

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.

Happy Birthday Blessings to :

George Lees : he celebrates 88 years on 20 June !

Edith Shepherd : she celebrates 88 years on 26 June !

Tommy Williams : he celebrates 80 years on 26 June !

What do we see on this month's cover? As you enter St Cybi's Church, look straight ahead and you will see a very unassuming, dark wooden seat. You could almost call it a "rough and ready" small pew with a wooden division part way across. It is extremely uncomfortable to sit in – almost like sitting in a straight jacket!. Looking at it more closely, the crude and clumsy lettering spell "Singer's Seat". It is very difficult to believe that at one time in the church's history, this would have been classed as an extremely important piece of church furniture. What was it? Take yourself back in time to the late medieval period – 1300 – 1500 AD. There would have been no pews - the only seating would have been benches on the north and south wall, purely for the use of the vulnerable – the aged and infirm. This is the origin of the saying – "The weakest go to the wall" If you were young, fit and healthy, you were expected to stand on the earth and sand floor – and remember, at this time church attendance was compulsory – fines for absence were very high! Even the local gentry, had no special privileges as far as seating was concerned – that was to come later! As the congregation were mostly illiterate, there was no need for hymn or prayer books. So how could these unfortunates become part of the service? A singer was used, to lead the singing of the congregation by example. He would need a deep knowledge of music, and a powerful singing voice for impressive solos, hymns and liturgies. This position of "cantor" is still used today in modern Jewish synagogues. In some ultra modern worship, female singers are now used..... how times have changed....! In Medieval Germany, such a singer would have been known as a Kappelmeister. After the Reformation, protestant churches, cathedrals, collegiate and parish churches continued with this practice. Their singer was called a Precentor. His position amongst clergy was extremely highly ranked, he was deemed to be second in command! He was in charge of all music! He would have a special seat on the left of the chancel, while the dean would sit opposite on the right. Singers seats may still be seen in many English cathedrals. It is believed that our Singer's Seat dates from the late 1400s – early 1500s, and that it was positioned to the north of our chancel. The Precentor of St Cybi would have sat in the left hand, larger portion of the seat, positioned nearer to the congregation, while his assistant, known as the Succentor, would occupy the narrower part of the seat.

Grateful thanks to Dr Ken Roberts for help with the text.

Audrey Hughes successfully organised a bucket collecting day in **Morrisons** recently. Thank you so much to the store for allowing this, to the generous shoppers who donated and to the willing collectors, who carried the buckets! As a result, the **St Cybi Restoration Fund** has benefitted by the sum of £402. Thank you all!

Wedding Anniversary Blessings: Please let us know of any couple who will be celebrating 40 / 50 / 60 years of marriage, who wish to be included here!

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
JUNE 2019
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When you cannot come to church, the church will come to you!

Our pastoral care 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, especially if your family live away, 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, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Ian Walker, Derrick, Alan Taylor, Jo, Mary Harvey, Doreen Peers, Edith Shepherd, James, Neil Miles, Glenys Barton, Ellie, Alan Peers, Helen Nason, Irene, Ian, Hazel, David, Lynda Owen.

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

Wednesday (St Cybi) Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Buddug Hems Williams, Barbara Smith, Dr Ken Roberts, Gwilym Lewis, Huw Thomas, Megan Morgan.

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'

Anthony John Ward-Davies, Christopher Roberts, Pamela Lorraine Bellfield, Donald Geoffrey Brooker, Betty Hughes, Martyn Summers, Susan Woolgar, Paul Roberts, Audrey Worthington, Matthew Williams, Ida Coulman, Len Hill.

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:

June 02-08: Elwyn Marshall

June 09-15: Douglas Manton, Andrew Thomson, John Nightingale.

June 16-22: Elizabeth Ann Fisher (Ena), Alfred Hammond, John Bulkeley, Enid Blodwen Price, Grace Nightingale, Cyril Thomas, David Martin.

June 23-29: William Mark Gray, Janet Woolley, Florence Mary Isobel Bell, Gary Lloyd Jones.

June 30-July 06: Jane Williams, Harry Ashton .

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. Thank you.

Baptism and Wedding booking dates : usually 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: from Neil Ridings– his health is much improved .

Please pray for our newest baptised members of our church family :

26 May : St Cybi : Nevan Grae Rees

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Please pray for these couples recently married—we wish them every happiness!

11 May: St Gwenfaen: Megan Sweeney and David Stone

18 May: St Ffraid: Daniel Hughes and Jessica Dawn Roberts

25 May: St Ffraid: Robert Andrew Fairest and Kirsty Louise Roberts

25 May: St Gwenfaen: Oliver James Craig and Heather Stockwell

Congratulations to **Jennifer & Vincent Doughty**, who celebrate **50 years of marriage** in June. We pray that you will have good health to enjoy many, many more!

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Interesting historical June dates ! On the **1st**, the founder of Utah and patriarch of the Mormon church Brigham Young (1801-1877) was born in Whittingham, Vermont. Called the "American Moses," he led thousands of religious followers across the wilderness to settle over 300 towns in the West, including Salt Lake City, Utah. On the **4th** - King George III (1738-1820) was born. He ruled England for 60 years from 1760 to 1820 and was the British King against whom the American Revolution was directed. On the **6th**, in 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded. On the **10th**, Judy Garland (1922-1969) was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota (as Frances Gumm). She is best remembered for her portrayal of Dorothy Gale in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939). She was found dead of an overdose of sleeping pills in London on June 22, 1969. On the **12th**, in 1898, the Philippines declared their independence from Spain. The islands were named after King Philip II. Once freed from Spain, the islands were then invaded and occupied by U.S. forces. They became an American colony and remained so until after World War II. On the **18th**, British explorer George Mallory (1886-1924) was born in Mobberley, Cheshire, England. He disappeared while climbing through the mists toward its summit on the morning of June 8, 1924. His body, perfectly preserved due to the cold conditions, was discovered by climbers in 1999, just 600 meters (2,030 feet) from the summit !

As we look forward to our **forthcoming pilgrimage to Walsingham**, pilgrims from across the diocese will meet at **Bangor Cathedral** on Saturday, **15th June** at 11.00 am, for our annual Pilgrim's Mass, celebrated by Canon Nathan Jarvis. After Mass, we are going over to the Deiniol Centre, to buy our lunch at the recently opened Cafe Deiniol.

St David's Mission Planning The first monthly coffee/chat mornings in May was a great success. This is where we welcome the local surrounding community to engage with us for friendly social chat and a cuppa. We had 15 attendees including some children who enjoyed playing good "old fashioned" board games. Our second session will be on Saturday, 15th June from 11 - 12.30. We hope the figures will increase through the summer !

Give cheerfully, and receive gratefully—in that way everyone is blessed!

Fr Huw Bryant, shares exciting news ! His parish, closely associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary / Our Lady of Pen Llyn for over 600 years, will soon have a new image to add to its shrine, within **St Peter's Church, Pwllheli**. Simon O'Rourke, an artist in wood, living and working in North Wales, has been commissioned to create this new statue using a chainsaw! If the name seems familiar, Simon was the inspiration behind the new wooden dragon watching over part of the A5 near Tregarth and Rachub! The statue will be unveiled on 8 July, during a devotional concert at St Peter's at 6pm, featuring work by John Taverner, 'The Protecting Veil' for cello and organ. Tickets cost £10 (under 16 – free.) Huw wants as many people as possible to enjoy sharing the experience, and has therefore arranged for 'Our Lady' to travel around North Wales. Our nearest viewings will be at Bangor Cathedral from 13-19 July: and St Maelog's Church from 20-25 July. Don't miss it! She will arrive home in Pwllheli by train on her feast day - 15 August! St Peter's was recently gifted a piece of the veil reputedly worn by the Blessed Virgin as she wept at the foot of the cross. It has a full and authentic provenance scientifically dated to the time of Christ!

Many families live with lung conditions. On July 9/10, Andy Herrick and daughter Rachel will hope to walk 100 miles around Anglesey in just 36 hours. Forms in churches if you would please like to sponsor them to raise funds for British Lung Foundation ! Thank you.