

Do not regret growing older—it is a privilege denied to many!

Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!

To include yourself, or anyone else in this, (with his / her permission, of course,) please get in touch now, with name and date of birth.

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Betty Pritchard : she celebrates 85 years on 25 April !

Easter traditions around the world. Easter is the most important Christian festival. It joyfully celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, three days after he was crucified. How is the date of Easter calculated? Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. It is believed that the word 'Easter' may come from 'Eostare', the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, who had festivals held in her honour during April. Easter Sunday comes as a huge celebration at the end of Lent with feasting and treats. Celebratory traditions around the world are fascinating. In Italy, residents of Florence celebrate a 350-year-old tradition called the "explosion of the cart." A centuries-old cart is loaded with fireworks and pulled in front of the Duomo, where spectators watch the pyrotechnics go off. It signifies a sign of peace and a good year ahead. In Poland, the day before Easter, families prepare a "blessing basket." It's filled with coloured eggs, sausages, bread, and other important food and taken to church to be blessed. Apparently Lent isn't over until a priest blesses this basket. Many Latin American countries, and certain regions of Spain, participate in 'The Burning of Judas'. An effigy of Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus, is burnt in a central location. Easter in Greece is a very religious time, churches are decorated and religious processions are held. Eggs are painted red to represent the blood of Christ. Traditionally, when people meet they knock their eggs together and say 'Christ is risen!' Many people also view the cracking of the eggs to be symbolic of Jesus breaking out of his tomb. Many Germans have an 'Easter Fire' where they burn their Christmas tree to show that winter is over and spring is coming. During the nineteenth century, Russia took the decorating of eggs to a whole new level of extravagance. Every Easter, the Tsar Alexander III commissioned Peter Carl Fabergé, the jeweller and goldsmith to the Russian Imperial court, to create an Imperial Easter Egg as a gift for his Empress. It was highly decorated and made out of precious stones and metals such as gold, silver, pearls, rubies and diamonds. In medieval Europe, most people could not read or write, so their Bible stories had to be spoken rather than read. Passion Plays told the Easter Story. One that is still performed, takes place in the German village of Oberammergau. The whole village takes part and the play lasts eight hours! Sometimes the plays are spoken in the medieval language in which they would have been originally performed. In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would in gratitude, produce a play, every tenth year, thereafter for all time depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Their prayers were answered and in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept, and the next Passion Play will take place from May 16th to October 4th 2020.

Every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being re-directed to something even better!

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
April / Easter 2018
ASSOCIATE VICAR : Jane Bailey : 01407 764780



The members of the Pastoral Care Team pray that all of your prayers will be answered, and that you will feel the Lord's presence around you, not only at Easter, but always!

We are the Rev. Jane, Carys, Hilary, Lorna, Barbara, Karen, Hugh, Sandra, Gill and Pat.

We will be happy to include you, either for a friendly visit or for a short celebration of Holy Communion, in your own home or in your residential home. If we don't know that you need us, we sadly cannot help you, so someone please get in touch on your behalf.

For anything to be included in this leaflet, please contact Pat : 01407 860412 or email: patriciahughes2017@gmail.com

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday (in all churches): Ken Griffiths, Mary Harvey, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Hilary, Matthew, Chloe, Rosemary Tucker, Ian Walker, Babs Williams, Caroline Berry, Derrick, Chris Hanbury, Olwen Owen, Baby William, Peter, Alan Taylor, Baby Bailey, Oliver, Paula Parry, Cheryl-Ann, Vi Jones.

Please let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers. We also pray for those who care for them.

Wednesday (St Cybi) Mary Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Lil Morris, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Buddug Hems Williams, Annette Williams, Barbara Smith, Bob Hughes, Dr Ken Roberts, Gwilym Lewis, Helen, Andy.

We also pray, in the words of the Prayer Book, for all those *"in trouble, need or any other adversity and for a happy issue out of all their afflictions"*.

If you need us to pray for you for any reason, please let us know.

Rest in Peace : 'I am the resurrection and the life' ...

David Thomas, John Richard Breary, Dorothy Millicent Waterall, Yvonne Garrod, Christopher Mark Rowlands, Fiona Williams, Stephen Hunt, Beryl Sanderson, June Griffith, Nigel Roberts, Vanda Liptrot, Mary Jane Griffiths- Williams, John Lancefield, Bryan Brownson, Peter Hiddleston, Elizabeth Hughes.

Please pray for the families and friends who grieve for their loved ones.

Death steals the future we hoped for, but it can't take away the relationship that we had

Anniversaries of death

April 1-7: Robert Idris Llewelyn, Dr Denys Lloyd.

April 8-14: Douglas Raymond Williams, Robert Henry Greenwood

April 15-21: Jinny Wearne, Samuel William Walter Manning, Gwerfil Pierce Williams

April 22-28: John Mason, Marion Wynne Williams, Amy Thomas

April 29-May 5: Scott Lee, Jill Evans, Ann Gray, Eryl Lloyd Williams ,David Thomas Davies (Priest and former Rector) ,George Cyril Cobbe, Vida Tonkin

If you have lost loved ones , and you wish to remember them in the Anniversaries of Death section, **please get in touch as soon as possible**. The fact that one of our clergy performed the ceremony, unfortunately does not mean that the name automatically transfers into the Anniversaries section. You need to request it please. It is very comforting to many people, to read and hear the name remembered.

Walsingham Mass: Monday 9th April, at 6.30pm St Cybi's Church. If you've ever been on this pilgrimage, and you want to re-connect, or if you've never been, and are curious to know more - why not join us? All are most welcome! The Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham has been voted the nation's favourite spiritual place by Radio 4 listeners!

We hold regular drop-in booking sessions for weddings and baptisms in Eglwys-y-bedd (by St. Cybi's Church), from 6.30 - 7.00 pm. April dates: 10th, 17th and 24th.

Interesting historical April dates ! On the **2nd** in **1982** troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony of the Falklands Islands. The British retaliated and the Argentines were defeated on June 15, 1982. On the **6th** in **1896**, after a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era were held in Athens, Greece. On the **10th**, in **1998** politicians in Northern Ireland reached an agreement aimed at ending 30 years of violence which had claimed over 3,400 lives. Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland would govern together in a new 108-member Belfast assembly, thus ending 26 years of "direct rule" from London. On the **15th**, in **1912**, in the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued, two hours later, by the liner Carpathia. On the **23rd**, William Shakespeare (**1564 -1616**) was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England. Renowned as the most influential writer in the English language, he created 36 plays and 154 sonnets. He is believed to have died on the same date aged 52 years. Saint George's Day is also celebrated on **23rd** April, the traditionally accepted date of the saint's death in **AD 303**, during the last and most severe persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire.

Please pray for these newly baptised on:

04 Mar: St Cybi: Eliza Mai Withey

18 Mar: St Cybi: Aron Layne Livingstone

We welcome them as the newest members of our church family!

Please pray for these couples recently married—we wish them every happiness!

03 March: St Cybi : Sonje Hadley and Darryl Taylor

17 March: St Gwenfaen: Graham Keith Darch & Catherine Owens

Can you spare two hours each week, from early May to end September ?

Necessary skills are a welcoming personality, and the ability to chat with complete strangers from all over the world. Volunteers needed to ensure that our beautiful St Cybi's church is open to visitors through the tourist season. Previous knowledge of history is not as important – we will ensure that you know enough to work with an experienced steward. Interested? Please contact Nigel : 760096

Thanks for prayers answered: Fenton Hanbury - is delighted and grateful to be feeling so much better! Daniel is pleased to say 'thank you' for prayers answered. Andy is thankful for his improvement, but still requires prayers please for a full recovery.

In the UK loneliness is a huge problem. **3.9 million older people say that the TV is their main source of company.** If this sounds like you, we will be happy to help. Ring any one on the Telephone Team : Lorna 860191/ Pat 860412 / Betty 763868, and leave a message. We will return your call, to listen or chat!

Any voluntary work that you do, is the rent you pay for the space you occupy here on earth.

Easter message from Canon Andy Herrick, our soon to be new Vicar of Bro Cybi, who will also serve as Archdeacon for Anglesey. "Andy and Sara are very much looking forward to meeting you all and serving alongside you in Bro Cybi. And we send you our warmest greetings for this coming Holy Week and Easter."