Barry Fox

Signed _____ Date: 19th May 2025
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO GOWER MINISTRY AREA

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Gower Ministry Area are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.
The Ministry Area considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *Date* 21-Apr-25

David Jenkins ACA

Gorseinon
Swansea

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2024

Funds for: Consolidated Ministry Area Accounts		**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total All Funds**	**2023 restated**
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	154,964		154,964	166,686
	Loose Collections	38,664		38,664	29,135
	Donations	22,240	2,139	24,379	32,398
	For Mission	10,390	1,626	12,016	6,524
	Tax Refunds Gift Aid	46,053	5,088	51,141	45,163
	Tax Refunds GASDS	6,104		6,104	4,421
	Legacy Gifts Received	24,680		24,680	1,429
	Grants	27,382	51,683	79,065	25,239
	Money Raising	57,353	6,872	64,225	40,000
	Fees	39,580	10,919	50,499	51,147
Investment Income		21,933	69	22,002	6,908
Other Incoming Resources		24,412	310	24,722	37,560
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		473,756	78,706	552,463	446,609
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share	244,094		244,094	266,836
	Expenses of Clerics	17,355		17,355	24,185
	Other	8,552	30,823	39,375	3,532
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	10,987	674	11,661	11,869
	General Church Expenses	26,066	1,383	27,449	18,929
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	49,150	1,155	50,305	65,910
	Maintenance of Property	52,550	13,759	66,309	83,266
	Exceptional Expenditure	5,540	54,629	60,169	31,775
Grants for Financial Support	Church	4,296	3,697	7,993	4,062
	Home / World	6,358	2,572	8,930	11,407
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments	4,622		4,622	8,421
	Cost of Money Raising	3,419	712	4,131	8,347
Net Church Transfers					
Total Resources Expended / Payments		432,989	109,404	542,393	538,538

Net Movement in Funds	40,768	*-30,697*	10,070	*-91,927*
Transfer between Funds	3,451	*-3,451*		
Loss on valuation of assets				
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	558,600	214,073	772,673	864,602
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)	602,819	179,925	782,743	772,673

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER

	2023			2024
		GENERAL FUND		
	864,602	opening balance at 1 January		772,673
		add		
446,609		Receipts	552,463	
		deduct		
538,538		Payments	542,393	
	772,673	Balance		782,743
	415,098	Total Investments		420,757
	1,187,771	Final Balance		**1,203,500**
		REPRESENTED BY		
794,491		Bank accounts	783,720	
1,217		Cash in Hand	144	
10,133		Deposit with RB		
404,966		Investments at Market Value	420,757	
	1,210,807			1,204,621
12,147		ADD debtors (prepayments etc)	12,188	
	1,222,954			1,216,809
35,182		DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)	13,308	
	1,187,771			**1,203,501**

The Notes on the following pages form part of the balance sheet

Approved by the Ministry Area Council 19th May 2025
and signed on its behalf by

Chair of the Ministry Area Council

Ministry Area Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. General information
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities:Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees of the Ministry Area Council believe that no material uncertainties exist.
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the settlement amount.

No trustees received remuneration or expenses during the year ended 31 December 2024.

2 (a) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Penclawdd				Gwernffrwd				Llanrhidian			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023 restated
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	2428		2428	1861	6626		6626	6173	3174		3174	9438
	Loose Collections	2523		2523	1665	588		588	644	909		909	
	Donations	1385		1385	2005	1546		1546	2612	200		200	
	For Mission	252		252	120			0	0				
	Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	1591		1591	1082	6022		6022	4632	357		357	385
	Tax Refunds (GASDS)							0	0				
	Legacy Gifts Received	108		108	103	3601		3601	1000				
	Grants	2150		2150				0	999	500		500	900
Generated Income	Money Raising	581		581	821	2013		2013	1602				
	Fees							0	0	1309		1309	
Investment Income		11		11	85	379		379	285	12549		12549	223
Other Incoming Resources		3454		3454	2832					499		499	
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		14483		14483	10573	20775		20775	17946	19497		19497	10946
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				5832				13497				12004
	Expenses of Clerics				2026				1768				2022
	Other					252		252	516				258
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	86		86	135	157		157	160	30		30	171
	General Church Expenses	161		161	293	3063		3063	3525	1655		1655	136
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	8474		8474	4909	65		65	2025	521		521	4087
	Maintenance of Property									880		880	600
	Exceptional Expenditure												826
Grants for Financial Support	Church								1500				
	Home / World	366		366	120	726		726	300				
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments												
	Cost of Money Raising												
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		9087		9087	13315	4263		4263	23291	3086		3086	20103
Net Movement in Funds		5396		5396	-2742	16512		16512	-5345	16411		16411	-9157
Transfer between Funds		-7200		-7200		-13802		-13802		-13802		-13802	
Loss on valuation of assets								0					
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		7838		7838	10580	28476		28476	33821	671		671	9829
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		6034		6034	7838	31186	0	31186	28476	3280		3280	671

2 (b) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Llanmadog/Cheriton				Llangennith				Rhossili			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023 Restated
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	4776		4776	4669	5538		5538	5563	1388		1388	1521
	Loose Collections	1375		1375	467	1052		1052	1317	1539		1539	2085
	Donations	2545		2545	1321	724		724	1069	244		244	6065
	For Mission												
	Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	1094		1094	1162	640	5088	5728	1370	885		885	
	Tax Refunds (GASDS)					898		898	1034	1182		1182	
	Legacy Gifts Received												
	Grants				1700		500	500		3985		3985	300
Generated Income	Money Raising	6062		6062	344	20	3535	3555	2055	500		500	327
	Fees	2144		2144	3069	670		670	1573	327		327	2402
Investment Income						499		499	445	34		34	118
Other Incoming Resources		63		63	1444	96		96	114				
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		18059		18059	14176	10137	9123	19260	14540	10083		10083	12818
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				9430				11394				10815
	Expenses of Clerics				2054				1405				
	Other					58		58	913				
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	523		523	513		216	216	210	210		210	75
	General Church Expenses	2540		2540	2689				118	628		628	607
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	2642		2642	344	778		778	839	2729		2729	3132
	Maintenance of Property	2720		2720	1820		1844	1844	1630	1740		1740	2010
	Exceptional Expenditure		1323	1323	3873		44493	44493	150				9286
Grants for Financial Support	Church												
	Home / World									50		50	228
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments												
	Cost of Money Raising					60		60	2705				179
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		8425	1323	9748	20724	896	46553	47449	19364	5357		5357	26332
Net Movement in Funds		9634	-1323	8311	-6548	9241	-37430	-28189	-4824	4726		4726	-13514
Transfer between Funds		-7951	-3451	-11402		-13802		-13802		-7637		-7637	
Loss on valuation of assets													
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		-979	12729	11750	18298	34730	110006	144736	149560	25145		25145	38659
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		704	7955	8659	11750	30169	72576	102745	144736	22235		22235	25145

2 (c) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Port Eynon				Llanddewi				Reynoldston			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	4612		4612	4642	522		522	243	9916		9916	6847
	Loose Collections	1551		1551	1292	663		663	1263	2750		2750	941
	Donations	2613	190	2803	3653	2207		2207	1615	510		510	4786
	For Mission	101		101		200		200					
	Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	961		961	1426	712		712	1043	1263		1263	1515
	Tax Refunds (GASDS)	331		331									
	Legacy Gifts Received									10000		10000	
	Grants	998		998	2462	400	7736	8136		1118	2000	3118	3831
Generated Income	Money Raising	3007		3007	2816	672		672	832	1600		1600	1561
	Fees	320	828	1148	341	358		358	1292	3152	1959	5111	1660
Investment Income		607		607	605	20		20		3816		3816	1248
Other Incoming Resources		216		216	233					150		150	356
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		15317	1018	16335	17470	5754	7736	13490	6288	34275	3959	38234	22745
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				10153				4415				17175
	Expenses of Clerics				611								
	Other				51								389
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	41		41	153	186		186	35				59
	General Church Expenses	888		888	1989	204		204	250	2504		2504	892
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	5432		5432	4984	1660		1660	1187	3658		3658	4089
	Maintenance of Property		944	944	1752	824		824	410		5600	5600	
	Exceptional Expenditure	1305		1305									
Grants for Financial Support	Church	1829		1829									
	Home / World	101		101	1177	200		200		265		265	260
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments									4406		4406	572
	Cost of Money Raising	40		40	385	36		36	48				56
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		9636	944	10580	21255	3110		3110	6345	10833	5600	16433	23492
Net Movement in Funds		5681	74	5755	-3785	2644	7736	10380	-57	23442	-1641	21801	-747
Transfer between Funds		-11536		-11536		-4803		-4803		-17940		-17940	
Loss on valuation of assets													
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		16286	1670	17956	21741	5488		5488	5545	78427	1568	80953	81700
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		10431	1745	12175	17956	3329	7736	11065	5488	83929	-73	83856	80953

2 (d) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Penrice				Oxwich				Nicholaston/Penmaen			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023 restated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving					10130		10130	9436	7517		7517	7542
	Loose Collections	3755		3755	3487	2066		2066	2208	1730		1730	1113
	Donations	265		265	300	418		418	208	3307		3307	2144
	For Mission					135		135	150				
	Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	725		725	676	1624		1624	2293	1825		1825	2078
	Tax Refunds (GASDS)	310		310					701	355		355	886
	Legacy Gifts Received												
	Grants	9221		9221	2580				400	9010		9010	
Generated Income	Money Raising	4446		4446	2044	807		807		6808		6808	1125
	Fees	1441		1441	707	1374		1374	2780	130	1358	1488	845
Investment Income		387		387	151	288		288	245	171	69	240	90
Other Incoming Resources						224		224					225
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		20550		20550	9945	17066		17066	18421	30853	1427	32280	16049
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				5076				13869				7438
	Expenses of Clerics				420								51
	Other					2353		2353					
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	1787		1787	1520	111		111	1801	926		926	32
	General Church Expenses					2317		2317	945	226	1000	1226	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches					2310		2310	2189	1423		1423	3400
	Maintenance of Property	11365		11365	4919				3818	1309		1309	1200
	Exceptional Expenditure									1020		1020	7314
Grants for Financial Support	Church					650		650					
	Home / World	2200		2200	256	650		650	1314				
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments					216		216					
	Cost of Money Raising								330				
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		15352		15352	12192	8607		8607	24266	4905	1000	5905	19435
Net Movement in Funds		5198		5198	-2248	8458		8458	-5845	25948	427	26375	-3386
Transfer between Funds		-6418		-6418		-15710		-15710		-9996		-9996	
Loss on valuation of assets													
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		20174		20174	22422	35247		35247	41092	10455	5426	15881	19267
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		18954		18954	20174	27995		27995	35247	26407	5853	32260	15881

2 (e) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Ilston				Pennard				Bishopston			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023 restated
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	5996		5996	6020	24037		24037	24969	16939		16939	23074
	Loose Collections	1231		1231	1149	4239		4239	5255	7483		7483	1998
	Donations	341		341	2859	423		423	1152	2650		2650	225
	For Mission	282		282	319	2998		2998	2845	100		100	167
	Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	1553		1553	1830	5594		5594	5384	7717		7717	6121
	Tax Refunds (GASDS)	389		389	203	381		381	319	280		280	
	Legacy Gifts Received	700		700		9721		9721					
	Grants												
Generated Income	Money Raising		2767	2767	1894	1266		1266	1871	10473		10473	6425
	Fees	420	1258	1678	992	4537	984	5521	3076	4652	1027	5679	7539
Investment Income		395		395	303	1076		1076	406	817		817	775
Other Incoming Resources		2654	310	2964	972	14464		14464		392		392	300
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		13961	4335	18296	16541	68736	984	69720	45277	51503	1027	52530	46624
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				9327				38953				24689
	Expenses of Clerics				637				256	470		470	163
	Other	1804		1804		1118		1118	13	50		50	
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	78		78	116	556		556	282	877		877	970
	General Church Expenses				191	99		99	178	9963	383	10346	5426
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	2707		2707	3966					3375	85	3460	10439
	Maintenance of Property		1625	1625		9344	1540	10884	6852	2550	1706	4256	7011
	Exceptional Expenditure									282		282	
Grants for Financial Support	Church	186		186	396	1323		1323	1965				
	Home / World	100		100	175	1268		1268	3184	382	405	787	
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments												
	Cost of Money Raising				90	600		600	600				
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		4875	1625	6500	14898	14308	1540	15848	52283	17949	2579	20528	48698
Net Movement in Funds		9086	2710	11796	1643	54428	-556	53872	-7006	33554	-1552	32002	-2074
Transfer between Funds		-10056		-10056		-27171		-27171		-25157		-25157	
Loss on valuation of assets													
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		47031	7729	54759	53116	119159		119159	126165	22856	23893	46749	48823
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		46061	10439	56500	54759	146416	-556	145860	119159	31253	22341	53594	46749

2 (f) Income and Expenditure of Churches

		Killay/Dunvant				Tycoch				Ministry Area account			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023 restated
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS													
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	39132		39132	41764	12233		12233	12926				
	Loose Collections	3724		3724	2572	1487		1487	1189				490
	Donations	2076		2076	1796	787	90	877	588		1859	1859	
	For Mission		1626	1626	1384				322	6322		6322	1217
	Tax Refunds Gift Aid	10658		10658	9279	2832		2832	4887				
	Tax Refunds GASDS	1979		1979	1278								
	Legacy Gifts Received				326	550		550					
	Grants		6637	6637	6568		999	999			33811	33811	5499
Generated Income	Money Raising	8782	570	9352	4868	10316		10316	11414				
	Fees	18746	3311	22057	24753		194	194	118				
Investment Income		344		344	1560	466		466	302	74		74	67
Other Incoming Resources		1900		1900	1529	300		300	225				29330
Total Incoming Resources / Receipts		87341	12144	99485	97677	28971	1283	30254	31971	6396	35670	42066	36603
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS													
Support for Ministry	Ministry Share				58952				13816	244094		244094	
	Expenses of Clerics				2008				471	16885		16885	10292
	Other									2917	30823	33740	1392
Church Activities	Maintenance of Services	3668	320	3988	3891	1751	138	1889	1745				
	General Church Expenses	1050		1050	1080	228		228	611	540		540	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	9872	1070	10942	17243	3503		3503	3076				
	Maintenance of Property	11001		11001	43780	9647	500	10147	7064	1170		1170	400
	Exceptional Expenditure	2933		2933	10326		8813	8813					
Grants for Financial Support	Church		2597	2597		308	1100	1408	201				
	Home / World	50	1241	1291	1393						926	926	3000
Other Resources Expended	Capital Payments												7849
	Cost of Money Raising	1742	712	2454	3039	941		941	916				
Net Church Transfers													
Total Resources Expended / Payments		30316	5940	36256	141712	16378	10551	26929	27900	265606	31749	297355	22933
Net Movement in Funds		57025	6204	63229	-44035	12594	-9267	3326	4073	-259210	3921	-255289	13669
Transfer between Funds		-51749		-51749		-11254		-11254		259435		259435	
Loss on valuation of assets													
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		64137	24877	89014	133049	11269	25614	36883	32810	31232	562	31794	18125
Balance Carried Forward (31 December)		69413	31081	100494	89014	12609	16346	28955	36883	31457	4483	35940	31794

3 (a) TOTAL ASSETS OF CHURCHES

	Penclawdd		Gwerffrwd		Llanrhidian		Cheriton & Llanmadog	
	2023	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**
Bank accounts	7838	6034	23845	25290	4675	3280	14134	8659
Cash in Hand								
Deposit with RB								
Investments at Market Value	4107	13360			37150	25000		
ADD debtors (prepayments etc)			4632	5897				
DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)					4004		2384	
Funds held in Central MA account		247		474		474		392
Total Assets	**11945**	**19641**	**28477**	**31661**	**37821**	**28754**	**11750**	**9051**

	Llangennith		Rhossili		Port Eynon		Llanddewi	
	2023	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**
Bank accounts	144736	102745	25509	22235	17182	12150	5289	11000
Cash in Hand					859	25	199	65
Deposit with RB								
Investments at Market Value	13021	14148			14415	15222	7788	8462
ADD debtors (prepayments etc)								
DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)			364		85			
Funds held in Central MA account		474	162	293	162	439	71	183
Total Assets	**157757**	**117367**	**25307**	**22528**	**32533**	**27836**	**13347**	**19710**

	Reynoldston		Penrice		Oxwich		Nicholaston & Penmaen	
	2023	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**
Bank accounts	89725	93586	31631	16160	39177	29599	15881	32261
Cash in Hand			20					
Deposit with RB					9616			
Investments at Market Value	51593	55490	4811	5199	224940	233593		
ADD debtors (prepayments etc)	958	958	60	2856	113			
DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)	9730	9730	11537	61	4043	1604		
Funds held in Central MA account	257	683	81	244	219	597		234
Total Assets	**132803**	**140987**	**25066**	**24398**	**270021**	**262185**	**15881**	**32495**

3 (b) TOTAL ASSETS OF CHURCHES

	Ilston		Pennard		Bishopston		Killay & Dynvant	
	2023	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**
Bank accounts	54759	56500	119159	145861	46749	51115	89014	100494
Cash in Hand								
Deposit with RB					517			
Investments at Market Value			641	692	32723	35059	13777	14532
ADD debtors (prepayments etc)						2477		
DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)								
Funds held in Central MA account		242		636	1231	617	6461	1092
Total Assets	**54,759**	**56,742**	**119,800**	**147,189**	**81,220**	**89,268**	**109,252**	**116,118**

	Tycoch		Ministry Area Central	
	2023	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**
Bank accounts	38240	29512	26948	37239
Cash in Hand	139	54		
Deposit with RB				
Investments at Market Value				
ADD debtors (prepayments etc)			6,384	
DEDUCT creditors (unspent grants etc)	1496	613	1539	1,300
Funds held in Central MA account	2,388	256	-11,325	-7,577
Total Assets	**39,271**	**29,209**	**20,468**	**28,362**

4. SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNTS

	Penclawdd	Gwerffrwd	Llanrhidian	Cheriton & Llanmadoc	Llangennith	Rhossili	Port Eynon
2023	7,838	23,845	4,675	14,134	144,736	25,509	17,182
2024	6,034	25,290	3,280	8,659	102,745	22,235	12,150
Movement	**-1,804**	**1,445**	**-1,395**	**-5,475**	**-41,991**	**-3,275**	**-5,032**

	Llanddewi	Reynoldston	Penrice	Oxwich	Nicholaston & Penmaen	Ilston	Pennard
2023	5,289	89,725	31,631	39,177	15,881	54,759	119,159
2024	11,000	93,586	16,160	29,599	32,261	56,500	145,861
Movement	**5,711**	**3,861**	**-15,471**	**-9,578**	**16,380**	**1,741**	**26,702**

	Bishopston	Killay & Dynvant	Tycooch	MA Central a/c	Consolidated
2023	46,749	89,014	38,240	26,948	**794,491**
2024	51,115	100,494	29,512	37,239	**783,720**
Movement	**4,366**	**11,480**	**-8,728**	**10,291**	**-10,771**

5. ANALYSIS OF CASH BALANCES

	Penclawdd	Gwerffrwd	Llanrhidian	Cheriton & Llanmadog	Llangennith	Rhossili	Port Eynon
Bank Accounts	6,034	25,290	3,280	8,659	102,745	22,235	12,150
Cash in Hand							25
	6,034	**25,290**	**3,280**	**8,659**	**102,745**	**22,235**	**12,175**
Unrestricted	6,034	25,290	2,380	704	31,394	**22235**	9,272
Restricted			900	7,955	71,351		2,903
	6,034	**25,290**	**3,280**	**8,659**	**102,745**	**22,235**	**12,175**

	Llanddewi	Reynoldston	Penrice	Oxwich	Nicholaston & Penmaen	Ilston	Pennard
Bank Accounts	11,000	93,586	16,160	29,599	32,261	56,500	145,861
Cash in Hand	65						
	11,065	**93,586**	**16,160**	**29,599**	**32,261**	**56,500**	**145,861**
Unrestricted	3,329	93,586	16,160	6,734	26,408	46,061	145,252
Restricted	7,736			**22,865**	5,853	10,439	609
	11,065	**93,586**	**16,160**	**29,599**	**32,261**	**56,500**	**145,861**

	Bishopston	Killay & Dynvant	Tycoch	M A Central a/c		Consolidated
Bank Accounts	51,115	100,494	29,512	37,239		**783,720**
Cash in Hand			54			**144**
	51,115	**100,494**	**29,566**	**37,239**		**783,864**
Unrestricted	28,776	100,494	29,566	23,960		**617,635**
Restricted	22,339			13,279		**166,229**
	51,115	**100,494**	**29,566**	**37,239**		**783,864**

6. TOTAL INVESTMENTS

	2023	2024
Penclawdd	4,107	13360
Llanrhidian	37,150	25000
Llangennith	13,021	14148
Port Eynon	14,415	15222
Llanddewi	7,788	8462
Reynoldston	51,593	55490
Penrice	4,811	5199
Oxwich	224,940	233593
Pennard	641	692
Bishopston	32,723	35059
Killay Dunvant	13,777	14532
Total:	404,966	420,757

7. DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

DEBTORS

	Gwernffrwd	Penrice	Bishopston	Reynoldston
Unpaid Magazines		36		
Gift Aid	5897		2477	
Unbanked funds				
Income held by the Diocese				958
VAT reclaim		2820		

CREDITORS

	Reynoldston	Penrice	Oxwich	Tycoch	MA Central
Electricity Bill		61	139		
Unspent Grant	9730				
Wedding Costs			325		
Charity Collection				613	
Organist fees			530		
Graveyard works			610		
Clergy Expenses					1300

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CHURCHES OF ST HILARY AND ST MARTIN

St Hilary's Church, Killay

St Martin's Church, Dunvant

A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by:
Gathering as God's People - Growing more like Jesus - Going out in the power of the Spirit

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Priest in charge
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St Hilary's Church and St Martin's Church

The following were appointed to serve as Wardens and as Church Committee members from April 2023

Church Officers

St Hilary's Sub Warden	Marian Williams
St Hilary's Sub Warden	Mike Powell
St Martin's Sub Warden	Roger Draisey
St Martin's Sub Warden	Susan Dimblebee
Treasurer	Diane Holohan
Church Committee Secretary	Marian Williams

Church Committee members St Hilary's

Sandra Banks
Sheila Betts
Alan Clewett
Roy Chapman
Pam Davies
Nansi Evans
Eileen Fletcher
Diane Holohan
Alan Pickard
Sylvia Powell
Angela Reed
Barbara Roberts

Church Committee members St Martin's

Ian Dimblebee
Margaret Draisey
Julia Lambert
Colin Williams

Gift Aid Officer	Geraldine Rees
Safeguarding Officer	Catherine Swain
Church Magazine Editor	Roger Rees
Church Hall Booking Secretary	Diane Holohan

MAC Representatives

St Hilary's	Marian Williams
St Martin's	Roger Draisey

St Martin's Church

9th April with our 3 churches in the throes of the interregnum it was a privilege to welcome Arch Deacon Peter Brooks to St Martin's, to lead our congregation on a very important service EASTER DAY. His thoughts were on the empty tomb and how Mary with other women must have felt when they discovered the empty tomb. Our service was very uplifting with the hymns celebrating our risen Lord. This was our first intinction where we all came to the altar rail as one instead of one by one, during Covid. All felt in a joyful mood and left with an Easter Egg.

Following our Eucharist Service on 26th March, St Martin's held its first congregational meeting where the members voted to donate the surplus flower fund monies, to a local charity Bikeability.

May 6th saw our 3 churches come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd, which saw the Ukulele band entertain us. Babs Roberts then gave us a royal themed quiz, and then followed an enjoyable Buffet supplied by Tina Williams from the Dunvant Social Club.

St Cenydd's church Llangennith hosted us to celebrate the Licensing of our new Ministry Area, early in July.

July 30th saw the Licensing Service of the Rev Layfetta Masih in St Hilary's with the church welcoming Layfetta, her husband Nabeel and her 4 children Malachi, twins Joel and Joshua and her daughter Salomey, to their new Welsh home.

August 27th saw St Martin's welcome Rev Layfetta to her first Holy Communion service.

September saw the Quinquennial inspection highlight a few problems most notable, paint peeling in the ceiling with a small possibility of asbestos, which was quickly resolved within 5 days of inspection by Richard Hollocks.

Oct 1st, Harvest Sunday, a Red Letter Day for more than one reason as St Martin's got back to having a service every Sunday. This was a special occasion for Colin and Margaret Williams, as we saw them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary, when Margaret bought Colin a gold wedding ring, as during his working life a ring would have been a hazard whilst working. Cake and wine followed. We also collected shoe boxes from Rainbows, Brownies and congregation, for the needy of Ukraine.

Members of St Martin's attended the Licensing of Rev Sarah Harris at St Cynog's Church Ystradgynlais. this was followed by a buffet and some time with husband Jeremy and some friends.

November saw Layfetta begin Advent Reflections. Unfortunately 2 weeks later Layfetta had to visit her father in Jamaica due to his ill health. Alayne Jenkins stepped in to take the last reflection time.

Remembrance Sunday saw members of the congregation take part in a poppy parade where they placed their poppies in a wreath which was presented to Peter Phillips for a blessing, then laid at the foot of the altar. After the service Peter was presented with a bottle of red wine with a label St Martin's, as thanks for Peter and Judith 's services to St Martin's during the interregnum.

December 5th and 6th Open the Book for our Local School was started. Children then visited St Martin's to enjoy the enactment of the Christmas story, with Layfetta, Sian Parkhouse and members of the congregation bringing the Nativity story to life.

Next came our Candlelight Carol Service with all 67 seats taken and our Vicar began her first Community Candlelight Carol Service, with people from various positions within the community reading 5 Lessons, and of course pupils from Pen Y Fro School singing their Christmas songs. We ended the service with a Caribbean flavour singing the Calypso Carol which had many smiling faces, ending with sherry and mince pies.

Many thanks to our 2 honorary organists Julia Lambert and Martin Draisey who help keep down our running costs at St Martin's.

Roger Draisey & Sue Dimblebee
Congregational Wardens St Martin's

Churchwardens' Annual Report

What a momentous year 2023 has been! The Parishes of Killay and Tycoch were officially part of the Gower Ministry Area and were invited to write the lead article in the MA magazine to introduce themselves. The MA Forum meetings continued either online or in person and I was delighted to be invited to attend these. February 24th was an exciting day for Alayne, Roger and me, one warden from each church, each of us sworn to secrecy, as this was the day when Archdeacon Jonathan invited us to meet Layfetta, Nabeel and family. On March 19th, it was our privilege to announce that Bishop John had invited Layfetta to be Priest in the Gower MA with responsibility for the churches of St. Hilary's, All Souls and St. Martin's, and that she had accepted. The following week, we announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. Peter Lewis as Priest in the Gower MA, with responsibility for the six churches in SW Gower and to be Ministry Area Leader.

Our involvement in the MA continued to grow and we were invited to participate in the Walk of Witness at Reynoldston and lead Station 4. Preparations were underway for our Annual Vestry meetings where you elected Mike and me to serve as subwardens at St. Hilary's and I was elected to the MA Council as St. Hilary's representative. Coronation Celebrations were the order of the day on Monday May 8th soon followed by planning for the Licensing Service of the MA at Llangennith on May 31st, where each cluster contributed to the service and Mike led the intercessions.

Rev. Dr. Peter Lewis' Licensing service was held in Reynoldston Village Hall on July 9th, which saw Pam Dennis and I acting as Ministry Area Wardens for the first time, having been elected at the MA Vestry Meeting in June.

Layfetta's Licensing service was held at St. Hilary's on July 30th. The church and both halls were full as everybody wanted to be part of such a joyful occasion. September 9th marked the Centenary of the Church in Wales at the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells. St. Hilary's was chosen to be one of the churches featured in the exhibition which is currently in Brecon Cathedral. Mike kindly offered to drive, and we thoroughly enjoyed our day in Builth, representing our cluster and getting to know new friends from the Gower MA. Later in September, Callum was confirmed at St. Illtyd's in Ilston with 5 other candidates from Gower, another joyful occasion led by Bishop John and Archdeacon Peter.

On December 9th, the Reynoldston Stable Trail was held once again, last year this attracted over 300 families. I didn't know what to expect but volunteered to help. This was the same day as our Christmas Concert led by the Gwalia Singers, one of our major fund-raising events, together with our annual raffle.

Congregational Committee Report

Our small ……. Social and Fund-Raising group has worked hard to endeavour to raise fun and funds! At the beginning of 2023, on the 6th January at the Clyne Golf Club, Mayals, 68 parishioners from our three churches enjoyed a sumptuous carvery in beautiful surroundings with much laughter and enjoyment. The raffle raised £141. Thanks to Sue Dimblebee, Sylvia Powell and Marian Williams for organising. Moving on to February 21st, we held a successful Line Dancing evening at our Church Hall and a lovely buffet. 65 'failures' from Strictly enjoyed a good dance with the star of the show being twinkle toes Ron Horsey (97 years young) who danced beautifully with his new found partner who was also 90 years plus…he did throw her up in the air …..but forgot to catch her….but the last we heard was she was only in hospital a short while!! Seriously and jokingly apart it was a fun evening whilst making a profit of £228.45. Our Coronation social on 8th May was a resounding success launched by the Swansea u3a ukulele big band led by Andy Skilling and 28 musicians who played many foot tapping songs from the nostalgic 60's and 70's…. the audience sang along enthusiastically! This was followed by a royal quiz in a beautifully decorated, red, white and blue hall. A banquet fit for a King followed produced by Tina from the Dunvant workies. The event made an amazing £400 profit. The crème de la crème then followed on the day of Layfetta's licensing on July 30th. A magnificent buffet provided by Dilly's of Sketty was devoured by 140 folk. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all and again the hall was beautifully decorated and will stay long in our memories with such a lovely service led by Bishop John Lomas.

On Thursday 12 October came the bring and share Harvest lunch following the mid week service. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended. So back to the drawing board on the timing of that. Thanks are due to our Group namely: Sylvia Powell, Marian Williams, Babs Roberts, Angela Reed, Nansi Evans, Sandra Banks.

Last but not least, our Christmas Concert with the Gwalia Singers is part of our annual Christmas activities, once again a very popular and well-attended evening, thanks to Alan Clewett for organising this for us.

The refurbishment of the Church hall has long been an item on the agenda. Items identified in the snagging process were finally addressed and final payment made. Our thanks to Roy Chapman, Alan Clewett and Alan Pickard for all their diligence and expertise.

The possibility of installing a sound system and projector in the Minor Hall was discussed, a grant application was made to the Diocesan Mission Fund which was successful, thanks to Alan Pickard and Diane for driving this application process.
Essential maintenance of the hall floors was carried out in July, they were sanded and repolished. What a difference that has made and

we have had regular bookings from The Gower Society, the Clyne Valley Community Project and the Wildlife Trust in recent months. There will be an advertising campaign in the new year.

Repairs to the lightning conductor on the church were completed prior to our Quinquennial inspection in September. We are still waiting for a surveyor to contact us regarding the repairs to the Lych Gate.

We were very concerned that the live streaming of our services had not been possible since April. Again, taking advice from Archdeacon Peter Brooks, we contacted Vaughan Sound who identified the equipment needed and installed it for us. We were very fortunate to receive a second grant from the Diocesan Mission Fund to pay some of the cost. An IT group was set up to prepare and stream the services once more, special thanks to Roger Rees, Alan Pickard and Nabeel Masih. Thanks to Kes Seymour in Brecon for all his help with the grant applications.

So, it comes to us both as your Wardens to thank you all for the support you have given to our Church this year.

Marian and Mike
Congregational Wardens St Hilary's

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In Memoriam 2023

We should like to remember the following members of our Church who we have lost this year.

DAVID MICHAEL STEVENS

GRAHAM ARTHUR TREW

GWYNFOR ELLIS

GRAHAM GEORGE THOMAS

HEATHER DARNELL

VALERIE PARRY

MARY MCINNES PREECE

RHONA SAMBROOK

GLENYS PRICE VAUGHAN

GRETA MARGARET COX

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Hilary's Bowls Club

(Short mat, indoor bowls)

It's amazing it's that time of the year again for reporting on another year of …… 'conversations,' of which there have been many, ….. as well as spending some time playing bowls! Seriously we have enjoyed another year of bowling as well as arranging birthday and anniversary celebrations each time a member's birthday or special occasion occurs. It's a happy group and we have been in existence since 1998 ….. over 25 years now.

We meet in the main hall of the Church hall each Friday evening mostly term-time. We tried meeting on a Saturday evening when the Welsh Blood Service was there on the preceding Friday but have decided not to do so in 2024 as Saturday evening was difficult for our members, many of whom had other commitments. We have two short mat bowls mats and at the time of writing have 26 members, 4 of whom have joined us recently, so currently we have 'closed the books' for new members, however we can take names to go on our waiting list.

After 25 years as leader I decided my apprenticeship had come to an end! Cos Genco has now taken up the reins, with Gill remaining as treasurer and Spencer and Marian joining the committee. I haven't given up bowling though!

Mike Powell (Chairman)
Gill Genco (Treasurer)
Marian Williams (Secretary)

Killay and District Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continue to meet the first Wednesday of every month for a fish and chip lunch. We now have 20 regular members and four hostesses who take it in turns to help every other month as well as the three Committee members. We also have a team of voluntary drivers who collect those members who do not have transport.

Members arrive at approximately 11am for coffee and biscuits to enjoy a chat with their friends and also have a go at the quiz. They also have a chance of winning a lovely raffle prize. Fish and chip lunch arrives at 12pm which is followed by a dessert and cup of tea.

Our Christmas Lunch was held at Norton Hotel on 6 December which everybody enjoyed.

We have recently had two donations from Councillors to help with the cost of hiring the hall every month.

We have a few vacancies and would welcome any new members although our voluntary drivers are booked up at the moment.

Teressa Garner
Secretary

Mothers' Union - Branch Leader's Report 2023

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Theme for the year was: - "Transformation Now"

In January 2023 I began my 15th year as Branch Leader. At the beginning of the year, we had 31 members. During the year Iris Jones, a former branch leader of St Paul's, Sketty MU died. Iris was a lovely, friendly, helpful member of our branch. We miss her. Nell Pugh a former member of Sketty MU, also died during the year. During 2023 11 of our members celebrated special birthdays ranging from 90 – 97 years old.

Our January MU Eucharist was led by Canon Robert Davies- Hannen. It was a very meaningful service with several amusing moments in his sermon. Canon Robert joined us for refreshments, and he was the lucky person to win a box of shortbread at our raffle. We would like to thank Marian Williams for chairing our AGM in February.

Our Wave of Prayer service in February was held in St Hilary's and led by me. We prayed for our links with our prayer partners in Argentina, Bondo (Kenya), Freestate – South Africa, Offa & Ogbia (Nigeria), Uruguay and the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. We lit candles and read prayers interspersed with some calming music provided by Alan.

We thanked Enid Rotheram, our former Registrar/ Assistant Treasurer, when she retired after many years of hard work supporting our branch. Alan

and I attended an MU Lenten Reflective morning in Penllergaer hall, and a Eucharist in St David's Church led by Rev Glenys Payne. In May our MU banner was proudly displayed in Brecon Cathedral at our Diocesan Festival led by Bishop John.

Our coronation afternoon tea was excellent with members providing a super finger buffet. In June we sold 41 copies of the MU Diocesan Centenary cookbook, which included Babs Roberts recipe for "Blondies" and my recipe for "Bacon, Prawn & Pilau Rice".

In July there was an MU Flower Festival at St Mary's, Swansea. Our display featured; "Swansea Granted City Status 1969" Pat Davies designed a lovely flower arrangement for us. The closing service was also the Archidiaconal Festival for Gower Archdeaconry. Our splendid afternoon tea in July was enjoyed by everyone present.

Our branch was responsible for the Archidiaconal Eucharist at St Mary's, Swansea in September. My grateful thanks to Rev Tim Williams, MU Chaplain, for leading it, Sandra for reading, Babs for the prayers, Alan, Maureen, Biddy and Pat for helping with refreshments. Our September eucharist in St Hilary's was led by Rev Layfetta Masih who gave an inspiring talk on MU work overseas, especially in Jamaica.

We restarted our collection of useful items for Safe Houses/Women's Refuges. There is a list on our notice board in the hall, of items needed. I am so grateful to our members and friends who have been so generous to these women and children in need.

We attended St Mary's, Swansea in November for "16 days of Activism Service to raise awareness of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls".

In December we had a splendid Christmas lunch in the Black Boy. We would like to thank Rev Layfetta, Nabeel, Mike, Sylvia and Marian for supporting us.

We send our best wishes to Heather Price who retired as MU Diocesan Treasurer. This year, due to raffles, members' generosity and other fund raising, we have been able to contribute £691.25 to our nominated charities: Faith in Families, Keep us Running, Make a Mother's Day, Safe Houses, and Overseas work etc. The above total included anonymous gifts of £160 and £60 donated by one former member and one current member. We paid Diane Holohan, the Church Treasurer £150 towards Church Hall use.

I would like to thank all our branch members, Pat Stratton for visiting indoor members, Alan, our committee, Ken Ellis for inspecting our accounts, Susan Mapp for leading our refreshments team, our church wardens and especially our vicar Rev Layfetta for their constant support. It has been a pleasure to be Branch Leader during 2023.
We thank God for Mary Sumner who founded Mothers' Union in 1876 and for MU being active in 84 countries across the world with 4 million members. This year I have been made aware of so many educational programmes that have been set up by MU members across the world. I am so pleased that young pregnant girls have had so much support when they have been rejected by their families. Keep up the good work – everyone.

Our meetings are open to everyone: male, female, married, single etc. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in St Hilary's Church Hall at 2 pm (There are some exceptions). We remember our MU members who have been unwell this year, some of whom have moved to nursing homes or spent time ill at home or in hospital. May God be with them wherever they are.

Carole Pickard
Branch Leader

Ladies' Guild Report

(Final Meeting 6th December 2023)
The original name of Ladies' Guild was "Young Wives" which was the the name given when the group was formed, at old Parish Hall in May1964, by three "Young Wives" Noreen Shapton, Mary Mainwaring and Barbara Thomas. The Vicar at the time was Rev. Llewellyn Jones and 50 Young Wives attended the first meeting. Following the official opening of the new hall in 1968, meetings were held here.

The vicar at that time was Rev. Hywel Hughes and his wife Mair became leader of what was still Young Wives. At that time Committee members only served for 2 years, which Carole Jenkins and Pam Davies did. Following the sad death of Mrs Hughes, Carol became leader, and Pam once again joined the committee. Canon Hughes retired in 1987 and was replaced by Rev. Brian Jones who retired in 2000. Around this time our Curate was Rev. David Thomas who came to Y W most weeks and was a great favourite with members.

Rev. Tim Williams, a former Curate of the Parish, became our vicar in 2001, he suggested that the name "Young Wives" was a bit of a "misnomer" as few (if any) could claim to be "young" so the name was changed to "Ladies' Guild".

After Carole retired as leader, Gwynneth took the lead and has worked tirelessly until her recent illness, arranging very varied and interesting programmes. Sadly she is no longer well enough to continue and as Pam is not in a position take her place, and no one was prepared to take on these roles, Guild ended with the Christmas lunch on December 6th.2023.

Pam Davies

Parish Choir

For the choir, this year has been a combination of joy and great sorrow. It began joyfully with services being led by Rev. Peter Phillips. Then our wish was granted and we welcomed our new Vicar. We were so happy to meet Layfetta, Nabeel and their lovely children. We did not expect the tragic deaths of our loved and respected organist, Huw Thomas and his dear wife Janie, a faithful, valued member of our choir.

During the year, Huw and the choir were happy to embrace a new aspect of church music – the lively, interesting worship songs introduced to us by Nabeel. Some of the titles were Cornerstone, Way Maker, Blessed be your Name, 10,000 Reasons, Forever, Because He Lives. These are by a variety of composers and lyricists including Gareth Gilkerson, Chris Llewellyn, Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham, Tim Hughes, Edward Mote.

For these new songs the choir and organ were augmented by Nabeel on guitar, drums and Dr. Jim Proudfoot on the piano accordion. With the words on the big screen and a few rehearsals, I could see the congregation joining in too.

The deaths of Huw and Janie were so unexpected and a tragedy for their families and the church family. Huw was a superb organist, as was Janie although her main role with us was as a loved and valued choir member. We miss them both so very much. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The choir members continue their faithful role in our church worship. We would dearly love to increase our number. If you have any sort of voice, please join us!! NO auditions!! Just TURN UP!!! It is not an onerous task – just come when you can!

Last, but certainly not least, our grateful thanks to Chris Samuel who has once again stepped in as church organist. His talent and willingness are truly appreciated by us all. Thank you, Chris!

Barbara Roberts

Lay Worship

It has been a busy year for the lay worship team. We started the year with a group of 5 Gareth, Babs, Ken, Mike and myself and I must, first of all, thank each of them for their work, support, and guidance over the year. We have ended the year however as a team of three, Ken has retired and Gareth has moved to Cambridgeshire.

Since the arrival of Rev Layfetta, weekly services have settled down with the All Souls 'private prayer' and 'our favourite hymns' services continuing.

At St Martin's I must also thank Julie Lambert for stepping in when Milly or Martin have not been able to play for us at the Lay Services. In St. Hilary's Mike and Babs have continued inviting schools and guests to come into the service to talk to the congregation. Going forward there will be a change to the Lay Services

1st Sunday 11am St Hilary's Service of the Word
2nd Sunday 10am St Martins Lay Led
3rd Sunday 9.30am All Souls Lay Lead

Overall it has been a challenging year for the five of us and especially when some of us are working or on holiday. Can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you once again to the four other worship leaders and to put a call-out for anyone who thinks they can help us during the services either by reading the prayers or if you wish to undertake the training joining us and becoming a worship leader. Any help is gratefully received.

Simon Davies
Lay worship leader coordinator

Music Society

Before beginning the report for 2023, I must express our shock and sadness at the death of Huw and Janie Thomas. They were loyal and valued members of our Music Society. We will never forget the wonderful organ recital which Huw gave us in St. Hilary's church. They will be sadly missed by our members and by the wider church congregation.

Every year we try to present a programme of varied music and entertainment. New entertainers are always welcome but we are happy to invite back our regular guests. Suggestions for possible musical entertainers would be gratefully received.

This year we began with our usual lunch in the Black Boy. This is always a happy, social occasion. The AGM followed in February. Our visitors during the year included the Revs Peter and Judith Phillips presenting their Desert Island Discs, our annual stalwart visitor the Rev Clive Williams, the Rev Tim Ardouin with his wonderful collection of flutes and didgeridoos, Lynne Novis and her Saxology Quartet, Lleisiau Gwyr Singers, the WNO's Martin Lloyd and finally in December, the Rockerleles. Our membership has grown during the year and we are always happy to enrol new members. We are also happy to invite visitors to any meeting. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in St.Hilary's church hall. Why not come along and enjoy a pleasant musical evening.

Barbara Roberts

Lynne Novis and her Saxology Quartet

St Hilary's Sunday School

St Hilary's current Sunday School began in October of 2023. A call for help with Sunday School went out and Becky Holohan and Angela Seaward presented themselves as leaders with Malachi Masih assisting with the youth. Together they have been a dedicated and consistent blessing to our children and young people and indeed to our church. The Sunday School is elemental in preparing the next generation of church leaders.

Sunday School takes place on the second and third Sunday of each month, starting with a free healthy breakfast at 10.15am. Since commencing, the children/youth and their leaders have explored various bible stories, both read and in video form. They have sung and danced to many fun children worship songs, and expressed themselves creatively in art and craft activities. Becky and Angela have created a kind, nurturing and fun environment for our children. Malachi has also grown into his role with the youth. We continue to pray for the Sunday School and its leaders.

St Hilary's Tots

St Hilary's Tots was restarted in September 2023, having run successfully for a few years. We open our doors between 9.15am and 11am with lots of opportunity for play and relationships building for parents and Tots alike. As a church, our aim has been to provide a space where parents and carers can meet together, share life experiences and support one another, and where their children can play safely and meet their first friends. As a priest, it is also my privilege to pray for our Tots and to say a blessing over them.

It goes without saying, St Hilary's Tots would not exist had it not been for the dedication of a core group of ladies (a partnership between St Hilary's and St Martin's churches) who turn up every week to be a light in our community. We have seen our Tots grow, develop and change so much in the space of a few months. We have also seen parents and carers relax into newfound friendships. We are pleased that Tots continues to be all we hoped it would be. We pray for our Tots, their parents and carers, and our volunteers, that they will go from strength to strength in the grace of God.

Rev Layfetta Masih

Envelope and Gift Aid Scheme

As Gift Aid Officer, I am responsible for recording all contributions by envelope or standing orders direct to the Parish. There are currently 40 people using envelopes and 13 people who pay by standing order or bank transfer each month. At the end of each quarter, I submit our claim to HMRC for Gift Aid in respect of all tax paying contributors. We can also claim a smaller proportion of Gift Aid for non tax payers and cash collections which all helps to pay our way. The amount claimed during 2023 amounted to £6856.97. 33 people make Direct Giving payments which go straight to the Church in Wales where Gift Aid is claimed automatically and credited to our account on a monthly basis. In 2023, £4175.56 was received in respect of Direct Giving contributions. This total of £11032.53 is paid by HMRC to boost charities funding and is over and above our individual donations. It is, of course, a very welcome boost to our income.

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year and especially to Diane Holohan who keeps me updated on a regular basis and supplies me with any information I need.

If you wish to join the envelope scheme or make payments by standing order or join the Direct Giving Scheme, please contact me. Also, if you no longer pay tax due to a change in circumstances, please let me know so I can remove you from my Gift Aid claim.

Geraldine Rees
Envelope & Gift Aid Officer
(Tel: 01792 207916)

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll was compiled in 2022. Since then we have unfortunately lost a number of church members and the number of people joining has been small.

The current number of people on the electoral roll for St Hilary's and St Martin's churches is 114. These consist of 21 for St Martin's and 93 for St Hilary's.

Accounts for St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches For the Year ending 31st December 2023

The 2023 accounts show a worrying year-end deficit of £44,035, compared with a surplus the previous year of £16,429. The 2023 deficit is made up as follow:

£31,117	Costs of refurbishment of the Parish Centre - planned expenditure using designated reserves.
£12,918	Overspend in Current A/c for the working year - covered by using our general savings.

We have been overspending by around £13,000 / £14,000 for several years but the situation has been masked by exceptional income received in previous years. In 2022, we were given legacy income totalling £14,770 and in 2021, as churches were emerging from COVID, a generous rebate on the Parish Share plus receipt of long overdue hall rent from the Welsh Blood Service helped to keep us in the black. We had no such good fortune in 2023 so our continuing overspend is apparent.

It is also unfortunate that our income from the Church Hall fell in 2023. This was due to a combination of fewer bookings, together with the cost of long overdue repairs to the hall kitchen and hall lighting that were all carried out this year.

I suggest that our way forward in 2024 will be to look at trying to increase our income, especially from hall bookings and to reduce spending wherever possible. Rises in gas and electricity costs hit especially hard in 2023 and this trend looks set to continue into 2024 and beyond.

The closing balance across all accounts was £89,014 divided in the following way:

	Current Account	Gold Account
Restricted	£3,798	£21,079
Designated	£0	£50,092
Unrestricted	£12,086	£1,959

The Restricted Funds are divided as follows:

St Hilary's Building and Fabric	£415
St Martin's Building and Fabric	£2,952
Parish Centre	£607
Graveyard and Grounds	£19,887
Tots / Sunday School	£1,016

The Designated Funds are divided as follows:

Sale of Parsonage to Parish Centre Refurb	£40,092
Bequest to repair of Lych Gate	£10,000

I would like to thank Mr Ken Ellis and Mr Alan Pickard for their continued patience, advice and support this year. Grateful thanks and appreciation also go to Mrs Geraldine Rees, our Gift Aid Secretary and Miss Marian Williams, our Congregational Warden. Geraldine has worked diligently in the background to ensure that we get from HMRC every penny that we are entitled to receive. Marian, in addition to her numerous other church and Ministry Area duties has organised the Petty Cash float and Weekly Income records.

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Treasurer, St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches

St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches, Swansea
Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ending 31 December 2023

	THIS YEAR 2023		LAST YEAR 2022	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Direct Giving				
Planned Giving	41,764		41,788	
Open Plate	2,572	44,336	1,586	43,374
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		10,557		12,927
Special Collections				
World Church and other Good Causes		1,384		901
Magazine				
Advertising and Sales		1,344		661
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising Group Events (incl.Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		4,868		6,574
Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	500		14,770	
Donations and Gifts	1,623		1,028	
Other including Grants, Insurance Claims and Loans	6,568	8,691		15,798
Other Income				
Funerals and Burials - Restricted		4,384		4,784
Funerals - Unrestricted	1,292		1,008	
Weddings/Baptisms	301	1,593	450	1,458
Photocopying, Flowers, MA magazine etc..		1,706		80
Bank Interest		1,614		415
Parish Centre Income				
Letting		17,200		19,195
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**97,677**		**106,167**

PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR 2023 £	£	LAST YEAR 2022 £	£
Mission and Outreach				
Local	793		967	
World	600	1,393	0	967
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Parish Share, Clergy expenses, MA costs		60,960		61,330
Maintenance of the Churches				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	10,516		5,209	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	7,789	18,305	3,755	8,964
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		3,891		2,286
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Books, Courses, Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion)		0		829
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying, Sundries, Licences, Petty Cash, Bank		3,363		2,273
Cost of Money Raising		3,039		835
Parish Centre Outgoings				
Heat, Light, Water, Insurance,	6,219		4,425	
Maintenance, Cleaning Supplies	7,075	13,294	4,886	9,311
Exceptional Costs				
Hall refurbishment, support costs etc		37,467		2,943
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**141,712**		**89,738**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		- 44,035		16,429
1st January Bank Balances	133,049		116,510	
1st January Cash Balances	0		110	
		133,049		**116,620**
31st December Bank Balances	89,014		133,049	
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Accounts for St Hilary's and St Martin's Churches
For the Year ending 31st December 2023

The 2023 accounts show a worrying year-end deficit of £44,035, compared with a surplus the previous year of £16,429. The 2023 deficit is made up as follow:

£31,117	Costs of refurbishment of the Parish Centre - planned expenditure using designated reserves.
£12,918	Overspend in Current A/c for the working year - covered by using our general savings.

We have been overspending by around £13,000 / £14,000 for several years but the situation has been masked by exceptional income received in previous years. In 2022, we were given legacy income totalling £14,770 and in 2021, as churches were emerging from COVID, a generous rebate on the Parish Share plus receipt of long overdue hall rent from the Welsh Blood Service helped to keep us in the black. We had no such good fortune in 2023 so our continuing overspend is apparent.

It is also unfortunate that our income from the Church Hall fell in 2023. This was due to a combination of fewer bookings, together with the cost of long overdue repairs to the hall kitchen and hall lighting that were all carried out this year.

I suggest that our way forward in 2024 will be to look at trying to increase our income, especially from hall bookings and to reduce spending wherever possible. Rises in gas and electricity costs hit especially hard in 2023 and this trend looks set to continue into 2024 and beyond.

The closing balance across all accounts was £89,014 divided in the following way:

	Current Account	Gold Account
Restricted	£3798	£21,079
Designated	£0	£50,092
Unrestricted	£12086	£1959

The Restricted Funds are divided as follows:

St Hilary's Building and Fabric	£415
St Martin's Building and Fabric	£2,952
Parish Centre	£607
Graveyard and Grounds.	£19,887
Tots / Sunday School	£1,016

The Designated Funds are divided as follows:

Sale of Parsonage to building repairs	£40,092
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Parish of Killay Accounts 2023

The income and expenditure for 2023 on the working file is all present and correct. The result is as follows:

Entry	Date	Amount
Starting book balance	01/01/23	£133,049.00
Debits	01/01/23 – 31/12/23	£-44,035.00
Credits	01/01/23 – 31/12/23	£97,677.00
Closing balance	31/12/23	**£89,014.00**

Having examined all receipts, payments and evidence, and I can confirm that it is in agreement with the books and records of the Parish.

Sian Coppock ISO 9001:2015

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PARISH OF KILLAY

St Hilary's Church, Killay

St Martin's Church, Dunvant

A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by:
Gathering as God's People - Growing more like Jesus - Going out in the power of the Spirit

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

APRIL 2022

Vicar: Canon Phillip Gwynn BA., MA., DPS., Cert. Theol. *(Surrogate)*
The Vicarage, 68 Ffordd yr Olchfa, Sketty, Swansea SA2 7RF
✆ 01792 204758

MAY 2022

Ministry Area Leader: Reverend Robert Davies-Hannen B.Ed., B.Th
The Vicarage, De La Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR
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Parish of Killay - St Hilary's Church and St Martin's Church

The following were appointed to serve the Parish of Killay as Wardens and as Parochial Church Councillors from April 2022

Parish Officers

Parish Vicar's Warden	Marian Williams
Parish People's Warden	Simon Gwynn
Vicar's Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Roger Draisey
People's Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Susan Dimblebee
Parish Treasurer	Diane Holohan
PCC Secretary	Marian Williams

Parochial Church Councillors

Sandra Banks
Sheila Betts
Alan Clewett
Simon Davies
Margaret Draisey
Nansi Evans
Eileen Fletcher
Diane Holohan
Julia Lambert
Gareth Lewis
Alan Pickard
Mike Powell
Sylvia Powell
Angela Reed
Barbara Roberts
Colin Williams

Parochial Officers

Gift Aid Officer	Geraldine Rees
Safeguarding Officer	Catherine Swain
Parish Magazine Editor	Roger Rees
Parish Centre Booking Secretary	Diane Holohan
Synod Representative	Eileen Nielsen
Lay Representative on Diocesan Conference	Dr. James Proudfoot

Ministry Area Report

In the summer of 2022 The Rev Justin Davies moved from being the Vicar of South West Gower and became Vicar of St Mary's Swansea and Ministry Area leader for Swansea as well.

This left us with a vacancy on Gower and also a vacancy for the role of Ministry Area leader. As Area Dean I have taken on the role temporarily until we appoint to South West Gower in the near future and of course that person will also be the new Ministry Area Leader of the newly formed Ministry Area.

We have welcomed this year the churches serving Tycoch and Killay into our fold in the Ministry Area and it has been good to see how they have settled in our midst. They too are currently in vacancy but it is hoped we will be appointing shortly to that post as well.

The Gower magazine has gone from strength to strength and it has been reporting on all the events that have been taking place such as the licensing of new Lay Worship Leaders and also the wonderful impact that the Gower Pilgrimage Trail has had on our churches and places to stay here on Gower.

The Pilgrimage Trail has been a real blessing thanks to the work of a dedicated group headed up by David and Ann Pope and I know they have plans for 2023 as well as once more Arthur Bear sets off to meet up with his fellow bears in each church!

Peter Townsend has been first class with MA finances and the website and also I am grateful to Nigel and Frances and Co for their diligent work on the production and financing of the magazine.

Of course like everywhere we are faced with challenges to our finances and our buildings but we will meet them with courage and diligence as well as prayer.

To all of you on Gower wherever you worship..my thanks for all you do.

Peter Brooks

Acting Ministry Area leader.

St. George's Reynoldston
One of the churches visited by Marian Williams during her sponsored walk around the Gower Pilgrimage Trail

St Martin's Church

There were only two services per month at St Martins with the interregnum in place, one of which was a Eucharist. Although our congregation was sparse, I think we made the best of it and got closer to Peter and Judith Phillips and also Peter Barnett until he had to go into hospital.

When Queen Elizabeth died in September our Lay Led Service on the 11th September was a very moving memorial service, led by Ken Ellis and Gareth Lewis.

Moving on to October, when on the 4th October we had our united Harvest Supper with St Hilary's and All Souls at The Dunvant Club who provided an excellent finger Buffet with over 70 people attending. The Quiz was very entertaining and was provided by Clive Cook ably assisted by his wife Carol to end a fun evening.

Remembrance Sunday for St Martin's saw the Congregation once again come to the altar rail carrying their own poppies and place them in a wreath held out by Gareth Lewis, it was then reverently placed at the foot of the altar.

December 11th came and saw St Martin's flying the flag for our church, by way of Dunvant Community Christmas tea party , organised by Councillor Louise Gibbard, so with cards showing times and dates of our services, and our parish magazine, we made contact with many people. We also had our Community Candlelight Carol Service, the first since 2019 due to Covid. Our Church was full to capacity with some 65 people enjoying the readings by local people from the Dunvant Club, Mrs Ruth Rees, Councillor Louise Gibbard, Dunvant Rugby Club, Mr Dorian Samuel, Pen Y Fro School, Mrs Rachel Lewis ,and St Martin's, Mrs Carol Lewis, and a Poem read by Mrs Margaret Draisey. Pupils from the school sang "Somewhere only we know" and "Let it Snow" singing with all the actions, tremendous stuff. So a very big thank you to Miss Emily Harris, Music Teacher. We demolished the mince pies and a glass of sherry, with fruit juice for the children.

Community Candlelight Carol Service

We are now working on a time in March when it is hoped, the Children can take part in our Lay Led Service.

January saw our new stair carpet and curtain leading up to the gallery, which is a great improvement. The money was donated by Councillor Louise Gibbard out of her budget. The carpet was purchased from Heritage Carpets, Killay, one of our advertisers in our magazine, so the money was spent locally.

Roger Draisey & Sue Dimblebee

Sub Wardens

Churchwarden's Annual Report

We greeted 2022 with more optimism as we had seen many people return to church for our Christmas services. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions still being in place, St. Martin's was forced to remain closed until March and many of our church organisations did not restart until mid-February. However, this was a momentous time for the Church-in-Wales. Bishop Andy John was elected Archbishop of Wales on December 6th, Archdeacon John Lomas was consecrated a Bishop on February 26th at Bangor Cathedral and enthroned at Brecon Cathedral on March 5th. There have also been very sad times this year, none more so than the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on September 8th.

In Killay, our thoughts turned towards the retirement of Canon Phillip Gwynn. The wardens, past and present and sub-wardens of the three churches held a series of meetings to plan what we would do to mark this. It was decided to hold a Retirement lunch, with a presentation and speeches at Clyne Golf Club on Thursday April 21st, Canon Phil's Valedictory service was held at All Souls on April 24th, followed by a Buffet in Killay, with further presentations to both Canon Phil and Sian. All three events were well-attended by parishioners and friends, and they were given a memorable send off.

May saw the beginning of the interregnum, when Rev'd Robert Davies-Hannen, our Ministry Area Leader and Canon Peter Brooks, our Area Dean took responsibility for the Parishes of Killay and Tycoch. In June, seven of our parishioners went to meet the Bishop at St. Catherine's Church in Gorseinon, which proved to be an uplifting experience for us all. Many of us met him again at the Ministry Area workshop in St. Paul's Church in Sketty. By December, we had already been in our interregnum for eight months and in September, we learned with great sadness that the Clyne Trinity Ministry Area would cease to exist, it being too small. We were to join the Gower MA and Sketty was to join the Central Swansea MA.

We have been extremely fortunate in St. Hilary's in that we have retained all our usual services throughout this time, with Holy Eucharist every Sunday except the fourth Sunday which is our Lay led service. The congregation of St. Martin's has joined us on the first and third Sundays of the month, having their usual Lay led worship on the second Sunday and Holy Eucharist on the fourth Sunday. When there is a fifth Sunday, we join our friends at All Souls for a joint Eucharist Service.

Of course, Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips and Rev. Judith Phillips were already regular and very welcome visitors, as were Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen and Sister Marian. It has also been a privilege for us all to welcome so many members of the Clergy who until this time were new faces to us, to lead our services. We have been enthralled to hear of their expertise and experience in so many varied and different fields throughout their careers and ministries. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and learning from Fr Peter Barnett, Canon Roger Donaldson, Rev. Nigel King, Rev. Sue Waite and Archdeacon Peter Brooks. Our Thursday morning

Simon Gwynn,
People's Warden

Marian Williams,
Vicar's Warden

worshippers are extremely grateful for the short sermon or talk which is now part of this service.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our committed team of Lay worship leaders, Simon Davies, Mike Powell, Ken Ellis, Gareth Lewis and Babs Roberts, for all that they continue to do throughout the year, managing to provide inspirational thoughts based on relevant topics every month. Thanks also to the visitors who have come to speak at these services.

Representative wardens from the three Parishes met Canon Peter Brooks several times in the autumn, to produce a person specification and Parish profile for the vacancy. We were delighted to see that our ideas had been incorporated fully and that only minor changes had been made to improve them and bring them in line with Church in-Wales requirements by Archdeacon Jonathan Davies.

Once again, I need to express my thanks to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Geraldine Rees for her work with envelopes and Gift Aid, as well as proof-reading our Parish magazine, produced so expertly by husband Roger. To all those involved with the collection of advertising revenue and distribution. Sylvia Powell compiles the rotas for readers, sidespersons and coffee, Mike Powell prepares for all the church services in his role as Sacristan and prepares the Eucharistic Assistant rotas. Catherine Swain for her work with the Electoral Roll in addition to Safeguarding. Diane Holohan, our Treasurer, is also very busy as Parish Centre Booking Secretary. Alan Clewett our Health and Safety Officer and all the men who keep the church grounds so well-maintained – Roy Chapman, Murray Davies, Ian Dimblebee, Nigel Fletcher and Roger Draisey. Eileen Nielsen and Val Beynon for all the work they do behind the scenes, especially at weddings and funerals. If I have forgotten anybody, please accept my apologies.

Marian Williams

Report from Minutes of Parochial Church Council

This year we were able to hold a Congregational Meeting at St. Martin's Church on March 20th and an Annual Vestry meeting at St. Hilary's on April 3rd. It was wonderful to hold these meetings in person again, following the broadcasts which have happened since 2019. There were two new members of the PCC this year and we were delighted to welcome Sylvia Powell and Gareth Lewis. As we were soon to begin our interregnum, it was decided that the present committees would continue to serve, which has been the case.

Canon Peter Brooks met the church wardens and church officers at the beginning of the interregnum and explained that there would be changes to our service patterns. He and Robert Davies-Hannen had met Canon Phillip prior to his retirement and had been given a list of services by him. Canon Peter, who was then Area Dean asked us to hold joint meetings with All Souls during the interregnum. This has been done and there have also been Parish meetings where the matters for discussion were related to one or other of the parishes, rather than both.

The interregnum, clergy rotas, services and Vicarage have featured largely in our discussions. Rev. Justin Davies, the Ministry Area Leader for Central Swansea is now resident at Ffordd yr Olchfa. This was the decision of the Parsonage Board which has responsibility for allocating accommodation to the clergy. The Parsonage Board is actively seeking a property for our new incumbent.

Bishop John Lomas talked at length about Ministry Areas when we met him at St. Catherine's Church on June 1st. He spoke with great honesty, openness and humour but reminded us that there is much work to be done in our Diocese. At the end of June, a large number of PCC members attended a Workshop at St. Paul's Church in Sketty where the concept of Ministry Areas and associated structures was discussed. We saw the proposed changes, where Clyne Trinity would be split up, Sketty would join the Clyne MA and Killay and Tycoch would join Gower. Then came the possibility that the former Clyne Trinity MA would stay together and join Central Swansea. We were asked to make written representations if we had any issues we wished to raise. At the Standing Committee meeting on September 22nd, it was agreed that Killay and Tycoch would join Gower and that Sketty would join Central Swansea. Much has happened since the appointment of Peter Brooks as Archdeacon with responsibility for Ministry Areas in November.

Our Mission and Outreach sub-committee, chaired by Eileen Fletcher has held a number of Zoom meetings and some face to face. There was a successful Harvest praise event which hopefully will be repeated later in the year. Unfortunately the events planned for Christmas had to be cancelled due to the illness or the unavailability of key people. However, the Tots group reopened in the autumn with support from the committee and is growing week by week.

The Social and Fundraising committee organised a Shrove Tuesday/ St David's Day quiz which raised £195.40 for Parish funds. The three Parishes came together to organise and celebrate a wonderful Platinum Jubilee event, purely a social event with singing, bingo, royal quiz and dancing. As there was no Summer Fayre this year, it was decided that we needed to seek other ways to raise funds. Our Harvest Supper and Quiz raised £275, Marian's sponsored walk raised £920, split equally between The Parish of Killay and the Wales Air Ambulance, The Gwalia Singers' Concert raised £728.50, Christmas Raffle raised £940 and donations for baubles for the Memorial tree and Christmas stockings raised £64. All in all a wonderful total of £2467.50, a huge thank you to Mike Powell, all members of this sub-committee and everyone for their support.

Diane Holohan had attended meetings with other treasurers and works closely with Ken Ellis in Tycoch and Alan Pickard. Alan Clewett has done a great deal of work ensuring that our fire alarms are checked weekly, serviced and that regular PAT testing has been done. He has also repaired the doorguards, thereby saving the Parish considerable expense. The Fabric committee has not met as such, but work is progressing in the Parish Centre.

Marian Williams
PCC Secretary

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In Memoriam 2022

We should like to remember the following members of our Church who we have lost this year.

JOHN HYWEL DAVIES
KENNETH THOMAS GRAVES
GERALD HARRIS
NORMA ANN GRIFFITHS
ERIC McGARRY THOMAS
JOAN MARY PERRY
GORDON ERNEST GARNER
MARGARET MARY HARRIS
MARGARET LOUVAINE JONES

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Conference

1. The Conference opened with an act of worship (copy available).
In his address, Bishop John spoke about the restructuring of Ministry Areas. He noted that we were behind the rest of the Church in Wales in this respect and were missing out on funding opportunities as a result. He said that the aim was to declutter the organisation and to this end they were spending much time checking appropriate regulations! The need is there, with only 41 stipendiary clerics in the Diocese. He likened the planning of the restructuring to (re)building flat-pack furniture - you don't tighten each joint as you put it in place but check that the whole looks "fit for purpose" before confirming the position and interaction of the pieces; only then do you tighten the bolts that hold it together. In his closing remarks, he noted that restructuring was not the end in itself but the means to the end, to achieve the vision of the Church. The aim is to have the new Areas operating by the Spring of 2023. There will be funding available for growth projects and for an administrator in each Area.

2. The formal business that followed was to do with election of representatives to the Governing Body. Much of it was inaudible but appeared to have been agreed beforehand, with choices between representative and alternate (where choice was possible) being decided by a coin toss! Names were read out but not displayed, hence the lack of detail in this report! Details, for those who might want them, will be available, I'm sure, from the Diocesan office!

3. We were grouped in our new Ministry Areas to discuss our post-CoVid future - what we have lost and need to regain .. or perhaps needs to stay lost and what we have found that we need to retain and build on .. or perhaps lose. Most sensible feedback recognised that there are pros and cons to most items discussed, viz:

(i) There is a need to keep and develop flexible patterns of worship across our various Churches and in other locations. A variety of days, times and styles of services is desirable to meet peoples' different needs .. but congregations have to be kept informed of and accept these variations.

(ii) The use of on-line delivery was seen generally as beneficial and a useful addition to our provision.

(iii) There is the opportunity to vary the style of our lay-led services. Some of those involved noted the effort required to develop a new service but by sharing with other lay leaders within the Ministry Area and making use of the on-line resources available, it was felt this could be possible.

(iv) The use of Zoom meetings was seen as beneficial for the obvious savings they allow .. but it was also noted that meeting "in person" could offer more productive interaction.

(v) The importance of allowing Clergy time for fellowship with their congregations was noted, for instance, when arranging service patterns allow time for fellowship after the service [related to (i) above]. But also, their general workload had to allow time for similar interactions elsewhere.

(vi) The need for interaction with other bodies (e.g. schools) was stressed [again, related to (i) above].

4. The presentation on Ministry Area Restructuring added little to what we had been told already in the letter from the Area Dean. The emphasis, we were told, was on "teamwork", as suggested by the Harries' report. Apparently the concept of a single cleric serving a Parish is relatively new (Victorian) and Ministry Areas, it was suggested, would be a return to earlier Church organisation; the aim was for 3 stipendiary clerics per Ministry Area. Again (as in the Bishop's address) we were told this is "work in progress". An "on-line toolkit" would be available to assist with the organisation and administration of the Areas.

5. Mandy Bayton (Evangelism and Outreach) gave the final presentation of the Conference, on plans for the Centenary Celebrations. The actual date is 14th September but there will be a programme of events leading up to the Centenary. No specific details were given but in her enthusiastic address, we were promised that events, pilgrimages and competitions were being planned. Another on-line "toolkit" (the flavour of the moment?!) this time, an "outreach toolkit" will be available.

Jim Proudfoot
Lay Representative

Killay and District Lunch Club

Since our closure during Lock down the Lunch Club re-started meeting again on 6 April and continue to meet the first Wednesday of every month. We now have approximately 20 members and eight hostesses who help on a rota system. We also have three drivers who collect any members who are unable to use public transport. As we no longer have any cooks we have a fish and chip lunch once a month which everybody seems to enjoy. Our Chairman, Kay, books this a few days before and whilst she goes to collect it at 12pm the hostesses have coffee or tea ready as everybody arrives and Teressa organises a quiz.

Christmas dinner this year was held at Norton House Hotel on Wednesday 7 December which was a lovely afternoon.

Teressa Garner
Secretary

Ladies Guild Report

Yet again, 2022 was a very different year from our previous ones, due to covid etc. But, as we continue the journey out of the pandemic, so more and more signs of normality can be seen around us.

We met in February when Debra John gave us a very interesting talk "What Lurks Beneath". Folk tales set in and around the caves and mountains of the Neath Valley - well worth waiting a few months for this talk.

We celebrated St David's Day on March 2nd with the Llanelli Singers who were, in fact, a group of thirteen ukulele players plus one keyboard player. The group began in 2017 with several of the original members still involved.

Also, in March, members were fascinated by a talk by Richard Daugherty about the lost lanes of Gower. The following week, we were happy to welcome Ian Dimblebee, a member of St Martin's Church, to tell us about "50 Years in the Merchant Navy" reading a rather appropriate poem "An Old Life at Sea". Thank you Ian for an enjoyable talk.

Also, in March, we were pleased to be guests of our Lord Mayor, Mary Jones, at the Mansion House. We were welcomed with tea and cakes before Mary, in full regalia, described the significance of each item of clothing and each link in the very heavy gold Chain of Office. She also gave a brief history of the office of Lord Mayor. Swansea was granted 'City' status in 1969 at the time Prince Charles became Prince of Wales, but we didn't have a Lord Mayor until 1982 when the Queen granted letters which elevated the status of Mayor to Lord Mayor. Mary also gave a brief history of the Mansion House - it was originally called 'Brooklands', bought for £6650 in 1922 and used as the official residence of Mayors of Swansea and visiting judges. We were all invited to look around the house. Many thanks Mary. As a gesture of our appreciation, we gave Mary a cheque for her nominated charities.

Before Easter was a members own craft evening. There was a great deal of fun and laughter as members struggled to assemble their Easter baskets which, on completion, were filled with small chocolate eggs.

Our meeting in June included a visit to the recently opened Swansea Arena which is impressive and a valuable asset to the city.

It is always very nice when members of our church give us talks. This year, we were lucky to have Eileen and Nigel Fletcher who gave us a quiz to test us on our knowledge of the Queen, her family and royal residences - a good fun evening. On another evening, they came to tell us about their visit to 'The Cathedrals of the Fens".

Bob Mapp came along one evening to share with us some of his vast collection of old photographs and postcards of Old Swansea.

We also welcomed Murray Davies who showed us slides of a family visit to New York which included views of all the iconic sights of the city and, to

lighten the mood, Murray finished the show with beautiful scenes from a visit to Switzerland.

Thank you all so much - we really appreciate your help with our programme.

At our AGM before the summer break which was attended by 30 Guild members, Marian, our treasurer did not wish to remain in post. My sincere thanks to Marian for all her hard work and also to Pam who has decided to retire from the post of Guild secretary after 21 years. So, at present, we are without a treasurer and secretary as no member is prepared to take on the roles.

August was a very proud month for the Llewelyn family, Morgan Llewelyn-Jones being the grandson of Anne Llewelyn, a Guild member. On August 1st, Morgan was accepted into the Gorsedd (white robes) at the Tregaron National Eisteddfod after winning the Richard Burton Memorial Award at the Eisteddfod in 2019.

Thank you all so much
Gwynneth Prestwood , Leader

A little later, in October, we celebrated the 90th birthday of our much loved and respected Guild leader who has worked tirelessly for almost 30 years to make our Guild as it is now, organising speakers, trips and lunches as well as numerous other events. It was the Guild members' way of saying a big Thank You to her. At Gwynneth's request, we invited the Llanelli Ukulele group to entertain us. We all sang along to popular songs of the 50's & 60's and our most senior member (in age), Jane Riseborough, was first up to dance.

Gwynneth celebrating her 90th Birthday

Members donated plates of cakes and savouries and Guild provided wine, the birthday cake and a beautiful floral arrangement for the 'Guest of Honour'. Murray Davies was on hand to take photographs.

Pam Davies

Easter Day flowers on the Font

Mothers' Union - Branch Leader's Report 2022

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Theme for the year was: - "Transformation Now"

In January 2022 I began my 14th year as Branch Leader. At the beginning of the year we had 36 members (including those who had joined us from the former Sketty MU Branch). We were sad to hear that Margaret Harris, a former member, had died. We will also really miss Margaret Jones, one of our branch members for 46 years who died recently.

Due to Covid restrictions our 2022 AGM was conducted by phone calls and emails. All documents were approved by our vicar, Canon Phillip Gwynn. I would like to thank all the members for supporting me after my knee replacement operation and hand surgery.

Our Wave of Prayer service in February was held in our own homes and we prayed for our links with our prayer partners in Argentina, Bondo, Freestate – South Africa, Offa, Ogbia, Uruguay and Swansea and Brecon. After Easter we resumed our MU meetings in our Parish Centre. We were still very aware of Covid rules and risks involved when meeting together. It was a pleasure to chat with other members, listen to interesting speakers, enjoy cakes, chocolates and raffles etc. Our Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea was delayed in June due to Covid but when we were able to celebrate together in July we enjoyed a splendid buffet listened to 50s music and watched a DVD of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.

There were two Diocesan Council meetings held at Penllergaer Hall which I attended. A few of us attended the Diocesan Festival in Brecon in May and our banner was displayed in the Cathedral. It was a pleasure to meet Bishop John. I would like to thank Babs Roberts for her support at our Archidiaconal Eucharist at St Mary's Swansea and Rev Tim Williams for conducting the service and Alan as Eucharistic assistant. This year Rev Robert Davies Hannen has led our MU Eucharist in St Hilary's. He has been so helpful and encouraging – thank you. Our excellent speakers were a pleasure to listen to. Thanks to Alan for his helpful advice with technology regarding films, music etc. Diane Holohan has been so supportive with our hall bookings and Marian with St Hilary's church bookings.

I am delighted to say that Alan has transferred money raised through raffles and careful budgeting to our MU Diocesan Treasurer, Heather Price - £108 for "Make a Mother's Day", £127.15 for Women's Safe Houses and Family Centres from profit on our Jubilee tea and £75 from our Action & Outreach boxes organised by Gwynneth Prestwood. A further £64 was sent for Safe Houses and Family Centres from the proceeds of the raffle at our Christmas lunch at the Black Boy. We paid Diane Holohan, church treasurer £50 towards the Parish Centre hire.

2022 was a special year for a number of our members. Betty Nutt celebrated 65 years membership of MU, 6 members celebrated 90th birthdays and 3 members had birthdays of 90 years plus. Pat Davies, a former MU member arranged some beautiful flowers at St Hilary's on behalf of our branch for Christmas Eve. Thank you, Pat.

Carole Pickard was delighted to present Betty Nutt with her long service membership certificate of 65 years signed by our MU President

I would like to thank all members for their support, the committee for attending extra meetings but especially Alan for all the emails, typing etc etc. Thank you everyone who helps Sue in the kitchen, us to move furniture or just your advice and guidance – gratefully received. Thank you, Simon and Marian (churchwardens) for the help you have given our branch. Thank you, Ken Ellis, for inspecting and approving our accounts. Finally, a great big thank you to Enid Rotheram, who has retired as Registrar/Assistant Treasurer, Sandra Banks who has retired as Secretary and Pat Stratton for all of her support over many years.

Our beloved Patron, Queen Elizabeth II died in September. We give thanks for her having been our Mothers' Union Patron for many years and for her commitment and devotion to family life and her great concern for communities and all people – may she rest in peace.

Carole Pickard, Branch Leader

Retirement celebrations: farewell lunch for Canon Phil and Sian at Clyne Golf Club on Thursday April 21st

Mission and Outreach

Committee members:
Eileen Fletcher (Chairman), Simon Gwynn, Simon Davies, Marian Williams, Sian Parkhouse & Nigel Fletcher.

The committee met a number of times during 2022.

An informal afternoon Harvest Praise service was held on Sunday 9th October, with members of St Hilarys and visitors singing 6 modern versions of popular hymns, including Shine Jesus Shine and Majesty,

Martin Draisey played keyboards accompanied by electric guitar maintaining an upbeat tempo throughout.

Simon Davies led the event with appropriate readings and prayers, including an alternative rhyming version of that day's gospel,

The curate of Gowerton & Waunarlwydd gave the blessing.

A number of lessons were learnt from the event and it was agreed to repeat this style of service in 2023.

A Mums & Tots group was started on a Monday morning. The numbers have steadily grown with up to 8 mums and over 10 children attending.

The group provisionally had both an outdoor carol service and children's tea party due to take place in December, but due to circumstances beyond its control both events could not take place.

St Hilary's Bowls Club

(Short mat, indoor bowls)

It's amazing it's that time of the year again for reporting on another year of…".conversations," of which there have been many , ….as well as spending some time playing bowls! Seriously we have enjoyed another year of bowling (after Covid) as well as arranging birthday and anniversary celebrations each time a member's birthday or special occasion occurs. It's a happy group and we have been in existence since 1998….some 25 years.

We meet in the main hall of the Parish Centre each Friday evening mostly term-time, however, we meet on a Saturday evening whenever there is a blood collection on the preceding Friday. We have two short mat bowls and at the time of writing we have 24 members, so currently we have *'closed the books'* for new members, however, we can take names to go on the waiting list.

Hopefully you'll have been 'bowled over' by this latest report!

Mike Powell (Chairman)
Gill Genco (Treasurer)
Marian Williams (Secretary)

Parish Choir

Somehow it feels as if we are only just getting back to normal after the "Covid Years" but the Choir remains as enthusiastic and loyal as ever.

Sadly, in April we mourned the death of a most faithful, valued and highly respected member of our choir. Eric Thomas had been a part of St Hilary's choir for over 50 years. He led the tenor section with such enthusiasm. The Choir attended his funeral and we sang the 'Nunc Dimittis' to the chant by Lloyd as Eric left his Church. He is sorely missed and will never be forgotten by his fellow choristers.

This has been a quiet year as once again we begin to meet normally, without masks and without social distancing.

Fortunately we have been able to welcome a new choir member - Gillian Hutchinson, who is a most happy addition to the soprano section. When all the Choir are present we can now boast the following numbers: 6 sopranos, 1 alto, 1 bass and 3 tenors. We would dearly love to add to our numbers in all sections and from both churches. Don't be shy! If you can sing the hymns, you will be most welcome. It is not an onerous commitment - come and sing when you can!

Finally, we say a huge "thank you" to our loyal and talented organist, Huw Thomas. He and wife Janie, one of our choir members, have not had an easy year but thankfully maybe can both now smile again. After our Sunday services , why not stay a while and listen as Huw plays some music to set you up for the day!

Barbara Roberts

Parishes Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Parish Centre

Music Society

This year our society lost two faithful, loved and respected members. In April, Eric Thomas passed away. He worked tirelessly for many years for the society. He took on the dual role of Secretary and Treasurer and was always there to give advice and support. He will be sorely missed by us all.

In December, a long-standing member, Margaret Jones, passed away. Margaret was a faithful supporter of the society for many years. At every meeting she always enjoyed whatever entertainment was provided and was always willing to help in any way. We will miss her company and her smiling face.

The year began with a covid cancellation of our annual lunch which was postponed until July. Fortunately, the AGM was able to go ahead in February, observing all the covid regulations. More covid problems meant two more cancellations by our entertainers, but those dates were successfully filled.

The sad death of Her Majesty the Queen meant another last minute cancellation. However, our September entertainers, the Rockerleles, were re-booked for December.

In spite of a few hiccups, this has been a successful year for the Music Society with excellent attendances and several visitors along with the members. We meet on the second Monday of every month in the Parish Centre. We would welcome new members and visitors. Membership is £5 per annum, £2 per visit for visitors. For the programme for 2023, please contact Babs Roberts (Tel: 299160).

Barbara Roberts

The Rockerleles, a mixed group of men and women who played ukulele, bass guitar, drum and piano

Lay Worship

It has been a busy year for the lay worship leaders. We are a group of 5 Gareth, Babs, Ken Mike and myself and I must, first of all, thank each of them for their work, support, and guidance over the year.

As we are in an interregnum there have been more services that the group have covered and a special thanks to Ken, who with the congregation at All Souls hold 'private prayer' and 'our favourite hymns' services to fill the gaps that would usually have a Eucharist. We have also amended the service book to include the Beatitudes and the Ash Grove Gloria.

At St Martin's, we have seen the return of the community carol service and this year it saw the inclusion of children from Pen Y Fro school, and we are happy to say that the school took part in the family service in March. From a musical perspective, our young organist Milly King is expanding her repertoire. I must also thank Julie Lambert for stepping in when Milly or Martin have not been able to play for us.

In St. Hilary's Mike and Babs have been slowly returning to the style of service that we had before covid by inviting schools and guests to come into the service to talk to the congregation. This has included guests from Matt's Place, Sketty Foodbank and one of the local primary schools. Following a meeting in February, we will be looking to alter this service the trying to encourage more people to attend and make it easier to follow when we have guests in the congregation.

Overall it has been a challenging year for the five of us and especially when some of us are working or on holiday. Can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you once again to the four other worship leaders and to put a call-out for anyone who thinks they can help us during the services either by reading the prayers or if you wish to undertake the training joining us and becoming a worship leader any help is gratefully received.

Simon Davies
Lay worship leader coordinator

Hope and Hospitality....
Jill Erridge representing Sketty Foodbank and Thom Lynch, the Project Director of Matthew's House being presented with a cheque for money raised at our Harvest Service in St. Hilary's

Envelope and Gift Aid Scheme

As Gift Aid Officer, I am responsible for recording all contributions by envelope or standing orders direct to the Parish. There are currently 42 people using envelopes and 12 people who pay by standing order or bank transfer each month. At the end of each quarter, I submit our claim to HMRC for Gift Aid in respect of all tax paying contributors. We can also claim a smaller proportion of Gift Aid for non tax payers and cash collections which all helps to pay our way

The amount claimed during 2022 amounted to £6362.33. 34 people make Direct Giving payments which go straight to the Church in Wales where Gift Aid is claimed automatically and credited to our account on a monthly basis. In 2022, £4472.17 was received in respect of Direct Giving contributions. This is a total of £10834.50, which is, of course, a very welcome boost to our income.

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year and especially to Diane Holohan who keeps me updated on a regular basis and supplies me with any information I need.

If you wish to join the envelope scheme or make payments by standing order or join the Direct Giving Scheme, please contact me. Also, if you no longer pay tax due to a change in circumstances, please let me know so I can remove you from my Gift Aid claim.

Geraldine Rees
Envelope & Gift Aid Officer
(Tel: 01792 207916)

Electoral Roll

There were 119 people on the electoral role of the Parish of Killay 2022

Accounts for the Parish of Killay
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Other positive factors to note this year are the increase in the Parish Centre letting income and the increase in Fundraising Income thanks to the incredible work and drive of our Social and Fundraising Committee (and enthusiastic parishioners' willingness to join in).

The closing balance across all accounts was £133,049 divided in the following way:

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The Restricted Funds are divided as follows:

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Parish Centre	£1,555
Graveyard and Grounds	£15,536
Altar Flowers	£233
Miscellaneous	£387
Tots	£16

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Diane Holohan
Parish Treasurer

Parish of Killay
Receipts and Payments Account
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	THIS YEAR 2022		LAST YEAR 2021	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Direct Giving				
i. Planned Giving	41,788		47,638	
ii. Open Plate	1,586	43,374	1,655	49,293
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		12,927		12,431
Special Collections				
World Church and other Good Causes		901		0
Magazine				
Advertising and Sales		661		172
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising Group Events (incl.Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		6,574		3,900
Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	14,770		248	
Donations and Gifts	1,028		1,412	
Other including Grants, Insurance Claims and Loans		15,798	9,880	11,540
Other Income				
Funerals and Burials - Restricted		4,784		6,457
Funerals - Unrestricted	1,008		664	
Weddings/Baptisms	450	1,458	720	1,384
Photocopying, Flowers etc..		80		640
Bank Interest		415		9
Parish Centre Income				
Letting		19,195		12,504
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**106,167**		**98,330**

PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR 2022 £	£	LAST YEAR 2021 £	£
Mission and Outreach				
Local	967		2,107	
World	0	967	0	2,107
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Parish Share and Locums		61,330		33,090
Maintenance of the Churches				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	5,209		3,990	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	3,755	8,964	5,375	9,365
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		2,286		3,715
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Books, Courses,				
Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion)		829		1,075
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying,				
Sundries, Licences, Petty Cash, Bank		2,273		814
Cost of Money Raising		835		858
Parish Centre Outgoings				
Heat, Light, Water, Insurance,	4,425			
Maintenance, Cleaning Supplies	4,886	9,311		7,796
Exceptional Costs				
HMRC refund, transfers etc		2,943		10,506
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**89,738**		**69,326**
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		16,429		29,004
1st January Bank Balances	116,510		87,511	
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Debits	01/01/22 – 31/01/22	£105,600.30
Credits	01/01/22 – 31/01/22	£107,075.11
Closing balance	31/12/22	**£30,465.69**

Having examined all receipts, payments and evidence, and I can confirm that it is in agreement with the books and records of the Parish.

Sian Coppock ISO 9001:2015

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Killay SA2 7EN

S. A. Coppock 24/4/23

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St Hilary's Church, Killay

St Martin's Church, Dunvant

A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by:
Gathering as God's People - Growing more like Jesus - Going out in the power of the Spirit

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Reverend Canon Phillip Gwynn, BA, MA, DPS, Cert. Theol. *(Surrogate)*
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Parish of Killay - St Hilary's Church and St Martin's Church

The following were appointed to serve the Parish of Killay as Wardens and as Parochial Church Councillors from April 2021

Parish Officers

Parish Vicar's Warden	Marian Williams
Parish Peoples Warden	Simon Gwynn
Vicar's Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Roger Draisey
Peoples Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Susan Dimblebee
Parish Treasurer	Ken Ellis
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Pickard and Dianne Holohan
PCC Secretary	Marian Williams

Parochial Church Councillors

Christine Allen-Partington
Sandra Banks
Sheila Betts
Alan Clewett
Margaret Draisey
Nansi Evans
Eileen Fletcher
Diane Holohan
Julia Lambert
Alan Pickard
Mike Powell
Angela Reed
Barbara Roberts
Colin Williams

Parochial Officers

Gift Aid Officer	Geraldine Rees
Safeguarding Officer	Catherine Swain
Children's Ministry	Sian Gwynn
Parish Magazine Editor	Roger Rees
Parish Centre Booking Secretary	Diane Holohan

Synod, Elected Member
Supplemental Member — Eileen Nielsen

Lay Representative on Diocesan Conference — Dr. James Proudfoot

Vicar's Report

CHANGE - both personally and parochially

The purpose of this Annual Report, is to reflect on the year past. The Covid pandemic has changed how we live our lives. It has been another start/stop year. A year beginning with closed churches and online worship only. It was very pleasing to open churches and worship together once again, face to face, in the buildings that we love, at Easter. There had to be mitigations put in place, how we received Communion, where we sat – can we sing/can't we sing? There are still some people who remain anxious about returning to church, in the light of the current Covid variant. My guess is that by the time you read this, there will be a different variant on the scene. But in all these difficulties, there is one constant – God. Whatever life throws at us, God is always by our side. In this difficult year, God has been there too!

It has been a year of struggling to keep up with fast changing Covid regulations, both from the Welsh Government and these would then be interpreted by the Church-in-Wales. An important part of parish life, is visiting people in their homes. This has not been possible again, this year. For me, home visits are an essential part of being a parish priest, something I have sorely missed. Telephone conversations and Zoom calls are not quite the same.

We have had an Autumn Fayre and a very successful Harvest Supper, with the Ukulele Band at the Uplands Rugby Club. My thanks to the Mission & Outreach Sub-committee and Social & Fundraising Sub-committee. We also produced and distributed Christmas cards to all on the Electoral Roll (as we were also able to do with

Easter cards). Thanks must go to Murray Davies for his photography of the nativity window, and to Roger Rees for gluing (electronically of course), the two separate parts of the window, and arranging to have them printed. Both of the events above, occurred prior to the return to Level 2 Covid restrictions, with two metre distancing. Sadly, the small (but perfectly formed) community church of St.Martin's in Dunvant, due to its size and structure, has not been possible to open, with the 2m rule. The church was closed for approx. 18 months at the first Lockdown, then opened for a few months, only to sadly close again on Christmas Day.

As Christmas was approaching, and a decision made to only reintroduce singing in a limited way, we began to think about carol singing. A brave decision was taken to gather outside St.Hilary's church, around the Christmas tree. We were blessed with a bright starry night (very biblical!), there was a full moon, and we were joined by Cllr Mary Jones and her husband - Mary being Lord Mayor this year. Approx 70 people gathered, and others joined us as they were drawn to the singing as they passed by. Indeed one gentleman came along to Midnight Mass following his enjoyment of belting out well known carols. The choir sang,

We were blessed with a bright starry night!

and there was mulled wine and a collection of mince pies made by church members. Thank you to all who made this such a memorable event.

This year has also seen comprehensive structural reports of the condition of our two church buildings. These reports, normally carried out every five years, were put off due to Covid. These comprehensive documents, will now need to be scrutinised by the Churchwardens and members of the new PCC in due course.

I would like to thank Simon and Marian, my Churchwardens *(Sue and Roger, Sub-wardens at St.Martin's)* for their loyal support in difficult times. I thank each member of the PCC and all church officers. It is not possible for me to thank everyone individually, so please accept my thanks for YOUR part in helping to keep our churches and their services running. Let's hope that St.Martin's is able to re-open soon.

I thank Sian for her constant support and encouragement. Although I am the one who is ordained, we have the luxury to work well together as a team *(mostly!)*. Little did I know back in 1987, when we, as a family moved into what was then St.Michael's Theological College in Cardiff, the many different facets of ministry that I was to explore over the coming decades. It has, at times, been something of a rollercoaster journey.

This year, my life will be changing quite dramatically, as I plan to retire from full-time stipendiary ministry at Easter. Sian and I will leave the Parish to move to a very different situation, in the Swansea Valley. Please pray for us, as we make this huge change in our personal and family life – as we will continue to pray for you, the many friends we have made in Killay and Dunvant over the past six years.

The year ahead for you as a church will be difficult, working through an interregnum, but be assured that you will be guided by the Area Dean, Canon Peter Brooks and the Clyne Trinity Ministry Area Leader and Vicar of Sketty, Revd. Robert Davies-Hannen.

With every blessing for the road ahead.

Your Friend and Vicar

Canon Phil

Churchwardens' Annual Report

We were optimistic as we approached 2021 because the lockdown had almost ended and families were hoping to gather together to celebrate Christmas. However, as soon as Christmas was over, we entered another full lockdown due to the new Covid Delta variant which was upon us. Once again churches had to close, certainly not the new year of hope to which we had aspired. Throughout January, February and March, all our services were live streamed, though it was very strange sitting in an almost empty church with Canon Phillip, Sian, Simon in the vestry operating the IT and me. You must have grown very tired of seeing and hearing Sian and me, reading on alternate weeks. A very special thank you to Canon Phillip for continuing to hold services in church in what must have been a very difficult way. Thanks also for all his support and friendship during the past year.

As Easter approached, restrictions were lifted slightly, and Church-in-Wales guidance stated that whether we opened for Easter was the decision of the PCC. We decided to reopen on Palm Sunday, though without the traditional procession into church and the singing. This year, Canon Phillip decided to produce an Easter card which we delivered to everyone on the Electoral Roll. Small palm crosses which were blessed in church the previous week were included in the envelopes. This proved to be popular from the positive comments we received. Many parishioners commented that they preferred the pocket or handbag sized palm crosses. Easter Day saw a full church and Parish Centre; provision had been made to use the Minor Hall as well if this was needed. Thanks to the Dimblebees, the Powells, the Draiseys and Sian for all their help moving chairs. Special thanks to Mike and Sylvia Powell who have continued to do this to help me every week.

At the beginning of June, it was possible to join together for coffee, though this had to be outside, so was weather dependent. Thanks must be given to Sylvia Powell for organising this for us every week. The choir was allowed to sing, but also outside and maintaining social distancing. Many of our parishioners had received their vaccines and more new words entered Sunday vocabulary over coffee – Pfizer, Oxford AstraZeneca, Moderna, lateral flow tests etc. Another milestone was reached in June, the Thursday morning Eucharist returned, much to the delight of all the regular worshippers. Thanks to Mike Powell for coming along for several weeks to show me what needed to be done.

Throughout the summer, some of our external hirers returned to the Parish Centre. Diane Holohan contacted the group leaders, met and discussed risk assessments with them, collected copies of their insurance certificates, issued keys and completed all the necessary paperwork. In the Autumn, our Church groups returned, all risk assessments completed, signed and filed in the office. Thanks to Welsh Blood increasing their bookings during the lock downs, this enabled us to cope with the loss of income.

Our successful Autumn Fayre in the church grounds attracted passers-by, enabling us to raise much needed funds. Our Harvest Supper was another successful evening with the Swansea u3a Ukulele Big Band. We received a grant from the

Harvest Supper held at Uplands RFC

Autumn Fayre

Coop and Babs Roberts' Smarties initiative raised over £1000. More details of these events are in the PCC report. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way and especially to the organisers for all their time, energy and hard work.

We hoped to host The Gwalia Singers in December, but unfortunately had to cancel due to the severity of the Omicron variant. The Carols round the Christmas tree event was a great success and hopefully something to continue. The church and windowsills were decorated for Christmas and a Parish Christmas card was produced and distributed as part of outreach. Our midnight service on Christmas Eve was popular and it was good to see people who returned to church for the first time that evening.

We need to express our thanks to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Geraldine Rees collates all the envelopes and completes the Gift Aid returns. Thanks to Roger Rees who continues to produce our Parish magazine so expertly, and to all those involved with the collection of advertising revenue and distribution. Sylvia Powell compiles the rotas for readers, sidespersons and coffee, Mike Powell prepares for all the church services in his role as Sacristan and prepares the Eucharistic Assistant rotas. Catherine Swain has taken responsibility for the Electoral Roll in addition to Safeguarding. Diane Holohan is very busy as Parish Centre Booking Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, working closely with Ken Ellis. Alan Clewett our Health and Safety Officer and all the men who keep the church grounds so well-maintained – Roy Chapman, Murray Davies, Ian Dimblebee, Nigel Fletcher and Roger Draisey. Eileen Nielsen and Val Beynon for all the work they do behind the scenes, especially at weddings and funerals. If we have forgotten anybody, please accept our apologies.

Marian Williams and Simon Gwynn

Report from Minutes of Parochial Church Council

A welcome return to church

Once again, this year did not go as we had hoped. We found ourselves in another lockdown which lasted until Palm Sunday. The Annual Vestry meeting had to be held as a Podcast once again, due to circumstances and restrictions imposed by the Church-in-Wales. This year, PCC sub-committees were held using Zoom until July when we were excited to be able to hold our first socially distanced meeting of the new PCC in Church.

There were no new members of the PCC this year, but in October we were all shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Christine Allen-Partington. Chris was a valued and long-standing member of the PCC, who also represented the Parish of Killay as a Supplemental Member of the Synod.

There have been three face to face meetings of the full PCC, together with a mixture of Zoom and face to face meetings of all the sub-committees.

Ken Ellis, our Treasurer led the Zoom meeting of the Finance sub-committee. There has been an inevitable reduction in income due to church buildings being closed. The variation in income and substantial expenditure on the new heating

systems had made it extremely difficult to set a budget. Discussions focused on the Parish Share because although the Diocese gave a discount this year, this did not compensate for the total amount of lost income. Added to this was the lack of our usual fundraising events. It was agreed that Gift Direct should be publicised in addition to payment by Standing Orders or BACS and contactless payments. The cost of banking had been increased by CAF, and although it was agreed by the PCC that we should approach other banks, this proved to be impossible due to us not being permitted to open new business accounts with them. All PCC meetings include a financial update. I should like to express my thanks to Ken Ellis, Alan Pickard our previous Assistant Treasurer and Diane Holohan who has been brave enough to become our new Assistant Treasurer this year.

The Fabric sub-committee held Zoom meetings which concentrated initially upon heating. Due to the severe weather in January, large shards of stone fell from the church roof. We needed to employ a specialist stonemason to carry out this work. The work was completed eventually though not as soon as was agreed. The Quinquennial inspection was held in March, the findings and recommendations of which will be discussed by the incoming PCC. We were fortunate that the inspector was qualified to inspect the stonework repairs for us. Our thanks must be given to Alan Clewett who carried out his role as Health and Safety Officer with meticulous attention to detail, which is always evident in his paperwork, so much so that the inspector commented upon it. Simon Gwynn accompanied the inspector during his visit. Once again, a tree in the car park caused a problem as it was leaning at a dangerous angle. This tree was removed, there being no preservation order on it, so permission was not needed, and it was agreed to remove the hedge at a later date.

The Parish Centre Management Group met in the summer to discuss the implementation of the new pricing structure which had been postponed initially until Easter but extended until September. All external groups had returned except one and the Church groups returned in September or October. This group also discussed the proposed work needed to upgrade the Minor Hall in consultation with the Fabric sub-committee. Diane Holohan deserves recognition for the tireless way in which she met various hirers at this time and collected all the paperwork required.

The Mission and Outreach sub-committee met regularly on Zoom and was instrumental in the return of the paper Newsletter, the delivery of Easter cards and palm crosses. A second outdoor gathering was planned but had to be cancelled due to inclement weather and limited interest from parishioners at this time. The Parish Christmas card was well-received, and the Carols under the Stars event was very successful, particularly so because we were led by our choristers, joined by The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea, Councillor Mary Jones and her Consort, by members of Siloam, neighbours and passers-by, the mulled wine and mince pies being an added attraction. Certainly, an event to be repeated.

Community Grant from the Coop of £400

Repair work to the Bathstone

The Social and Fundraising sub-committee chaired by Mike Powell met face to face on five occasions. Thanks to their hard work, energy and determination to raise much needed funds, the magnificent total of £3,565.86 was raised in a few months. The Autumn Fayre organised so ably by Sue Dimblebee and Angela Reed, plus willing volunteers and visitors on the day was a huge success making £1,635.06, being visible from the road made a tremendous difference. The Harvest Supper with the u3a Ukulele Big Band drew a crowd and was an extremely enjoyable and financially successful evening which raised £510. We received a Community Grant from the Coop of £400 and the Smarties initiative led by Babs Roberts realised £1,020.80. We had hoped that the Gwalia Singers would give a Christmas Concert, but due to the severity of the Omicron variant, this event had to be cancelled, though thanks to the generosity of parishioners who donated their ticket money, a further £216 was raised making a grand total of £3,781.86 Although the concert had to be cancelled, I must express my personal thanks to Mike and Sylvia Powell and Alan Clewett for everything they did beforehand in very difficult circumstances trying to make it happen.

2021 ended more positively than it began, and we hope that we see continued improvement in 2022. A huge thank you to Canon Phillip Gwynn for chairing our PCC meetings so ably and keeping us on task, and to Simon Gwynn, Ken Ellis and Mike Powell who do the same in the sub-committees. Finally, my thanks to all members of the PCC, including the co-opted members whose expertise we rely upon. They are a willing band of volunteers and friends who work tirelessly together for us all throughout the year, certainly Our Good and Faithful Servants.

Marian Williams

PCC Secretary

St Martin's Church

September 19th saw St.Martin's reopen after Covid, Lockdown. Canon Phil officiated at our well attended morning Eucharist. We warmly welcomed Milly our new young organist for the first time, who played admirably. We enjoyed our coffee and biscuits and a catch up of all things good and celebrated two Birthdays Joyce Hoskins and Elaine Graves. Sadly Canon Phil announced that our 8 am service the first Eucharist in the month would no longer take place.

Remembrance Sunday.

This saw our congregation bring poppies with them and before our service they orderly stepped forward one by one to the altar rail where Simon Davies who was officiating held out a wreath and the congregation carefully placed their poppies into the wreath. When everyone had placed their poppies and returned to their seats Simon gently laid the wreath at the foot of the altar, this was St. Martin's act of remembrance to honour all who had given their lives in two world wars for our freedom.

Christmas Morning

With St Martin's looking its very festive best 16 communicants and a guest organist Julia Lambert one of our regular worshipers, stepped up to play Christmas melodies and carols for our service, led by Canon Phil, our joyful service was somewhat saddened by Canon Phil announcing that because of the new Covid strain, Omicron, St Martin's would have to close until the 2 metre rule and social distancing is relaxed once again. Between Christmas and new year we were saddened to

Harvest Festival

St.Martin's act of Remembrance

hear of the death of Mr Ken Peebles and just a few days later Mrs Eileen Parsons who were both good servants in St. Martin's. At time of writing we are hoping to return to St. Martin's in the very near future.

Roger Draisey & Sue Dimblebee

Sub Wardens

Ladies Guild Report

Following a break of nearly 20 months due to Covid, Ladies Guild was finally able to resume on 13th October 2021.

We were pleased to welcome Canon Philip to our first meeting, he began by reading the parable of the "The Good Samaritan",he discussed it and the actions of the three men who passed by, ending with a challenge to each of us to consider how we would act in a similar situation. Quite a provoking thought on which to end our first meeting.

Sadly, due to covid restrictions, it was difficult to arrange speakers, so the following week Murray Davies was "encouraged" to come along and give one of his holiday slide shows. This one began with visits to Egypt, Petra in Jordan, Andre Rieu in Amsterdam and ended with a large tombstone in Edinburgh engraved with the name Murray!

On 27th October we held a "Members Own" evening which took the form of a quiz with the secretary Pam Davies asking the questions. It was a fun evening with winning teams captained by Marian Williams and Angela Reed. Unfortunately the following week's meeting had to be cancelled as one of the members present on 27th had contracted the virus. Fortunately she is now fully recovered.

Lunch at Norton House

Our first meeting in November, was a talk by Andrew Jones, Director of White Rock Events, a charity fundraiser who with his cycling friends has raised in excess of £100.000 for SAAFA.

Our meetings on 17th and 24th November were musical evenings: Babs Roberts talking about the life and times of Ivor Novello and recordings of his many compositions and Rev. Ian Drew-Jones with his choice of "Desert Island Discs"

On 1st December, Mrs Paddy Bradbury came to tell us about her walk for charity along the Great Wall of China several years ago. The hotels en route were basic, to say the least, and the packed lunches unappetising!

Our final meeting of 2021 was lunch at Norton House.

This is the our final report with Canon Philip Gwynn as incumbent, so we would like to wish him and Sian our very best wishes on his retirement and good wishes to them and the family for the future.

Pam Davies, Secretary

Greater Gower Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Conference

Due to covid regulations there has been no meetings this year.

Parish Choir

What a strange year this has been in so many ways. During the first few months we were not allowed to attend church, but modern technology and Simon Gwynn came to the rescue and many people were able to access St. Hilary's via their computers and tablets. Then in March we were finally allowed into church — masked, sanitised and socially distanced — just in time for Easter! But no choir.

Then in June we had permission to sing again. So after the service, Huw Thomas and the choir assembled on the grass outside the church hall. While the congregation enjoyed tea an coffee (no biscuits), Huw played the electronic organ and we sang "Love divine" and "Guide me O thou Great Redeemer". It was so lovely to be singing again and some of the congregation joined in! We were able to repeat this performance during the rest of June as we were lucky with the weather. Finally in July we were allowed back into the choir stalls — masked, sanitised, socially distanced and limited to 9 choir members and we had to robe in the minor hall. The congregation was not allowed to sing. In July we were once again robing in the choir vestry. The congregation was not allowed to sing because the infection numbers were too high in Swansea.

September and October were very sad months for the choir. Our numbers were reduced due to different circumstances. Graham Trew and Wendy John have retired and Diane Lewis now attends St. Mary's church. We miss them so much.

At the beginning of October we were all stunned and devastated by the sudden tragic and totally unexpected death of our dear friend Chris Allen. Chris was a faithful and totally committed church and choir member. She is sorely missed by the choir and congregation.

On Tuesday November 2nd we said an emotional farewell to Chris. In the celebration of her life we sang two of her favourite hymns --- "Calon Lan" and "Make me a channel of your peace". The service ended with the Nunc Dimittis.

In October the congregation was allowed to sing once again but only wearing a mask and very quietly!

October 24th was a lay-led service focussing on Climate Change. Marian Williams introduced the choir to a new hymn ---"When your Father made the world" by Ann Conlon and music by Andrew Moore. We were so pleased that Marian joined us to sing the hymn: (prospective choir member?) in the united service on October 31st, we were pleased to welcome Margaret Draisey from St. Martin's. We hope this will be the first of many visits!

Another lockdown in December meant restrictions once again. Our annual Carol Service was held in the car park. The choir sang "Gabriel's Message", which is a Basque carol, a lovely version of "I saw 3 ships" arranged by Malcolm Archer and "The Infant King", which is an old Basque Noel.

In January, high Covid numbers meant a return to robing in the minor hall, masks, sanitising social distancing, a limit of 9 choir members and no coffee!

Looking to the future, we are really in need of more choir members. This is not an onerous commitment. Just come and sing when you can. PLEASE come and join us.

You will be made very welcome.

Barbara Roberts

Mothers' Union - Branch Leader's Report 2021

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Theme for the year: - "Rebuilding Hope and Confidence"

In January 2021 I began my thirteenth year as Branch Leader. Initially we had 28 members, but we were joined by 12 members from the closure of Sketty Branch (St Paul's and Holy Trinity) making our membership up to 40 in total. It has been a pleasure to welcome members from Sketty. During 2021 some of our former members died, Phyl Davies, Enid Sawday, Mary Minchella and Yvonne Garrish (a former Branch and Clyne Deanery Leader from Sketty MU). We valued their loyalty and support over many years.

Due to Covid restrictions our AGM in February was conducted by email, phone calls and letters. Thankfully the committee agreed to remain in position, and we were joined by 2 members from Sketty. Our Wave of Prayer in February was observed in our own homes. We prayed for our links with Free State South Africa, Bondo, Offa, Ogbia, Argentina and Uruguay.

In September we resumed MU meetings in our Parish Centre. A risk assessment was completed prior to meeting and all the Covid rules and regulations were adhered to. It was a pleasure to catch up on the news with other members and to enjoy the chocolates especially bought as treats for everyone to share! Our branch met six times from September to December. Barbara Rowe read some of her inspiring poems to us, Marian Williams delighted us with a talk about teaching in a church school. Mike Powell gave us an enlightening talk about music and prayer and Bob Mapp showed us some very interesting views of old Swansea. Andrew Jones gave a very thought provoking talk on the A-Z of remembrance and our last meeting was part of an Andre Rieu DVD of Christmas music shown by Alan Pickard. We ended the afternoon with mince pies, shortbread, and chocolates etc.

At our Church Autumn Fair, we sold donated goods and raised £172.20 for Parish funds. Thanks to Sue Mapp and Barbara Rowe who helped me. There were two deanery meetings held in Penllergaer Parish Hall attended by Alan, Sandra and myself. Sally Freedman, MU Diocesan President, ended her term of office in December 2021 and is to be followed by Ruth Roberts in January 2022.

We paid Ken Ellis, the Church Treasurer £50 towards the cost of hall hire and we would like to thank him for his thorough inspection of our MU accounts. Another thank you goes to Diane Holohan for being so helpful with hall hire arrangements. Thank you, Sandra, for arranging our speakers, Sue Mapp and the committee for refreshments, Gwynneth Prestwood for being responsible for diaries, cards and Action and Outreach boxes and Pat Stratton for visiting or phoning former or housebound members. We couldn't function without a treasurer – so a big thank you to Alan and Enid Rotheram his assistant.

This year we congratulated Denise Rogers on 50 years MU membership. Celebrating 65 years of marriage were Margaret and Bill Massey, and

Mary and Haydn Osborne also Pat and Hugh Stratton who celebrated their Diamond Anniversary.

I was so pleased that we were able to donate £132.70 to our MU Diocesan Treasurer for Women's Safe Houses. This was added to by a member who donated a further £25 to this much needed cause.

During a very difficult year I have tried to keep in touch with members by phone, email or letters. Thank you to Canon Phillip for his constant support and we wish both Sian and him a happy retirement. Thanks to our Churchwardens Marian and Simon for everything they do and have done for all of us.

Who knows what the next year will bring? We can only hope that 2022 will be a better year for everyone but we should all "count our blessings" and realise how fortunate we are.

Please be aware that 2022 meetings will not begin until after Easter providing the Covid risk is reduced!

Carole Pickard, Branch Leader

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Mothers' Union is available on "Facebook" also the "Daily Hope" phoneline number is free and available 24 hours a day on 08008048044 where you can listen to MU Mid-day Prayers, hymns etc.

Carole Pickard, Branch Leader

Lay Worship Leaders

Once again 2021 was a Year affected by Covid. St Martin's Church in Dunvant had to remain closed until September 19th and this enabled the Vicar to be present at All Souls and St Hilary's every week.

Then in October, the Lay Led Worship resumed, which was gratefully received.

Thanks must be given to all members of the team, Ken Ellis, Babs Roberts, Simon Davies, Gareth Lewis, Mike Powell and Sian Gwynn for their time and innovation when preparing for the services.

Sian Gwynn

Christingle and Crib Service held at All Souls Church

Working with Young People

Unfortunately, there is little to report once again this year with regard to Young People of the Parish.

We held a combined Christingle and Crib Service on Christmas Eve, at All Souls which was well attended and everyone enjoyed. The service was led by Simon Gwynn and Simon Davies which, as they say, was very 'Down with the Kids' and at the end they both received a spontaneous round of applause.

Callum Powell read the Gospel reading on the Sunday before Christmas at St Hilary's, which as usual was exceptional, it is such a joy to hear Callum read.

Eleri Gwynn, has taken on the unofficial role of Gel monitor at St Hilary's and I know every one enjoys seeing her on Sunday morning as she reminds them of their own Grandchildren.

This is my last report for the Parishes of Killay and Tycoch as the Vicar and I move to pastures new. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 45 years working with young people in the Diocese. It gives me great pleasure when I bump into people in the streets and they say, "Oh remember when!" I am sure the Church will move forward with new generations and new vision but we must allow this to happen even when it seems to be unusual to us.

Sian Gwynn

St Hilary's Bowls Club

(Short mat, indoor bowls)

We meet each Friday between 7 - 10 pm, during term time, in the main hall of the Parish Centre. I should say those days / times refer to normal times. However, the last two years have been anything but normal with a number of lockdowns when all Parish Centre activities were cancelled due to the pandemic. However, we did manage to get eleven sessions in between October- December 2021, although attendances were down on previous years as many members were cautious about mixing with others . 'Brownie points' go to Eric Thomas and Marian Williams for 100% attendance. What was very noticeable during the Christmas term in the hall was the warmth coming from the newly installed gas heating. In previous years we literally had to keep our topcoats on to keep warm! Indeed freezers like Margaret and Sandra knew their prayers had been answered! We had some socially distanced birthday parties but no banquets as we previously enjoyed.

There are currently 22 members on the books but we haven't used our two mats for a very long time. Indeed we haven't got enough bowls if everyone turned up on the same night! However if you are interested in joining you could come along to see what goes on and your name could go on our waiting list.

In Memoriam. We were saddened with the sudden passing of dear member, Chris Allen in the Christmas term of 2021. She was a keen bowler and became a good player during the time she was a member. Many of our group attended her memorial service at St Hilary and the 'wake' held in the Parish Centre. Her family were overwhelmed with the 'banquet' prepared by our ladies and the love shown to Chris. ✝ RIP.

So it was a case of stop, start, stop, start year....but hopefully the pandemic will be over in 2022 ....God willing.

Mike Powell (Chairman)
Gill Genco (Secretary / Treasurer)
Marian Williams
(Acting Secretary / Treasurer during Gill's enforced absence)

Music Society

After many months of lockdown and strict Covid regulations, October finally saw the welcome return of the Music Society. Our new venue is the Minor Hall in the Parish Centre thus releasing the main hall for ballet classes.

For this happy meeting we had a wonderful attendance to hear the "Desert Island Discs" chosen by Margaret Williams, a faithful member of St. Martin's church.

In November, Huw Thomas, our organist in St. Hilary's, gave a superb organ recital in the church, ably assisted by Janey.

The December meeting was an early celebration of Christmas with musical contributions by members followed by festive refreshments.

Then another serious wave of infection forced the cancellation of our annual January celebration lunch.

Hopefully we will resume our intended programme in February.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Parish Centre minor hall. All welcome!

Barbara Roberts

Killay and District Lunch Club

The Lunch Club has not been able to meet since the first "lockdown" owing to COVID restrictions. The Chairman and Secretary have kept in touch with most of the members through Birthday Cards and phone calls.

As we were unable to have our usual Christmas Dinner this year we had a trial lunch club just before Christmas with all the new safety covid rules. None of the cooks wish to return to lunch club so we decided to have a fish and chip meal and decorated the tables for Christmas. Sylvia kindly decorated the hall and put the trees up on the stage so it all looked very nice. While Kay went to get our meal Teressa did a Christmas quiz. We also had a raffle. It was lovely to see everybody meeting up with their friends and enjoying themselves.

As we now have no cooks we have decided to hold lunch club the first Wednesday of every month and have a fish and chip meal. Everybody seemed happy with this arrangement as they do look forward to meeting up with their friends. As the hall is already booked up for March our next meeting will be 6 April - we will phone everybody before this date to let them know what we have planned.

We still have a waiting list to join lunch club but do not have any vacancies at the moment whilst restrictions are in place and no cooks.

Teressa Garner (Mrs)
Secretary

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In Memoriam

We should like to remember the following members of our Church who we have lost this year.

MARY MINCHELLA
MADGE ELLIS
REVEREND ROY BLEWETT PRIEST
CHRISTINE ALLEN-PARTINGTON
BRYAN SMALE
GLEN GWILYM
DAVID VAUGHAN
KENNETH PEEBLES
EILEEN PARSONS

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Envelope and Gift Aid Scheme

I have recently taken over as Envelope & Gift Aid Officer from Alan Pickard. He gave me a lot of guidance and support during the transition period and I now feel I can competently carry on his good work. Thank you, Alan, for being so patient and helpful.

I am responsible for recording all contributions by envelope or standing orders direct to the Parish. There are currently 46 people using envelopes and 11 people who pay by standing order. 35 people currently make payments by the Direct Giving Scheme which goes straight to the Church in Wales where Gift Aid is claimed automatically and credited to our account on a monthly basis. At the end of each quarter, I submit our claim for Gift Aid in respect of all tax paying contributors. We can also claim a smaller proportion of Gift Aid for non tax payers and cash collections which all helps to pay our way.

If you no longer pay tax due to a change in circumstances, please contact me so I can remove you from my Gift Aid claim.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. If anyone wishes to join the Envelope Scheme or make payments by Standing Order, please contact me.

Card payments can now be accepted and, if you would like to join the Direct Giving Scheme, application forms can be obtained from Simon Gwynn.

Geraldine Rees
Envelope & Gift Aid Officer
(Tel: 01792 207916)

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a list of names and addresses of the lay people of the parish, who are aged 16 and over.

The Church in Wales requires a new Roll to be compiled every 5 years. This should have been done in 2020 but due to the Covid Pandemic an extension period was allowed. Due to the efficiency of Alan Pickard, the Electoral Roll Officer at the time, the application forms for the Parish of Killay Electoral Roll were issued and returned by Church Members before this was announced. We therefore managed to update our Roll in 2020. This list had 134 names on it.

To bring our Electoral Roll in line with the other parishes, the process has been repeated in 2022. Forms were made available at the beginning of January and the closing date for applications was 28 February. The updated Electoral Roll for 2022 has 117 names.

Catherine Swain
Safeguarding Officer

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This year the accounts show a surplus of £29,000 compared with a deficit last year of just over £39,000. Two major factors for this seemingly large turnaround of fortune were the cost of major projects undertaken last year and our small contribution to the Parish Share this year. In January, we knew that our Parish Share for 2021 was £58,378 but that we had overpaid in 2020 by £5,538 because of grants from the Diocese. During 2021, we received further grants towards the Share of £19,848, which meant that we only had to find £33,070 this year.

Two other factors that should be noted is the large increase in money raised through the hiring out of the Parish Centre and the increase in Fundraising. The first is caused by above average usage by the Welsh Blood Service coupled with the payment for outstanding invoices. The second is through parishioners' enthusiasm to get going again as Covid regulations relax.

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I want to thank Mr Alan Pickard for his continued support and to welcome and thank Mrs. Diane Holohan for her assistance with the accounts. Recognition must also be given to Mrs Geraldine Rees and Miss Marian Williams. Geraldine has worked diligently in the background to ensure that the Parish gets from HMRC every penny that it is entitled to receive. Marian has added Finance to her many church activities! Her help and assistance is gratefully received and appreciated.

My thanks also go to the Independent Examiner, Mr David Jenkins of the Parish of Tycoch. The time he gives so freely to carry out a meticulous scrutiny of the accounts is also greatly appreciated.

Ken Ellis

Parish Treasurer

Parish of Killay
Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

	THIS YEAR 2021		LAST YEAR 2020	
RECEIPTS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Direct Giving				
i. Planned Giving	47,638		48,968	
ii. Open Plate	1,655	49,293	518	49,486
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		12,431		13,568
Special Collections				
World Church and other Good Causes		0		668
Magazine				
Advertising and Sales		172		1,898
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising Group Events (incl.Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		3,900		1,349
Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	248		243	
Donations and Gifts	1,412		9,315	
Other including Grants, Insurance Claims and Loans	9,880	11,540	15,020	24,578
Other Income				
Funerals and Burials - Restricted		6,457		3,701
Funerals - Unrestricted	664		468	
Weddings/Baptisms	720	1,384	300	768
Photocopying, Flowers etc..		640		596
Bank Interest		9		90
Parish Centre Income				
Letting and Heating Tokens		12,504		4,470
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**98,330**		**101,172**

PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR 2021 £	£	LAST YEAR 2020 £	£
Mission and Outreach				
Local	2,107		1,114	
World	0	2,107	0	1,114
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Parish Share and Locums		33,090		69,317
Maintenance of the Churches				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	3,990		4,871	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	5,375	9,365	6,465	11,326
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		3,715		2,298
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Books, Courses, Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion)		1,075		1,110
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying, Postage and Office Sundries		814		1,077
Cost of Money Raising		858		855
Parish Centre Outgoings				
Heat, Light, Water, Insurance, Maintenance, Cleaning & Sundries		7,796		11,129
Exceptional Costs		10,506		42,300
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**69,326**		**140,526**
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St Martin's Church, Dunvant

A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by:
Gathering as God's People - Growing more like Jesus - Going out in the power of the Spirit

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Reverend Canon Phillip Gwynn, BA, MA, DPS, Cert. Theol. *(Surrogate)*
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Parish of Killay - St Hilary's Church and St Martin's Church

The following were appointed to serve the Parish of Killay as Wardens and as Parochial Church Councillors from October 2020 to April 2021

Parish Officers

Parish Vicar's Warden	Marian Williams
Parish Peoples Warden	Simon Gwynn
Vicar's Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Roger Draisey
Peoples Sub Warden (St Martin's)	Susan Dimblebee
Parish Treasurer	Ken Ellis
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Pickard
PCC Secretary	Marian Williams

Parochial Church Councillors

Christine Allen-Partington
Sandra Banks
Sheila Betts
Alan Clewett
Margaret Draisey
Nansi Evans
Eileen Fletcher
Diane Holohan
Julia Lambert
Alan Pickard
Mike Powell
Gwynneth Prestwood
Angela Reed
Barbara Roberts
Colin Williams

Parochial Officers

Gift Aid Officer	Alan Pickard
Safeguarding Officer	Catherine Swain
Children's Ministry	Sian Gwynn
Clyne Trinity Magazine Editor	Roger Rees
Parish Centre Booking Secretary	Diane Holohan

Synod, Elected Member

Supplemental Member	Christine Allen-Partington
Supplemental Member	Eileen Nielsen

Lay Representatives on Diocesan Conference Dr. James Proudfoot

Vicar's Report

The year of three Winters

Just as Spring was coming, the daffodils were popping their bright heads out of the ground, after the winter of 2019-20, we began our first sojourn into lockdown land. Then there was another winter, in the form of a second lockdown.

As we were entering the depths of the third winter, so began yet another lockdown. Churches were closed for three months, right across the land. We then re-opened, but for private prayer only, in churches that could provide 2 metre social distancing.

A decision was taken to spend quite a large sum of money, to change the electric heating in Killay Parish Centre to gas, so that we could do away with a system that worked using recycled air. With the Covid restrictions, that would be the only way that we could use that building.

The next step was to spend more money installing Internet connections and two cameras, thus being able to worship in both St.Hilary's and in the Parish Centre – as well as live-streaming services on our web-sites. This has proved an interesting exercise, in terms of outreach, we have doubled the numbers that we would have been able to fit into any of our churches.

This was particularly marked over Christmas, with a Christingle Workshop, Killay Community Carol Service and Christmas Eve Crib Service. We have had to think outside the box, to enable worship to continue, it is a very strange feeling, celebrating only with Sian and the Wardens present!

My thanks in all these major fabric issues goes to Simon, for without his skill and expertise, liaising with contractors and with our I.T. provision, there would simply be little or no prospect of worship.

There was a break in between lockdowns, where we were able to join together to worship either in St.Hilary's or in the Parish Centre, whilst live-streaming at the same time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones, friends and neighbours to Covid. It is the intention of all Killay/Dunvant ministers *(just as soon as is feasible)*, to hold a mass gathering of some sort, to remember the Covid heroes of NHS and those who mourn. More news of that in due course.

It has been a financially difficult time for our churches, just as soon as possible, we will need to set out a financial recovery plan, to include social gathering once again – just as soon as we

are able.

Life has proved difficult for St.Martin's members, due to 2m social distancing, it has not yet been possible to re-open. Also to All Souls folk, who enjoyed the Eucharist on a Wednesday, for as much as we were able, post, third lockdown! Let us look forward to resuming physical worship together, before too long.

I must thank former Killay Wardens Mike Powell, Jeremy Harris and Cath Swain – normally they hand on the baton at the Easter Vestry, this has not been possible in 2020, so they held their duties until our 'virtual' Vestry Meeting in the Autumn.

We look forward to the new life of Easter, hoping that we are able to meet together to celebrate the queen of Christian festivals. We also look forward to the Summer, when we shall see Sarah Harris being Ordained Deacon in Brecon Cathedral. Sarah will serve her Curacy in the Central Swansea Benefice, which includes St.Mary's, Christchurch in the Sandfields and St.John's in the Hafod. We wish Sarah and Jeremy well, as they follow God's calling, together, into a new phase in their lives.

We welcome new Churchwardens Simon Gwynn and Marian Williams into post. Also we thank those who kindly continue in their responsible roles – Roger Draisey and Sue Dimblebee in St.Martin's and Howard Richards and Alayne Jenkins at All Souls, Tycoch.

I must thank Sian, for her loyal support and her Christian vocation, shown in so many ways across both parishes. Over the coming year, you will be seeing more of Sian, as she retires from her day job. Enjoy retirement Sian – I've got lots of jobs waiting for you!

With Every Blessing for a brighter year ahead

Your Friend and Vicar
Canon Phillip

Churchwardens' Annual Report

Advent Sunday, December 1st 2019 saw the beginning of the centenary year of The Church-in-Wales. There was to be a tour of Wales by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who was to attend the meeting of the Church in Wales' Governing Body in Llandudno in April. Events to mark this anniversary were planned and there were to be simultaneous celebration services in all six of the Church's cathedrals on 7th June 2020. There was no doubt that this was to be a year to remember. So it proved to be, but none of us could have foreseen what was about to happen.

In January, the Parishes of Killay and Tycoch held a joint lunch at Clyne Golf Club. The weather was atrocious, but the food and the company were both superb. It was wonderful to sit with people from other parishes and to get to know them in an informal setting. Our thanks are given to the Dimblebees, the Draiseys and the Powells for all their hard work. The lunch was so successful that a booking was made for 2021. This was followed by the Mission Breakfast, delicious food, a review of 2019 and more planning for the exciting year ahead. A notice appeared in the magazine announcing the annual Killay/Dunvant Inter-Church Quiz to be held on March 24th and asking for teams of 6 people to put their names down for this event. This was the first of many events to be cancelled.

At this time of year the Annual Vestry meetings were due to be held. The Vicar wrote two articles for the March magazine, one asking parishioners to consider putting their names forward to become members of the Parochial Church Council, the other explaining that two Parish Wardens were standing down and that new Churchwardens would need to be elected. We should like to express our gratitude to the retiring wardens Mike Powell and Jeremy Harris, and also to Catherine Swain, all of whom remained in office willingly until October 11th, when the Virtual meeting was held online. As new Churchwardens, we have both benefitted greatly from their expertise and willingness to help. I should particularly like to thank Mike for allowing me to shadow him in completing the annual returns required. Until we became Churchwardens, we had very little idea of how much they did week in, week out quietly and efficiently without recognition of any kind.

The last 'traditional' service in St. Hilary's was held on March 15th, this was also the last service at St. Martin's, followed by their Congregational meeting. Guidance was issued by the Church in Wales, after the first lockdown was announced on March 24th. Notices were placed on Church doors informing people that all services had been suspended. We followed the Diocesan guidance and rang the church bell on Easter Day at both churches.

During the summer, churches were permitted to open for private prayer, subject to Covid-19 regulations being adhered to, hand sanitising and social distancing in place. We measured the seats, moved and labelled chairs and kept a list of those who attended. We should like to thank the team of volunteers who opened the church on Thursday evenings – Sue and Ian Dimblebee, Sarah and Jeremy Harris, Angela Reed, Diane Holohan, Chris Piper, Christine Williams, Roy Chapman and Simon Davies.

Parishioners were contacted by telephone to ensure that we were able to keep in touch with as many people as possible. Paper copies of the newsletter were delivered regularly by members of the Mission and Outreach team and copies of the Parish Report and nomination forms for People's Warden were delivered to all those not able to access the electronic versions on the website. The outdoor meeting organised by Nigel and Eleen Fletcher was also a great success. The regular Zoom quizzes became popular on Saturday evenings.

In September, we were cautiously optimistic and were able to reopen on Sunday morning. My dining room became the Box Office because numbers had to be restricted and booking was essential. I was told that I was more difficult to contact on Saturday morning than the doctor! The new cameras and screen came in to their own and we are all indebted to Simon for his time and expertise in ensuring that the service could be live-streamed to the Parish Centre and on the website. He was also responsible for installing hand sanitisers. It was not possible to decorate the church for Harvest, but the collection raised over several weeks enabled us to donate £400 to Matt's House.

During the summer, we realised that we could not use the heaters in the Parish Centre because they recirculated the air. We could not open during the winter months without heat. The PCC had discussed heating regularly, but we knew that something had to be done immediately. There was a Zoom meeting of the PCC and everyone voted in favour of gas central heating being installed. Ian Dimblebee was on site every day to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Sylvia and Sian arranged and led the ladies' working parties to clean the Parish Centre, prior to reopening. The firebreak lockdown was used to install new boilers and radiators in church, when 'Bessie' the boiler finally broke down. Thankfully, the new gas central heating system was installed and completed on time for us to reopen in

December. Once again, thanks to Ian Dimblebee for being on site every day.

We hoped that outdoor services might be possible by Christmas, however despite the Zoom meetings, site visits and planning this was not to be. Once again, we found ourselves in another lockdown. We hope that the vaccines will enable us to meet in church again as soon as this is possible.

We should like to express our thanks to those who have continued to ensure that the churchyard and church precincts are well maintained – Alan Clewett, Murray Davies, Roy Chapman, Nigel Fletcher, Ian Dimblebee and Roger Draisey. Alan has ensured that the fire alarms have been tested regularly, that health and safety checks have been done and that PAT testing is up to date. Hopefully, there will be some form of normality soon.

Marian Williams and Simon Gwynn

Report from Minutes of Parochial Church Council

This has been a year unlike any other. The Annual Vestry meeting was planned, the paperwork was in place, notices were ready to be placed on the church doors and the Parish Report was ready for distribution. As we all know, lockdown prevented this and the Church-in-Wales asked all Church Wardens and PCC members to remain in office until the meeting could be held later in the year. Mike Powell, Jeremy Harris and Catherine Swain continued to lead our committee meetings for another seven months. I should like to express the thanks of the PCC to them for undertaking the extra work so willingly. Jeremy Harris and Catherine Swain both stepped down from the PCC for various reasons and we shall all miss the tremendous contribution they made. Fortunately, Mike has remained on the PCC and I should also like to welcome three new members, Julia Lambert, Eileen Fletcher and Diane Holohan.

In January, we were looking forward to the special Bank Holiday weekend to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The Social and Fundraising Committee was planning a Parish celebration, war time food, 40s dress and entertainment by the Ukulele band. We set the dates for the Summer Fayre and the Christmas Services and celebrations. We were so organised that we contacted the other local churches and the schools to avoid any clashes. PCC meetings have taken place, but only one of these was face to face.

Few of us had used or even heard of Zoom at the beginning of the year, but it has become our means of communication for all meetings.

In March, following the need to replace the lights in the Sanctuary and the Chancel, it was decided that it would be more cost effective to replace all the lights in the Nave with more efficient LED lights. Thanks to Mike Powell, Roger Draisey, Alan Clewett, Roy Chapman and Murray Davies for all the work they did moving and replacing furniture to make this happen and to Simon Gwynn for doing the electrical work.

The Church Wardens, Sub-Wardens, the Vicar and Parish Secretary contacted Parishioners by telephone for several months. We received regular Covid-19 updates from the Church-in-Wales as we moved through the various phases of lockdown. It was decided that St. Hilary's could open for Private Prayer on a Thursday evening, subject to all the guidelines and safety measures being implemented. Thanks to the willing band of volunteers who made this possible and to those who attended.

In July and August, discussions in the Zoom meetings focussed on how we could reopen the Church safely. Numbers needed to be restricted, chairs moved, a one way system introduced to maintain social distancing, hand sanitisers installed, no paper or books could be used, records of attendance for Contact tracing would need to be kept. If only we could use the Parish centre as well. It was decided that we should install the telephone lines and the internet in the Church and Parish Centre, purchase cameras and then the service could be livestreamed, not only to the Parish Centre, but to the community. Details of the new arrangements were put on the website and letters delivered to Parishioners unable to access the information.

Meanwhile, the Parish Centre Management Group or PCMG, chaired by Catherine Swain had been very busy. New Hiring Agreements and detailed Health and Safety Risk Assessments had been prepared meticulously by Catherine and Alan Clewett. Jeremy had changed all the locks in the Parish Centre for security reasons. Guidance stating that heating systems which recirculated the air must not be used was received. Members of the PCC were contacted by email regarding the installation of gas central heating before September, and were 100% in agreement. Further meetings were held to ascertain which groups could return, in accordance with Church-in Wales and Welsh Government Guidance. A new cleaner had been appointed in March, but had not yet started. Eileen Nielsen kindly agreed to liaise with her when we were able to reopen. I should like to express the thanks of the Church Wardens and PCC to Eileen for all that she has done as Booking Secretary for so many years. I know that our new Booking Secretary Diane Holohan will liaise closely with her as she takes up the reins.

The outdoor circle gathering planned by Nigel and Eileen Fletcher and the Mission and Outreach team, was a popular event at the end of August. Parishioners who lived alone were invited to this event, as numbers had to be limited. Those who attended appreciated the fellowship and opportunity to catch up with the news. Alas, no refreshments could be provided.

September 6th saw the reopening of St. Hilary's on Sunday morning. Places needed to be booked in advance the day before. There have been approximately 45 people in the congregation each week and over 70 different people have attended. I should like to express my personal thanks to every one of them for their patience when trying to contact me on Saturday mornings. The Vicar, Church Wardens and PCC also appreciate their willingness to give others the opportunity to attend, by not booking a place every week.

Colin Williams used his carpentry expertise to make the large display board which is under the Church noticeboard at the front of the Church. Thanks to Colin for his time and to Roger Draisey and Roy Chapman who helped with the installation. This notice board has proved to be invaluable already, enabling us to display large posters, expertly prepared for us by Roger Rees.

Since September, hard copies of the newsletter have been delivered to those without email, though this had to stop after Christmas. The fire break lockdown was used to install two new boilers and new radiators in St. Hilary's as the old boiler had broken down again and it was very difficult to obtain the parts required. A local company did the work for us and we were able to reopen at the end of October. The Church Wardens and Fabric Committee were busy with these Zoom meetings.

And so we approached Christmas. We hoped to have an outdoor service at Dunvant Rugby Club, planning was in place and much background work had been done. The Council informed us that this event was impossible, so an outdoor service in the car park was planned. This time, the weather decided it was not to be. We did manage to decorate the Church and Parish Centre with Christmas trees, but the services were restricted to online events, thanks to Lisa Powell for recording Callum's reading at home. Thanks also to Lisa for ensuring that our Social Media accounts are updated regularly.

I hope that we shall all be able to meet again in Church soon, it is surprising how much there is to report, when so little appears to have happened. If I have forgotten to thank anybody personally, please accept my apologies, but I should like to thank everyone who has stopped to talk to me on my daily walks around the Parish or on the telephone.

Marian Williams, PCC Secretary

St Martin's Church

After a few months of talks with our local councillors, in February a sign showing directions to St Martin's Church which is tucked away on Fairwood Road was erected with the hope of increasing congregation, (but minus the apostrophe).

One Sunday morning in January Canon Phil complained that raindrops were falling on his head (heard that line somewhere before). Peter Nicholas was called in to repair storm damage caused by the recent high winds. Repairs complete, Paul Hartnoll did the painting around the CHRIST IN MAJESTY window.

In our congregation meeting Julie Lambert stepped forward to join the PCC it was also

decided to donate £100 to the Golau Cancer Centre in Singleton Hospital and £100 to Faith in Families this was our last church service due to Covid 19 closure of Churches.

In May work was carried out by members of the Fabric committee sealing the flat roof and cracks in the wall above the Vestry.

At the end of May the apostrophe was added to St Martin's Church sign.

Sadly our annual Candlelight Carol Service was cancelled due to Covid 19 and many local residents who do not attend our church said how much they missed the service.

Roger Draisey
& Sue Dimblebee,
Sub Wardens

Sue Dimblebee completing yet another jigsaw!

Ladies Guild Report

Well, what a year 2020 has been, although we are all very lucky – we've abided by the rules and are all safe, sane and well.

Ladies Guild only continued to flourish for about two months at the beginning of the year although we had planned a varied and interesting programme until the summer break.

In January, we were entertained by Pam and Murray Davies who showed us their very interesting slides of New York – a family holiday, and I'm sure they saw everything! This was followed by a talk on Clyne Valley – so much more than a cycle track. Then we had a talk on an Elephant Sanctuary and Thailand – both such interesting topics.

In February we had an interesting talk on the St Madoc's Christian Youth Camp. We were hoping to visit later in the year to explore with their Conservation Rangers and learn about their St Madoc's Centre.

About 40 of us were able to attend the Taliesin theatre for the production of 'Sister Act' by the Cockett Amateurs, followed by an evening of Exercise and Line Dancing. Little did we think that would be our last exercise for quite a while – now only indoors and local walks.

I have been in touch with most members of Guild these last few months, especially the ladies who live on their own as it can be a very lonely time. Sadly, our Secretary Pam Davies' sister passed away on Christmas morning – very very sad. I have sent our sympathies and prayers to her and her family.

We have 2 members of Ladies Guild who have been knitting for charities during the lockdown, namely Anne Llewelyn and Margaret Grey. Ann has been knitting hats and cardigans for sick and premature babies in the Children's ward at Glangwili Hospital where her daughter, Mari, is a staff nurse (and a previous member of St Hilary's choir). Margaret has been knitting little teddy bears in drawstring bags for the charity 'Mercy Ships'. A ship has been fitted out as a floating hospital with dentistry and operating theatres and goes to poor countries. The teddies are given to the toddler patients.

No doubt some members have visited the church grounds these last few months to take flowers for their loved ones. I would like to thank all the working party who tend the lawns and general gardening. They have all done an amazing job. Very well done.

It was nice to be able to go to church for a while in the Autumn, meeting a few people. Thank you Vicar for your services which were much appreciated.

Let us now focus on the brighter days ahead when restrictions will be lifted and the crisis that engulfed us will be receding. Take heart that we have each other and the end of the ordeal is in sight.

With every blessing, Gwynneth Prestwood, Leader

Parish Choir

The year began optimistically with two new anthems. Our thanks go to Huw Thomas for his help and expertise in guiding us through learning the new works.

On February 2nd we sang "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love". This is a Ghanaian melody arranged by Geoff Weaver with words by Tom Colvin.

On March 1st we sang "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei) by Samuel Webbe.

Unfortunately these were the only contributions to our church worship for 2020. We all miss being able to sing at the services and we miss the friendship and fellowship of St. Hilary's, St. Martin's and All Souls churches. We look to the future when hopefully life returns to normal.

Barbara Roberts

Mothers' Union - Branch Leader's Report 2020

Theme for the year: - "Building Hope and Confidence"

There were 29 members in 2020. Pat Thomas died in January and Barbara Jones in October. We will miss their friendship and loyalty. During the year we responded well to MU charitable appeals in spite of lockdown due to coronavirus:

"Make a Mother's Day" - £50, MU Outreach - £100, Mary Sumner House (London appeal) - £100, Action & Outreach boxes - £60 and Keep us Running appeal - £311.50 (we requested that some of this should be used to support Faith in Families centres and Women's safe houses). I am very proud to lead such a generous and caring branch.

Early 2020 I delivered a number of items to St Mary's, Swansea, church office for the "Baby Basics" scheme at St Thomas. Our members donated nappies, knitting for babies, bibs, baby grows, toiletries etc. This year we were not able to collect new clothing etc for the Safe Houses mothers and children.

Canon Phillip began our January meeting with a Eucharist in church. In February I led our annual Wave of Prayer meeting remembering our prayer partners in Argentina, Bondo in Kenya, Free State S. Africa, Offa & Ogbia in Nigeria and Uruguay. One of our members, Barbara Rowe composed a very thoughtful Lenten poem.

Sandra Banks our secretary wrote a comprehensive letter to our MP, Mr Geraint Davies regarding "The Domestic Abuse Bill". Worldwide MU is committed to supporting healthy and flourishing relationships and to ending violence and abuse within families and society in general.

Unfortunately, our branch meetings were cancelled also our Council meetings, Diocesan Festival and our Greater Gower Deanery Festival. I have kept in regular contact with members by phone calls, emails, WhatsApp, and texting. Members have been very positive in their attitudes during such a challenging and difficult time. Pat Stratton has continued her contacts with housebound or nursing home ex-members. Sandra Banks has kept up links with several members. Canon Phillip has been quick to react when I have informed him about a member who would benefit from a phone call. Thank you to Alan for his work with emails, printing etc. It is quite a group effort to run a branch so thank you all for your generosity, care and especially your prayers.

Margaret Massey was congratulated by our President, Sally Freedman for 40 years membership of MU. In December Phyl Davies, a

former member celebrated her 100th birthday. I have made regular contact during the year with Jill McPherson our Greater Gower Deanery Leader and our Diocesan President, Sally Freedman. We paid the church treasurer, Ken Ellis £60 for hire of the Parish Centre. I would like to thank Ken for a thorough inspection of our MU accounts.

I hope sincerely that 2021 will be a healthier year for everyone. Thank you to Canon Phillip and our church wardens for continuing during such difficult circumstances. We are grateful for the streamed services organised by Simon. Thanks also to Canon Phillip for his advice and guidance.

Thankfully, our branch officers and committee have agreed to remain for another year. Hopefully we will all meet again to worship and share happy occasions together. I will begin my 13th year as Branch Leader

I end with a quote:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied, "*Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God*".

(M Haskins).

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Mothers' Union is available on 'Facebook' also the Daily Hope freephone is 08008048044 where you can listen to MU Midday Prayers, hymns etc.

Carole Pickard, Branch Leader

Lay Worship Leaders

The Lay worship Leaders have not been able to carry out any duties during 2020-2021.

We hope and pray that our services will resume soon, when our churches can reopen.

We are preparing a virtual service for Good Friday 2021, and will then review the situation.

Sian Gwynn

Greater Gower Deanery Synod in Lockdown

It is with regret that I have to say there is not a lot to report on the Synod meetings for the year 2020. The first and last took place on January 26th 2021. Of course, it was not an actual meeting but a virtual one courtesy of Zoom.

The subject of the meeting was the Parish Share, which has been under review for a while. Back in December 2019, the figures were not available for that session. And anyway, my absolute fear of numbers renders me not to be the best person in the world to comment on the outcome of Parish Share matters!

However, things are getting sorted. The Diocesan Board of Finance has met and approved an allocation of funds to each Deanery for the Ministry Area Leaders to share with the Parish Clergy and their treasurers. When the numbers are finally crunched, it appears there will be a reduction of the Parish Share in the region of 35%.

It is to be hoped that there will be other things, as well as the Parish Share, to report on by the time the next Annual Report is due. Meanwhile, look after yourselves and stay safe!

Chris Allen

Digital Report

Although unplanned, this year eventually became quite an exciting year with regards to the use of digital technology within the church.

For a while now we had been using a recently purchased screen for selected services, the contents were carefully put together by Sian Gwynn, Roger Rees and updated by Simon.

It has been interesting to see how many people rely upon the screen when it is used during the service and mainly positive feedback was received. One of the funniest things I have noticed is that the congregation sing when they are looking up and following the words on a screen.

Then came 2020 and this was a massive turning point for us. Due to the restrictions put upon us by the Governments how we worshipped changed dramatically.

Firstly we had to close our churches, and that brought a significant number of problems.

1. How could we deliver God's message to the members of our church, and anyone else who would want to listen.
2. How could we keep our Church family connected with one another, as printed weekly news bulletins were deemed not to be a good option.
3. When churches were allowed to re-open our

numbers were dramatically restricted, how could we offer services to as many people as possible.

It was clear that technology would be able to offer a number of solutions to these problems.

Firstly, thanks to Roger Rees, we quickly took on the task of revamping the parish website. Roger selected a suitable platform for church use, before designing a fresh, clean and eye-catching website. Once the design was complete Roger and Simon worked together on getting it all made live and ready to go.

Likewise at roughly the same time we looked at publishing an electronic newsletter which was colourful and informative to look at.

The wardens met during the first lock down, and we discussed various options that we could consider to allow us to offer as many of our church services as possible. We came up with quite an ambitious project to setup streaming via the church website and Youtube. This was ambitious, as we had no form of internet connectivity and no suitable ways of gathering the images. However it was unanimous that this was the desired option. The setup was designed and built and we were able to hold communion services in a similar fashion to which we were accustomed, but with the benefit that if people could not come to church they could watch from the safety and comfort of their own homes. An additional benefit became apparent as we could use the Parish Centre to provide additional socially distanced seating, doubling our Sunday capacity. We made some mistakes along the way, however we have overcome the majority of them.

Finally thanks to Lisa Powell we now have a social media presence, with pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Whilst none of us wanted to be in these lockdown scenarios I truly believe we have come through them looking at a far brighter future. I do not believe these things are only here for Covid but part of our structure, moving forward.

I would truly like to thank the team of people who have helped to make this possible, from wardens and sub wardens (past and present) for having the foresight to look into the future, Roger for his creative skills and also for listening to my bouncing idea moments. Our Vicar must also be thanked, as he has had to step well and truly outside his comfort zone, learn new skills and adapt his ways of working to fit in with all of these changes.

But mostly I would like to thank all of you who have come onboard and embraced these new ways.

I believe we are looking to an exciting and bright future.

Simon Gwynn

Killay and District Lunch Club

We started back to Lunch Club on 8 January 2020 after our Christmas break. We had 26 members for lunch. We continued to have between 26 and 30 members every week for lunch up until 11 March when sadly we had to close down owing to the COVID virus and the "Lock Downs". At that time we still had a waiting list of four people wishing to join our lunch club.

On 4 March we celebrated St David's Day by decorating the tables with daffodils, Welsh flags and dolls which all looked very attractive. After lunch we also held our Annual General Meeting,

Our summer trip to the Toy Museum had to be cancelled but we hope to re-book this when we are able to re-open some time in the future.

The Chairman and Secretary have continued to keep in touch with Team Leaders and some of the members during this very worrying time of "Lock Downs" and look forward to the day when we can welcome everybody back.

Teressa Garner, Secretary

New Church Sign

Colin Williams with Roy Chapman and Roger Draisey

St Hilary's Bowls Club: Main hall, Parish Centre

There isn't a lot I can report on as we only played short mat bowls for a few weeks before we were closed down and went into hibernation; but we all look forward to reopening in the Parish Centre on Fridays at 7pm during term time, once this pandemic is over!

Mike Powell (Chairman) 208955

Gill Genco (Secretary/ Treasurer) 872636

Children and Youth Report

Unfortunately, there is very little to report with regard to the Young People of the Parish. At All Souls Tycoch the Canon prepared a virtual workshop around 'The Christingle Orange' and the Youth Leaders assisted by Murray Davies prepared a virtual Christmas Eve Crib service. Both these services were streamed via You Tube, many parishioners have said how much they enjoyed them.

Callum Powell read the Christmas story from his living room which his mum Lisa recorded, and this was added into the Killay Community Carol Service which once again was Virtual.

We look forward to the churches reopening but hope we can learn from the experiences of 2020 and take work with young people into a digital age.

Where would we be without Facetime and Zoom?

Sian Gwynn

Music Society

The year 2020 began with a few hiccups. With the members' approval, our annual dinner had been changed to an annual lunch. This was to be held at 12.30pm on Monday, January 13th at the Black Boy. However, due to the refurbishment of the premises, it had to be postponed until January 27th. The event was enjoyed by all who attended – good food, good service and good company with the usual raffle and quiz.

The 2020 AGM was held on February 10th. In spite of the bad weather, 23 souls battled the elements to attend. After the formal business was concluded, several members entertained us with stories and anecdotes concerning their favourite music, of which there was a goodly variety.

On March 9th, we welcomed a great favourite of the Music Society – Les and Penny Ryan and the Ariosa Singers. The attendance was amazing! We almost ran out of chairs in spite of using the extra ones from the minor hall. Luckily, the social distancing had not begun at that time. However, extra hand-washing facilities had been provided.

The programme of music was superb and was presented by the young people with their usual talent and enthusiasm. Then refreshments were provided for the members, performers and guests.

Sadly this lovely event was to be our Swan Song for 2020. All subsequent meetings were cancelled. We now look forward to the future and hope to resume normal service as soon as possible.

Barbara Roberts

Envelope and Gift Aid Scheme

Due to COVID-19 the church has suffered from a lack of income from the Parish Centre and with some members of the congregation not supporting the church with donations. It seemed that we would be unable to pay our way, but thanks to the generosity of the congregation who did support us and the Diocese who gave us a discount on our Parish Share we were able to finish the year with all our bills paid.

We are grateful to those members who decided to contribute directly through "Direct Giving" or standing orders which has made our life a lot easier and helped with budgeting. The direct giving arrangement has now 26 members and a further 11 people give via standing orders. The number of people using the envelope scheme has reduced to 67. Those who pay tax are eligible to claim Gift Aid on their donations which enables us to claim a tax refund on their contributions. The government recently has allowed us to claim tax on some of the cash collections through the "Small Donations" system which again has helped us to pay our way. At the end of each quarter, I submit our claim for gift aid tax refund based on whether individuals pay tax.

Thank you very much indeed for your contribution to our Churches, by weekly envelope, standing order, direct giving or donation. Details of your contribution are available from me if required. If you have any queries, please contact me. If you no longer pay tax due to a change in income or tax allowances, please contact me so that I can remove you from tax claim submission.

Alan Pickard (Tel. No. 01792 204717)
Envelope & Gift Aid Officer

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is to be completely renewed every 5 years the last being held in 2015, therefore I issued Electoral Roll forms for 2020, however, due to COVID-19 the Diocese has instructed us to carry forward the current roll. As it happens our congregation were ahead of the game and all who wished to be included in the roll had already completed the forms, so we are up to date. We have 134 people registered on our electoral roll and we are unable to estimate the number of regular attendees as the church has been closed due to COVID-19.

Alan Pickard (Tel. No. 01792 204717)
Electoral Roll Officer

Accounts for the Parish of Killay
For the Year ending 31st December 2020

The following pages show the amount of money received and spent over the year ending 31st December 2020, a year that no-one is likely to forget!

As last year, both the 'Receipts' and 'Payments' totals are distorted because of exceptional items. Gas central heating system was introduced into the Parish Centre and completely replaced in St. Hilary's Church. The electrical system in the Parish Centre had to be completely overhauled along with repairs following extensive water damage. Thankfully, grants, donations and an insurance claim helped with about a third of these costs but once again, it was necessary to dig deep into reserves.

Covid19 has, unfortunately, not only added to our expenditure but also caused a loss of income. We are all aware of the effort and equipment put in place to allow live viewing of the Sunday Eucharist in the Parish Centre and on the internet. To see the losses, simply look at this year's and last year's figures for 'Money Raising' and 'Parish Centre Income'. 'Direct Giving' is also down but note that it is primarily 'Open Plate'! Fewer services, less money in the plate. No surprise, but look at 'Planned Giving'. That figure shows that the majority of members of the Parish of Killay realise that to keep their churches alive and well for when all this is over, they must continue Giving.

Further, look at 'Donations and Gifts' to see that, as well as their regular offerings, several parishioners have made substantial anonymous gifts.

The closing balance across all accounts was £87,616 is divided in the following way:

Restricted Account	£86,707
Current Account	£804
Cash	£105

The money held in the Restricted Account is divided as follows:

St Hilary's Building and Fabric	£1,037
St Martin's Building and Fabric	£2,952
Property Sale	£71,889
Parish Centre	£928
Graveyard and Grounds.	£9,639
Altar Flowers.	£262

I wish to thank Mr Alan Pickard for his wise counsel and constant support throughout the year. My thanks also go to the Independent Examiner, Mr D. Jenkins of the Parish of Tycoch. The time he gives so freely to carry out a meticulous scrutiny of the accounts is greatly appreciated.

Ken Ellis
Parish Treasurer

Parish of Killay
Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

	THIS YEAR 2020		LAST YEAR 2019	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Direct Giving				
i. Planned Giving	48,968		52,290	
ii. Open Plate	518	49,486	3,423	55,713
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		13,568		13,569
Special Collections				
World Church and other Good Causes		668		1,212
Magazine				
Advertising and Sales		1,898		2,179
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising Group Events (incl.Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		1,349		7,715
Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	243		294	
Donations and Gifts	9,315		412	
Other including Sale of Parsonage (2019) and Grants, Insurance Claims and Loans	15,020	24,578	127,174	127,880
Other Income				
Funerals and Burials - Restricted		3,701		6,544
Funerals - Unrestricted	468		946	
Weddings/Baptisms	300	768	480	1,426
Photocopying, Flowers etc..		596		1,911
Bank Interest		90		177
Parish Centre Income				
Letting and Heating Tokens		4,470		11,805
TOTAL RECEIPTS		101,172		230,131

PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR 2020 £	£	LAST YEAR 2019 £	£
Mission and Outreach				
Local	1,114		1,389	
World	0.00	1,114	396	1,785
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Parish Share and Locums		69,317		113,761
Maintenance of the Churches				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	4,871		5,398	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	6,465	11,326	7,683	13,081
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		2,298		7,529
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion)		1,110		1,479
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying, Postage and Office Sundries		1,077		2,022
Cost of Money Raising		855		1,592
Parish Centre Outgoings				
Heat, Light, Water, Insurance, Maintenance, Cleaning & Sundries		11,129		11,535
Exceptional Costs		42,300		50
TOTAL PAYMENTS		140,526		152,834
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(39,354)		77,298
1st January 2020 Bank Balances	126,894		49,672	
1st January 2020 Cash Balances	76		0.00	
		126,970		49,672
31st December 2020 Bank Balances	87,511		126,894	
31st December 2020 Cash Balances	105		76	
		87,616		126,970

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