

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
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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.**

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 :

Richard Parry : he celebrates 81 years on 7 February !

Elizabeth Walker : she celebrates 95 years on 24 February !

Elwyn Collins Jones : he celebrates 90 years on 25 February !

What do we show on this month's cover? From St Cybi's Church, Holyhead, we are proud to introduce in the north transept, between the organ and the Tudor Rose wall painting, to the left of the pulpit, this beautifully traditional, pre-Raphaelite three light window, made by the Morris Company, from designs by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The background is sea blue drapery, which is highly appropriate in an island church on a low cliff by the sea. **Christ as Love** stands centrally, robed in red, wearing the crown of thorns and displaying the stigmata. He holds a living wooden cross, with leaves springing reassuringly from it. He is flanked by the Virgin Mary, deep in prayer and St John the Evangelist, holding out his chalice, - a perfect choice for a memorial window for a vicar. Installed in 1927, it was given by his wife Mary, in memory of the Reverend Thomas Edwin Jones, the last Oxford incumbent of St Cybi, from 1906 until his death on 15th February, 1925. His death was reported in the March 1925 edition of the 'Jesus College Magazine'. What was the connection between St Cybi's and Oxford University? During the reformation in the 1530s, Henry 8th allowed his supporters Thomas Gwynn and his nephew Rhys Gwynn, to purchase the church land and tithes. In 1648, these were handed over to Jesus College, Oxford for the maintenance of 'two fellows and as many scholars' This meant that the college had the right to claim certain tithes and the power to appoint the vicar. In return the college was expected to keep the chancel in good repair and generally be responsible for the upkeep of the church. This started a long association with Jesus College, which lasted until the early twentieth century, at the time of the formation of the Church in Wales, and helps to explain St Cybi's very fine interior. After the dis-establishment in the early 1920s, all these traditions came to an end. What do we know of Thomas Edwin Jones, born in 1858? He was the eldest son of Thomas Jones, of Llannon, Cardiganshire, who was a gentleman by birth and a sailor by profession. Thomas Edwin Jones was admitted to Jesus College on 1 Feb, 1878, aged 20, and gained his BA in 1880, followed by his MA in 1884. He was made a Deacon of Bangor in 1881, a Priest in Bangor in 1882 and vicar of Bangor from 1890 to 1906. He was installed as vicar of St Cybi, Holyhead in 1906 until his death in 1925. With grateful thanks to local historian Dr John Ken Roberts: also to Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, and Rebecca Leeman both of the Jesus College Oxford / Oxford University Archives.

Twelve members of our ministry area, attended St Peter's Church Pwllheli, on Saturday 19th January, for the celebratory mass to venerate and to give thanks for the gift of the piece of the veil reputedly worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary as she wept at the foot of the cross. 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. A most up-lifting afternoon!

All our dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them!

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

Thanks for prayers answered: It has been a privilege to pray for Olwen Owen, as she underwent surgery and therapy. Now in recovery, she sends grateful thanks! After months of prayer, Jim Samson has been given a 'clean bill of health'. He and his family are so grateful!

Your prayers for the acutely ill are asked for:

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

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'

Rachael Few, Elizabeth Radcliffe, Richard Williams, Susan Kim Owens, Owen Trevor Williams, Cliff Morris, Peter Haughton, Violet Williams, Eirlys Cooper, Ian Turnbull, Diane Morris, Sydney Wood, John Foster Marsh, Barbara Simms, Heather Chorlton, John Gareth Hughes, Jo-anne Leach.

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:

Feb 03—9: Catherine Roberts, James Dunsmuir, Mary Ellen Preston Thomas, Robert Brian Jones, Rupert Lewis.

10-16: Tony Philip Hicks, Cerian Wyn Llewelyn, Ann McIlwaine, May Lewis, Thomas David Gannon, Malcolm Calvert, Joyce Rowlands, Brenda Lloyd.

17-23: Ellen Fletcher, Richard Parson, Robert Elwyn Owen, Noel Williams, Lal Jones.

24—Mar 02: Jack Grenville Kerby, Eric Jones, Mary Grace Roberts, Gwladys Warden Owen.

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.

Praying for the sick: This February list is as you see it, for Sunday prayers. From the March edition of the Pastoral Care Circle, we will be 'starting again' with the names which we include on our list of prayers for the acutely ill. Whilst no name will automatically go back onto the list, please be assured that you are welcome to place any name back on to the list again. You are also, of course, invited to add new names to the list in the usual way. This ensures that our lists are always fresh and up to date. Thank you all for your staunch support of this essential part of our ministry to the sick. For names to be included, please contact Pat Hughes as normal. When prayers are answered, please tell us, so that we can transfer the name to the 'Thank You' section. This is the favourite part of putting these pages together!

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Interesting Historical February Dates! On the 2nd, in 1665 British forces captured New Amsterdam, the centre of the Dutch colony in North America. The trading settlement on the island of Manhattan was renamed New York in honour of its new governor, the Duke of York. On the 5th in 1958, parking meters first appeared on the streets of London's exclusive Mayfair district. Meters had been in use in America since 1935. On the 7th Thomas More (1478-1535) was born in London. He was a lawyer, scholar, and held the title Lord Chancellor of England. As a devout Catholic, he refused to acknowledge the divorce of King Henry VIII from Queen Catherine, thereby refusing to acknowledge the King's religious supremacy. He was charged with treason, found guilty and beheaded in 1535, with his head then displayed from Tower Bridge. Four hundred years later, in 1935, he was canonized by Pope Pius XI. On the 11th, in 660 BC, the first Emperor Jimmu acceded to the throne of Japan. Each year the date is celebrated as a national holiday. On the 16th in 1659 a hand written cheque was used for the first time in Britain, as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settled a debt for £400! On the 22nd in 1797, over 1000 French troops attempted to invade Britain landing on the coast at Fishguard. The brave ladies of the town saved the day, overcoming the enemy with pitchforks! On the 28th, in 1953, at lunchtime, an American and British scientist, James Watson and Francis Crick, walked into the Eagle pub in Cambridge, announcing that they had discovered the famous double helix structure of DNA. Crucial to their discovery was the work of another British scientist, Rosalind Franklin, whose X-Ray photographs of DNA gave vital clues to its structure.

Don't be brought down by the fears in your mind. Be inspired by the dreams in your heart!

Neil writes: Recently **Bishop Andy** has been doing a tour of the Church Schools in the diocese and on the afternoon of Tuesday 22nd January paid a visit to **Ysgol Cybi**. In the service, Bishop Andy appeared with his staff and a suitcase full of various items, to explain to the children who he was and what he did. Individuals were called up on stage to help with the explanation. One child wore the Bishop's full length white alb as a reminder of his role of leading people in worship. Then there was the stole worn by another child, which speaks of bishops serving others, as Jesus calls us all to serve one another. Another child wore on his head his mitre, symbolising the flame of Jesus' love encouraged to grow in each one of our hearts. The Bishop's staff caused the most interest with a number of the younger children insistent on calling it a 'walking stick' ! The Bishop persevered and managed to link the staff with shepherds and his role to care for the flock, the people. After the service there was a moment to pause, chat, drink tea and eat cake, quite usual for a Bishop's visit! Once refreshed there was a tour around the school, conversations with teachers and children, and insight into daily routines, opportunities offered and future hopes. Bishop Andy was impressed with all the good work and the dedication of those involved.

A date for the diary! Join us in the World Day of Prayer, at St. Davids, on 1st March at 2.0 pm, hosted by the Methodist Church. Be part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe, sharing with people in over 120 countries. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

Walsingham Pilgrims Mass 2019 As we look forward to our pilgrimage in July, we celebrate our Pilgrim's Mass on Saturday, 9th February in St. Cybi's Church at 11.30 am, and all are welcome. This will be followed by a meeting for pilgrims in Eglwys-y- Bedd. Please bring a packed lunch and your deposit.