

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, even if the birthday is next year.

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Thelma Collins-Jones : she celebrates 81 years on 20 December!

Lil Morris: she celebrates 91 years on 31 December!

In order to make you feel more “Christmassy”, we have used for this month’s cover, an absolutely stunning image of one of the previous **Christmas Tree Festivals in St Cybi’s church.** We are grateful to John Cave for permission to use this. This year the popular festival will open at a switching on service on Mon 18th Dec at 6.0pm.

There will be forty two trees for you to enjoy, kindly donated and decorated by various local businesses, groups and schools. The beautiful old church will be filled with light and beauty, reaching out to everyone who visits, touching them with a real feeling of Christmas. The backdrop of the cover image also shows the magnificent church organ, which sounds as wonderful as it looks. It was probably originally built in 1750, and in 1794 Thomas, the first Earl of Whilton gave it to his daughter Eleanor as a marriage gift when she became the Marchioness of Westminster. It was installed into the library of Eaton Hall, Chester and the casing was carved in walnut to match the room furnishing. The cost was £1,500, and the theme of the filigree carvings and the mother of pearl inlaid panels show the fruits of the seasons. In 1929 the then Duke of Westminster donated the organ to the Chester City Mission. As it was too large, it was stored within the works of Charles Whiteley, who was an organ renovator. Mr Davies, a wholesale tobacconist who had a holiday home in Trearddur Bay, purchased it and donated it to St Ffraid’s Church, which was being built at that time. Once again it was too large, and was finally installed into St Cybi in 1932, after renovations to the organ had been carried out. Third church lucky

If you cannot come to church, the church will come to you! Our pastoral visiting team will be happy to include you, either for a visit or for a short celebration of Holy Communion: whether you are still in your own home, hospital or have moved into a care /nursing home. Remember that 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 / email: patriciahughes2017@gmail.com

When the world says “give up”, Hope whispers “Try it one more time!”

Many thanks to all the Pastoral Care Team, who have worked so hard throughout the year :Jane, Carys, Hilary, Les, Lorna, Barbara, Karen, Hugh, Sandra, Gill and Pat. May their Christmas season be peaceful, and may they be blessed with good health throughout 2018.

**Bro Cybi / Holy Island Ministry Area
Pastoral Care Circle—December 2017**



**Rev Jane, Rev Christine and the Pastoral Care Team
pray for
special Christmas Blessings to all our readers.**

Associate Vicar: Jane Bailey : 01407 764780

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday (in all churches): Mary Harvey, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Hilary, Matthew, Chloe, Rosemary Tucker, Jean Barton, Ian Walker, Babs Williams, Caroline Berry, Derrick, Chris Hanbury.

Please also pray for those who care for them.

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

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' ...

Sandra Jane Griffith (Minnie), Stephen Nelson, Linda Mary Jones, Valerie Smith, Richard Owen Hughes, Peggy Manning, Cecilia Joanne Audrey Rowina Henrietta Wilgoss, Phyllis Judith Boswell.

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

Dec 03— 09: John Henry Walker ,Elizabeth Pierce Elsley, Eric Hampson, Edna Twiss, Michael Anthony Ashton.

Dec 10— 16: Thomas Gwilym Jones .

Dec 17—23: Nell Jones, Leah Kathleen Hughes, Clive Hems, Val Hicks .

Dec 24—30: Peg Glazebrook, Richard March, Mervyn Pritchard Williams, Idwal Williams Smith, Graham Berisford Cobbe.

Dec 31—Jan 06: Margaret Edwards ,David Lloyd Williams, David Hems Williams, Hywel Manley Williams.

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.

Please pray for this person baptised on:

05 November: St Ffraid: Charlotte Parkinson

We welcome her as the newest member of our church family!

Please pray for this couple recently married—we wish them every happiness

25 Nov: St Ffraid: Adam Griffith and Laura Roberts

If you feel lonely over the festive season, please get in touch with our Parish Telephone Team: Lorna 860191: Pat 860412: Betty 763868: Richard 762904 . We will be happy to help!

Join us for our Walsingham Christmas Mass in St Cybi, 11.30am on Sat 16th Dec

Interesting historical DECEMBER dates! On the **5th** in **1791**, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, aged 35. During his brief life, he created over 600 musical compositions, and yet he died a pauper. On the **9th** in **1886**, American industrialist Clarence Birdseye was born in Brooklyn, New York. He developed a method of deep-freezing foods. On the **10th** in **1896**, Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel died at San Remo, Italy. His will stipulated that income from his \$9 million estate be used for awards recognizing persons who have made valuable contributions to humanity. Each Nobel Peace prize is valued at about \$1 million. On the **14th** in **1918**, British women voted for the first time in a general election and were allowed to run for office. On the **16th** in **1770**, Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany. He created powerful, emotional music, but suffered from hearing loss before he was 30. By the time of his last (Ninth) symphony, he was completely deaf. In 1824, he conducted the Ninth Symphony at its world premier in Vienna although he was unable to hear either the orchestra or the applause. On the **21st** in **1846**, anaesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London, performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.

Dates for your December diary!

02 December: St Cybi: Christmas Fair: 11.0am—2.0pm

07 December: St Ffraid: Christmas Coffee and Cake: 10.0am—12.0

08 December: St David: Carols by Candlelight:7.0pm.Shades of Harmony Choir. Tickets £5 in aid of MS Society

15 December: St Ffraid: RNLI Carol Service with Menai Brass Band: 7.0pm—9.0pm

17 December: St Gwenfaen: Christmas Carols and Readings by candlelight: 5.0pm

18 December : St Cybi: Christmas Tree Festival begins with a service at 6.0pm.Church then open each day between 10.30am and 3.30pm until 23 Dec.

24 December: St Cybi: Blessing the Crib: 5.0pm

Life has a funny way of working out, just when you believe it never will!!

If you see a Roman soldier standing guard over St Cybi's for 24 hours on Sun 3rd December, it will be Jeff Evans, raising money for the church after the recent spate of break ins and burglaries. Jeff is well known locally as an exceptional fundraiser, and will be grateful to the local community for their sponsorship (as will we!). God Bless you Jeff.

St Cybi—ICONART. Bring the powerful beauty of stained glass into your home.!

Have you seen our new and varied stock which has arrived for Christmas? Everyone has glass doors and windows, so they can be enjoyed by everyone, anywhere. Superb acrylic transfers of stained glass windows, choose from nativity scenes, angels, saints, contemporary celtic art, flowers, or birds. We even have one depicting our own William Morris 'Tree of Life' window in the Stanley Chapel. They are easily repositioned. Find them whenever the church is open. £5-50 each, or two for £10. They are very light to post—the perfect gift for Christmas.....

Apologies to Alison and Ian Walker. In the stained glass window feature on St Gwenfaen (November 2017), their surname was written as Watkins. Sorry!