



## Why should I pray?

Because prayer is the key that unlocks the door to God's heart and will.

**PRAY.** God answers prayer and if we pray with faith and expectation we can look forward to seeing God at work in all areas of our church life

## How should I pray?

- In our services in church:

It is good that we pray together for the world, the church and people in need. Keep your mind and heart engaged with the prayers as they're being led and speak out the response or the Amen loudly at the end of each one.

- In our prayer meeting:

We have a prayer meeting in St Ffraid's Hall at 5pm until 6pm every Monday. The Bible says that when we agree together in prayer God hears and answers powerfully. We have already seen God work in response to our prayers at this meeting.

- In your daily time with God.

Christians have found that putting aside some time each day to worship, read the Bible and pray, is the way to build up their faith and grow to know Jesus better. Some prefer doing this at the start of the day and some prefer last thing at night – or somewhere in between. And Christians do it in all sorts of ways:

Use a set service – from a prayer book, or St Deiniol's Way (copies in church). the Church of England have a superb online facility - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

Use Bible Study notes such as Word for Today - <https://www.ucb.co.uk/word-for-today> / Every Day with Jesus - <https://www.cwr.org.uk/store/t-edwj.aspx>

And simply talk with God. Tell him about your concerns and about what you would like to see happen in our churches. Pray for new people to come to believe, that we would grow deeper in our own faith, and that our church would be renewed by the Holy Spirit.



## Why should I serve?

The Bible teaches us that everybody is a minister in the church! The days of the Vicar / Minister doing everything are long gone and we are getting back to the bible's principle of every member taking their active part in the ministry and mission of the church.

Everyone has a role to play and when everyone does their part it is like a complex body that can move and function well. In fact the Bible says that the Church is the Body of Christ.

## How should I serve?

There are already lots of opportunities to serve:

- Reading or leading intercessions in services
- Stewarding as people arrive at church
- Serving on a committee or Ministry Area Council
- Musical gifts
- Leading a Study group
- Open the Book schools ministry

But it may be that you don't fit in any of those. Think about the areas of church life that excite you and ask God to show you where your place is. It may be that we aren't doing what you would like to do at the moment - so let's get started, especially if you are excited about these opportunities:

- Children and Young People
- Young Families
- Social concerns
- Creative Worship
- Healing Ministry

Please speak to the clergy to help find your place to serve in the life of our church family



## Why should I give?

Giving is part of our Christian discipleship. Jesus had two main themes in his teaching - The Kingdom of God and

**GIVE.** Money! Christian giving frees us from the treadmill of fund raising and releases the money needed for us to do God's work and see his Kingdom grow in our Ministry Area. And so we need to take this aspect of our Christian lives seriously.

## How should I give?

The New Testament does not give a mathematical sum to work out the answer to this. Rather it tells us to **be generous and joyful** (1Tim 6:17-19).

In reality it can be difficult to work out exactly what this means for our individual situation, but a model given by the Old Testament is that of **tithing**. This involves setting aside 10% of our income and giving it to our local church.

## How can I give?

There are many ways to give, such as:

- Cash or cheque on a Sunday
- Using the envelope giving scheme
- Church in Wales Gift Direct Scheme - <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/resources/gift-direct/>
- Standing order.

We encourage tax payers to give via the Gift Aid scheme too - which enables us to claim the income tax back increasing your gift by 25%

Please speak to your Ministry Area Wardens (Edna or Carys), or Audrey our Gift Aid secretary, if you would like envelopes, gift aid forms or details of the Gift Direct Scheme.

## Review how much I give.

It's important to review your giving regularly. We need to keep in step with inflation and increasing costs. Some are still giving the same as they gave many years ago! Please pray and consider carefully how much you give to God's work.



## A prayer for Bro Cybi

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of living in this beautiful part of your world.

### PRAY.

Please help us to follow the example of St Cybi who established your church on this island:

may we be a beacon and a lighthouse to the communities here today.

We know that not everything on this Holy Island is as you would wish. Many do not know you, whilst others suffer deprivation and illness. We pray that they may hear and respond to the good news of your kingdom.

Within your church we feel inadequate and insecure as we face the problems in our community. Please sustain and strengthen us to continue serving you with vigour and love.

Give us grace to change our worship and our ways in order to grow your church, especially among the younger generations. May we be flexible, gracious, generous, and willing to accept the new so that the people of our Ministry Area can encounter you and come to know you as Lord and Saviour.

As we have seen your hand at work in the past give us the faith to anticipate your power working today as we plan changes to our Church life.

Guide us, support us, sustain us and provide for us, so that we may become the church you want us to be. May we know your presence by our side. And make us a joyful people, content in the knowledge that we are serving you.

And please make Holy Island holy once again.

In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen



## My commitment to give to God's work in Bro Cybi:

Heavenly Father, I

### GIVE.

acknowledge that all the good things I have come from you.

My family, my friends, my church, my home, my food, my clothes and everything else that I call mine are wonderful gifts from your hand.

You gave your only Son, Jesus, for our sake, so that we may have forgiveness and life. Your generosity to us is beyond measure and for that I give you my heartfelt thanks.

Please forgive us that your church in Bro Cybi is struggling to make ends meet because we do not give back to you in the way that you give to us.

We long to see your church grow and thrive here. We yearn to see the younger generations becoming part of our church family. We grieve over the poverty and social problems of our communities. And yet we lack the finances we need to see these things realised.

Help us to think carefully about our giving and give us grace that we may give generously and joyfully to the work of your Kingdom on Holy Island.

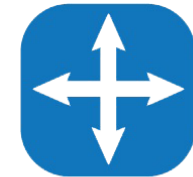
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Jesus said: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'*

Belonging to  
the Family of  
Bro Cybi



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SERVE.



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