

**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:**

**Gwyneth Owen : she celebrates 84 years on 02 November!**

**Maureen Hunt: she celebrates 81 years on 17 November!**

**Ken Griffiths: he celebrates 82 years on 21 November!**

We continue this month, with our spotlight on a selection of our magnificent stained glass windows, from all our churches.

**What is the window on this month's cover and where can you find it?**

This window, which can be found on the north wall of St Gwenfaen's church, is quite unique. As it is believed that this is the only church in the UK dedicated to Gwenfaen, this female saint, it may therefore be assumed that this is the only window which depicts her. Who was she? She was the daughter of Pawl Hen (or Paulinus) of Manaw (either the Isle of Man or the Firth of Forth.) He later became a bishop in Wales, and is reputed to have been cured of blindness by St David. Her brother was St Peulan, whose cell was close by in Llanbeulan, near Rhosneigr. He was one of the ten disciples of St Cybi. Gwenfaen made her cloister in Rhoscolyn, in the sixth century, and legend has it that she was renowned for healing mental illness. One day at prayer, she was chased away from her cell by druids, and escaped by climbing the rock stack off Rhoscolyn head. The tide came in, but she was carried away by angels, which was how Saint's Bay got its name. It is possible that she was martyred there. The water of St Gwenfaen's Well, situated just over half a mile west of the church, is still credited with healing; traditionally it was necessary to offer two white quartz pebbles, before the request could be made. Her 'saints day' is still celebrated on the Saturday nearest to 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> November. The village of Rhoscolyn was previously called Llanwenfaen. The St Gwenfaen window was installed to the memory of Francis, who died in 1907, and Irene Marshall, who were, I believe, ancestors of Alison (nee Wearne) and Ian Watkins. We are grateful for their help and information.

**Dates for your diary!**

**04 November: St Gwenfaen: 10.0am Eucharist: refreshments: then walk to the Holy Well for a Service of Blessing (see text above )**

02 December: St Cybi: Christmas Fair:

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

08 December: St David: Carols by Candlelight : 7.0pm

15 December: St Ffraid: RNLI Carol Service: 7.0pm—9.0pm

17 December: St Gwenfaen: Christmas Carols and Readings: 5.0 –6 .30pm

18 December : St Cybi: Christmas Tree Festival begins....

**St Cybi—ICONART—New stock arriving soon for Christmas ! Superb acrylic transfers of stained glass windows—buy them in the Stanley Chapel ,whenever the church is open. £5-50 each, or two for £10.**

Feeling lonely or isolated? Please get in touch with our Parish Telephone Team: Lorna 860191:

Pat 860412: Betty 763868: Richard 762904 . We will be happy to help.

**Don't ruin a good today, by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go ....!**



**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND  
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PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE**

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**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**

**Your prayers for the sick are asked for:**

**Sunday (in all churches):** Mary Harvey, Gwen, Hannah, 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' ...**

Monica Baynton—Power, Linda Queen, Beryl Higginbotham, Anita Trewartha, Keith Jones, Gordon Druce, Susan Harris, Peggy Roberts, Brian Wills, Mark Barbe .

**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**

**Nov 05–11:** Lilian Lloyd, Owain Lewis Roberts, Trudy Filby.

**Nov 12-18:** John Richard Roberts (Sexton St Seiriols), Ann Knight, Robert Williams (former curate of this parish.)

**Nov 19-25:** Hilda Mary Cobbe, Edward Bennett Connor, Brian Williams .

**Nov 26-Dec 02:** Blodwen Samson, Margaret Preston.

**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.**

**Thanks for prayers answered:** David wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, which have been answered. Gwilym Lewis thanks everyone who has prayed for him. He has returned home from hospital, feeling very much better.

The **Pastoral Care Team** recently attended a "Quiet Day" at the Loreto Centre in Llandudno. Led by **Sr. Ewa Bem IBVM**, it was a most uplifting and therapeutic experience. Such a day would be highly beneficial to anyone facing any sort of crossroads in their life, or wanting to leave the outside world behind for a few hours, or needing to "recharge their spiritual batteries."

**Please pray for these persons baptised on:**

01 October: St Ffraid: Gelert Ivor Hughes

08 October: St Gwenfaen: Nel Megan Hughes

29 October: St Cybi: Darcey Maiya Hazelaar

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

**Even the darkest night will end, and the sun will rise!**

**Interesting historical NOVEMBER dates!** On the **1st**, since early **700 AD**, All Hallows Day or All Saints Day, we recognise those who have no special feast day. On the **4th** in **1890**, the first electrified underground railway system was officially opened in London. On the **5th**, in **1605**, Guy Fawkes and his colleagues attempted to blow up King James 1 and Parliament. On the **8th** in **1922**, pioneering heart surgeon Christiaan Barnard was born in South Africa. He headed the surgical team that achieved the first-ever human heart transplant in 1967. On the run up to the **11th**, why do we wear poppies? They are one of the few flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended in 1918. On the **11th**, in **1992**, the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. On the **14th**, in **1994**, the first paying passengers travelled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.

**Reader Training: Glenys Samson writes:**

I would like to thank everyone for their love and support over the last two years of my training and assignments. It has not been easy, but you have all encouraged and supported me through it all. As you all know, I have been training in Bro Padrig, (Cemaes area) and have asked to stay there until April 2018. They also have been very supportive, coping with any mistakes and willing me to carry on. I have learnt to conduct Morning Prayer and lead the Ministry of the Word up to the Peace. I still need a lot of confidence when it comes to preaching. During the next year, I will be learning to take funerals, as that will also be one of my ministries. Once again thank you, and when I return to our Ministry Area, which I am looking forward to, it seems a long time not worshiping with all of you, I hope that all I do and say will be to God's Glory.

**Walsingham - Holyhead Cell**

Local Cells of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham offer pilgrims an opportunity to strengthen and renew the spiritual benefits of their pilgrimage. It may also be the means of encouraging others to go on pilgrimage also.

Our Cell, or local group, was formed after a number of us first went on pilgrimage there. **Father John has been our Superior for over 20 years, and although he retired from his Diocesan Ministry at the end of October, we are delighted that he will continue in that role. As a group we have flourished, and are grateful to our chaplain, the Rev. Jane, for supporting us by holding a regular Eucharist once a month. Anyone is invited, whether they have already made the pilgrimage, or are considering doing so. Elwyn and Glenys make the travel and accommodation arrangements. Walsingham is a very spiritual place and we all feel closer to God when we are there. It has now broadened out and become a diocesan Pilgrimage which has helped our Cell to grow. On 30th September, Father John welcomed those from other dioceses and some of our own Ministry Area into the group. Unfortunately we have lost some members who have passed away, but still have 25 enthusiastic members. For more information please contact Elwyn, Glenys and Jane. Our next Pilgrimage is from 16-20 July 2018.**

**Sometimes, you have to get knocked down lower than you have ever been, in order to stand back up taller than you ever were before!**