SERVICES for JUNE 2022

1 st 10.30 am Holy Eucharist	(DC)	St Teilo
5 th PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.30 yb Offeren 9.45 am Morning Prayer 11.00 am Holy Eucharist 6 pm SONGS of PRAISE / 0	(DD)	St John's Maesteilo St Teilo
8 th 10.30 am Holy Eucharist	(PML)	St Teilo
12 th TRINITY SUNDAY 9.30 am Holy Eucharist 11.00 am Holy Eucharist	(DD) (DD)	Holy Trinity Taliaris St Teilo
15 th 10.30 am Holy Eucharist	(DC)	St Teilo
19 th FIRST SUNDAY after TR 9.30 am Holy Eucharist 9.30 yb Boreol Weddi 11.00 am Holy Eucharist	(DD) (RJ) (DD)	St John's Maesteilo Teilo Sant St Teilo
22 nd 10.30 am Holy Eucharist	(PML)	St Teilo
26 th SECOND SUNDAY after 2 9.30 am Morning Worship 11.00 am Holy Eucharist 29 th St PETER and St PAUL		Holy Trinity Taliaris St Teilo
10.30 am Holy Eucharist	(DC)	St Teilo

PRAYER WEEK Each day from Monday 6^{th} to Friday 10^{th} there will a short 'Pulse of Prayer' conducted by Worship Leaders, in St Teilo's at 10.30 am, 1 and 4 pm. On Saturday at 9 am, there will be a light 'ecumenical breakfast', when we hope to be joined by members of other congregations, after which we proceed to each of their places for short prayers. The 'walk-relay' will return to St Teilo's for Midday Prayer and refreshments.

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JUNE 2022

Dear Friends,

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

"May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendour and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

"At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter." (Oswald Chambers)

In His Service, Dorrien

Mike Clark, Secretary of St Teilo's Church Committee, reports:

The Committee, under the chairmanship of John Morgan, has met twice in May, continuing its positive role. The question of congregation warmth has dominated and the motion to move immediately to install under-seat heating was passed on 24th. That motion will now be referred to the LMA's next meeting, in July, and we hope we shall have the necessary heating in place before next winter.

No action will be taken now to endorse the Restoration Project, except to continue to address the short-term repair needs of the church fabric, especially the north-east corner water ingress for which there is faculty approval. Minor repairs and refurbishment is being made by the active Maintenance Sub-Committee.

Re-opening the church after two years of lockdown is paying dividends. Visitor numbers are up, and they are fascinated by our history.

The effects of our LMA membership are so far not felt, although the Committee Chair is keen to join in with the other churches in initiatives to grow and share Sunday School materials.

The Committee is keen to strengthen our links with other Christian congregations in town. On 11th June, at the end of Prayer Week, the Church/Chapel Prayer Relay will take place.

The GREAT PASSION by James Runcie, published this year, is a novel I've waited all my life to read. Told by an eleven-year old boy who is taken into the household of Johann Sebastian Bach, the great Cantor of St Thomas' Leipzig, the story is about making and performing music for the glory of God alone. Since the narrator's mother had recently died, and Bach's first wife too, the beautifully told story is an extended reflection on loss and grief, all framed within God's endless compassion for sinners. It climaxes in a compelling account of the composing and first offering of St Matthew Passion, which, since I had from age ten to twelve each year sung in that work under the baton of Ralph Vaughan Williams, brought together so many uplifting truths that had lain unnamed within me for decades.

James Runcie, son of a former Arch bishop of Canterbury and concert pianist mother, and celebrated author of the *Grantchester* detective stories involving the Reverend Sidney Chambers, talks about *The GREAT PASSION* – surely his finest work yet - with Lucy Winkett in a highly recommended video to be found via Google.

Doug Constable

CALENDAR of SOME COMMEMORATIONS in JUNE 'Seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12.1a)		
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1 st Justin, Martyr at Rome	c.165	
3 rd Kevin of Gladalough	618	
Martyrs of Uganda		
James Hannington, Charles Lwanga & his Companions	1885-7	
Janani Luwum	1977	
4 th Petroc Abbot of Padstow	6 th century	
John XXIII Bishop of Rome, Reformer	1963	
5 th Boniface of Crediton (Wynfrith) Apostle of Germany, Martyr	754	
6 th <i>Ini Kopuria</i> Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood	1945	
8 th Thomas Ken Bishop of Bath and Wells, Non-Juror, Hymn-writ	ter 1711	
9 th Ephrem of Syria Deacon, Teacher of the Faith, Hymn-writer	373	
Columba (Columcille) Abbot of Iona, Missionary	597	
11 th Barnabas, Apostle		
14 th Richard Baxter Puritan Divine	1691	
15 th Evelyn Underhill Spiritual Writer	1941	
16 th Richard of Chichester Bishop	1253	
18 th Bernard Mizeki Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr	1896	
19 th Sundar Singh of India Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist	1929	
20 th Julius, Aaron First Martyrs of Wales	c.304-5	
22 nd Alban First Martyr of Britain	c.250	
23 rd Etheldreda Abbess of Ely	c 678	
24th Birth of John the Baptist		
28 th Irenaeus Bishop of Lyon, Teacher of the Faith	c.200	
29 th Peter and Paul Apostles		
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The WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY is held every year from 18th January, the commemoration of St Peter's 'Confession' of Jesus as God's Anointed, and 25th, St Paul's Day. Both men were Jews who, controversially, shared their meals with Gentiles, recognising that God meant the Way of Jesus to embrace all peoples. But, when 'establishment', conservative Christian Jews visited them at Antioch, senior Peter backed away from his commitment to Gentiles, and junior Paul rebuked him to his face; this incident is recorded in Galatians 2.11-16. Both apostles were martyred at Rome, and a large part of the Church commemorates the two of them together on 29th June. Theirs is an inspiring example of holding together in love and respect: Christian unity in practice.