

Bro Cybi Ministry Area, Church in Wales

St Cybi's Church, Holyhead

Immediate release

church welcoming visitors again in 2018, but more volunteer stewards needed

St Cybi's Church is the jewel in the crown for summer visitors to Holyhead town

For many years the people of St Cybi's have opened the church doors to welcome summer visitors to this ancient place of Christian worship and pilgrimage. This year we are in need of a few more volunteer stewards to offer a warm welcome and to direct people towards points of interest in the church. Fear of criminal activity means that the church should never be left without a steward present. Steward coordinator, Nigel Griffiths mentioned:

"Stewards are not expected to be experts in local history or church traditions, but a warm welcome, a big smile and a willingness to chat are essential."

Stewards are required to be available for at least two hours per week, they will never be asked to work alone and wherever possible they will be partnered with someone more experienced. An induction meeting for new volunteer stewards and current team members is being held at Eglwys y Bedd at 2pm on Tuesday, 24 April 2018. Anyone interested in stewarding and would like to find out more are encouraged to come along to the meeting or to contact the Vicar, the Rev'd Jane Bailey on 01407 764780 or Nigel Griffiths on 01407 760096.

Opening St Cybi's Church during summer months is key in encouraging visitors to the town centre and for ferry passengers to stop a while. Volunteer stewards are essential to making this happen.

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Notes to editors:

- 1 Volunteer stewards have kept St Cybi's Church open to visitors since 1980s.
- 2 There has been a religious site at Caergybi (the roman fort) since 45AD
- 3 The present church building dates back to 12C, it has been damaged by Vikings and Roundheads and has windows from the William Morris Factory, a marble memorial to WO Stanley, etc
- 4 Eglwys y Bedd is adjacent to the St Cybi's Churchyard

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