

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

Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!

To include yourself, please get in touch now, with name and date of birth.

Happy Birthday Blessings to :

Megan Morgan : she celebrates 98 years on 6 January !

Elizabeth Jones: she celebrates 94 years on 15 January!

Janet Waddington: she celebrates 82 years on 21 January!

Katie Jones : she celebrates 91 years on 26 January!

What do we show on this month's cover? In St Cybi's Church, Holyhead, we are proud to introduce the stained glass window showing Christ the Good Shepherd, with St Peter and St John – known as the **Pharmacist's window**. This three light window by the artist John J Jennings, whose glass workshop was in Clapham Road, Fulham, South London, was installed in 1904, in the south wall of the south aisle, in memory of Theophilus Jones Roberts, who died in May of that year. A pharmacist by profession, he worked during the week at the large and impressive Medical Hall, on the top corner of Boston Street, now a newsagent and convenience store. Our older readers may recall that the interior of the original shop was typically lined with mahogany, containing myriads of small drawers and bottles labelled with strange names. The toiletries and perfumes provided the most wonderful smells, and the window displays included magnificent tall stopper-ed bottles containing coloured liquids. On Sundays, Theophilus was the Sunday School Superintendent. Although Jennings signature can be clearly seen beneath the date of death, the style and design may well have been that of Edward Arthur Fellowes Prynne, an 'outside designer' for Jennings. Prynne studied in London, Antwerp, Florence and Paris before returning to London in the early 1880s. Jesus as the Good Shepherd stands centrally, protectively holding a little woolly lamb, and a shepherd's crook. This may also be seen in the Welsh agricultural context. He is flanked on the left, by a dignified St Peter, shown in older life, with his keys to the kingdom and by St John with his chalice, on the right. The little red dragon may be a Welsh twist to the legend of the poisoned chalice. While in Ephesus, John was offered a glass of poisoned wine. Before drinking, he blessed the drink and the poison came out of the cup in the form of a small green snake. Shown as a young man, St John's blessing would have caused the poison to have dissipated, but it may also refer to the powers of a pharmacist to provide antidotes and cures.

Grateful thanks to Dr Ken Roberts, Dennis Eaton and to Dr Jacqueline Bannerjee.

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Alan Tucker writes: 'On Tuesday, 11th December, residents of **Penucheldre** and friends were joined by members of the **Pastoral Care Team and choir of St.Cybi's Church**, for a short service of **Lessons and Carols**. Every one joined in heartily and enjoyed a mince pie with a cup of coffee after the service'

Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change.

All are welcome to attend our Walsingham Mass, at 11.30 am in St Cybi, on Sat 12 January, especially if you are considering joining us on pilgrimage in July 2019!

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
JANUARY 2019

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If you cannot come to church, the church will come to you!

Our visiting team has grown in size, to allow us to reach out to even more people. We know that in some areas loneliness can be a huge problem, more so now that darker evenings are here, or if you are new to the area. Please don't feel that you are on your own—we are just a phone call away! Some of you might like us to call for a friendly chat, others might like to receive Holy Communion, either in your own home, in hospital or in a care or nursing home. Others prefer a telephone call, just to be reminded that we are thinking of you. 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 or email: patriciahughes2017@gmail.com Thank you.**

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday (in all churches): Geraldine Lee, Lance, Kayleigh Maguire, Gwyn, Megan, Hazel, Ann Fell, Ian, Baby Bailey, Gareth, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Ian Walker, Derrick, Olwen Owen, Alan Taylor, Gwyneth, Peter, Shaun, Margaret, Linda Owens, Mary Harvey, Jean Barton, David Heath, Neil Miles.

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

Wednesday (St Cybi) Elizabeth Jones, Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Buddug Hems Williams, Annette Williams, Barbara Smith, Dr Ken Roberts, Gwilym Lewis, Helen, Andy, Huw Thomas, Megan Morgan, Lily Bradley (now in Rhos Residential, Malltraeth).

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

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

Andrew Marshall, Stephen Joseph Tran, John Thomas Green, Ellen Roberts, Susan Jones, Wendy Fleming, Margaret Eilertsen .

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

Grieving is nature's way of giving us time to accept the loss of those we love. It's a time to be very gentle with yourself...

Anniversaries of death:

Jan 06-12: Arwyn Abbit, Gareth Jones, Joyce Hughes.

Jan 13-19: Arthur Preston Thomas, Lilian Jones, Owen Ivor Jones, Simon Andrew Stott, Myra Longes, Pam Lewis.

Jan 20-26: Peter Trevor Screech, Kingsley Walker.

Jan 27-Feb 02: Violet Ethel Maycroft, Walter Williams, Tom 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.

Baptism and Wedding booking dates : Tuesday evening, 15 January, at 6.30-7.0pm in Eglwys y Bedd (building on left , near gate, in front of St Cybi)

Thanks for prayers answered: Geraldine Lee wishes to tell you all that her surgery was successful, but she would be grateful if your prayers could please continue during her therapy. Thank you!

Join us for a unique experience! On Saturday, 19 January, at 2.0pm in St Peters Church, Pwllheli, a piece of the veil reputedly worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary as she wept at the foot of the cross, will go on display. The relic has a full and authentic provenance, (scientifically dated to the time of Christ), and was gifted to the church in gratitude by a pilgrim suffering from terminal cancer. She did not ask for healing, but for strength to accept her death and to find peace. If you wish to join us, please ask Rev Jane for further details.

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will. – Mahatma Gandhi

Interesting Historical January Dates! **New Year's Day** – is the most celebrated holiday around the world. On the **1st** in **1660** Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666. On the **1st** in **1801**, Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. On the **6th** in **1066**, Harold, Earl of Wessex, was crowned King of England following the death of his brother-in-law Edward the Confessor. Harold II was England's last Anglo-Saxon king. In October of 1066, Harold met the invading army of William the Conqueror at Hastings and died on the field of battle. On the **8th** Elvis Presley (1935-1977) was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. On the **10th** in **1863**, the world's first underground railway service opened in London, the Metropolitan line between Paddington and Farringdon. On the **15th** in **1535**, Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church in England as a result of the Act of Supremacy following his break with Rome. On the **15th** in **1559**, Elizabeth Tudor, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, was crowned as Elizabeth I in Westminster Abbey. On the **16th**, French industrialist Andre Michelin (1853-1931) was born in Paris. He started the Michelin Tyre Company in 1888, pioneering the use of pneumatic tyres on cars.

New Year Greetings from our Bishop: Dear friends. May I wish you all a happy new year and a joyful and blessed 2019! Every January we welcome in the new year with celebrations and gatherings, fireworks and festivities. I'm sure we all have our routines or practices for the new year even if that involves an early night! I wonder if we could add to our list of traditions by adding in 'thankfulness' for the year which is past. The Bible tells us that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift so what better way to mark all that we have received than to be generous in our gratitude to God? Of course the new year marks a looking forward as well - in anticipation of all that is yet to come. We will need the sure and unshakable knowledge that God will be with us throughout the year come what may. It is this which gives us confidence to go forward and to embrace all that life will bring us. That's my hope for you and everyone in the diocese. God give you grace and joyful thankful hearts.

+Andrew Bangor

Fun New Years Eve Traditions from around the world: **Spain:** Eat a grape with every strike of the bell at midnight for prosperity, only then can you say "Happy New Year!". **Finland:** Throw molten metal into cold water then predict the future from its shape – a heart or ring means a wedding, a ship signifies travel and a pig means plenty of food. **Croatia:** It's ok to have roast pork, wild boar or rabbit stew for dinner on New Year's Day but not lobster or crab as they move backwards (or sideways!) which can lead to setbacks in the coming year. **Italy:** Wear red underwear for good luck, throw pots, pans and clothes out of the window to let go of the past and eat lentils for money and good fortune. **Colombia:** Walk around the block with an empty suitcase for lots of travel in the New Year and wear yellow underwear for good luck. **Ecuador:** Make a large scarecrow-like doll, often in the image of some disliked person or celebrity, and set them on fire at midnight, symbolising riddance of the bad things from the past year. **Brazil:** Wear white to ward off bad spirits and in coastal towns give offerings (usually flowers) to the Goddess of the Sea, and jump seven waves for good fortune. **Japan:** Dress up in the coming years' zodiac animal, decorate your house with lobsters for longevity and clean the house from top to toe.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way at all, to the success of our fantastic Christmas programme of events. Thanks to the clergy; organists; performers; congregations; organisers who headed up teams; those who provided the beautiful Christmas trees displayed in the festival in St Cybi's, as well as those who visited, admired and enjoyed. We thank too the many people behind the scenes, ready and willing to clean and decorate our four beautiful churches, so that they can be shown at their very best, to celebrate this miraculous and magnificent festival of the year. To those of you who maybe visited for the first time in a long time, we very much hope you will come again! There is always a welcome waiting