



Bro Cybí (Holy Island) Ministry Area Report for Easter Vestry 2018

Reverend Jane Bailey (Associate Priest)

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The Ministry Area of Bro Cybi (Holy Island) is in the Area Deanery of Ynys Mon and the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales.

The four churches of the Ministry Area are: St Cybi, Holyhead, St David, Morawelon, St Ffraid, Trearddur Bay and St Gwenfaen, Rhoscolyn

Incumbent: Reverend Dr Kevin Ellis (until July 9th 2017). The Ministry Area is at present in Interregnum, with The Reverend Canon Emlyn Williams serving as Acting Ministry Area Leader,

Independent Examiner: Mr C Bell

Principal Bankers: HSBC, High Street, Llangefni, LL77 7LU

Architect: (St Cybi, St. David, St. Ffraid, St. Gwenfaen, Elinor Gray Williams of Donald Insall Associates, Conwy)

The Ministry Area Council

The Bro Cybi Ministry Area is part of the Diocese of Bangor within the Church in Wales. The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and as such, exists to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. The object of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is to ensure that the Life and Work of the Church within the Bro Cybi Ministry Area helps to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The MAC is not a body corporate. Rather, its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as amended from time to time by the Governing Body, set-up under Section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. Elections are held at an Annual Vestry Meeting that must take place before 30 April each year. All persons whose name appears on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the land and property of the Church in Wales including St Cybi's, St David's, St Ffraid's and St Gwenfaen's Churches, its contents and the St Cybi's, St Gwenfaen's and St Seiriol's Churchyards. The Representative Body is an Exempt Charity and was set-up under Section 13(2) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. It acts on behalf of the province in paying the stipends of full time clergy.

The MAC is responsible inter-alia for promoting the mission of the church, the MA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for action on any other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The Council is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

Membership of the MAC

The following served as members of the MAC from the Easter Vestry 2017.

Vicar: The Revd Dr Kevin Ellis, (until July, 2017) Y Ficerdy, Lon St Ffraid, Bae Trearddur, Caergybi LL65 2UD

Area Dean & Acting Incumbent : The Revd. Canon Emlyn Williams, Y Rheithordy, Ffordd Caergybi, Gaerwen, Anglesey

Associate Priest: The Revd Jane Bailey, St Seriol's House, 25 Gors Avenue, Holyhead, LL65 1PB

Ministry Area Wardens

Mrs Carys Griffith of 19 Min y Mor Road, Holyhead
Mrs Edna Aldred, Rectory Cottage, Rhoscolyn

CYFME: Mrs Kirsty Williams

Readers: Mrs Janet Waddington, Glenbank, Four Mile Bridge
Mr Richard Parry, 27 Tan-y-bryn Road, Holyhead
Mr Les Sheppard, (part year) Ty Bugail, Lon Clogwyn, Penrallt Road, Trearddur Bay, Holyhead, LL65 2UG

Elected Members: Ms F Illif, Mrs C Garrod, Mr S Hayter, Mrs A Hambley-Jones, Mrs L Ryder, Mr A Nason, Mrs S Hanbury, Mrs P Naylor

Co-opted: Mrs C Brook, Mrs G Samson, Mr N Griffiths

Secretary: Mr S Hayter **Treasurer:** Mr C Medley

Both Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministry Area Council are elected by the Easter Vestry

Committees: The Ministry Area Council operates through a number of committees: including the Standing Committee, Finance, Property, Mission and Fund-raising Committees

Churchwardens of Individual Churches

(St Cybi) Mr E Owen and Mrs B Abbitt
(St David) Vacant
(St Ffraid) Mrs L Corrie and Ms M Lee
(St Gwenfaen) Mrs E Aldred and Mrs S Hanbury

Church Attendance

The average numbers on a Sunday across the four churches are:

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|-------------|---------|
| St Cybi | 42 (44) |
| St David | 14 (14) |
| St Gwenfaen | 12 (14) |
| St Ffraid | 17 (17) |

This suggests that 82 Communicants attend Anglican worship on Holy Island each Sunday. There were 238 communicants across our churches on Easter Sunday. I have not a figure for The Christmas Day Service, as not all services were communions. Our figures do not take into account popular services such as All Souls, the Crib Service, Carols by Candlelight, RNLI Service or the Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Holy Island Ministry Area – Bro Cybi Electoral Roll Report – April 2018

All the churches have checked the roll and updated for 2018.

There are now 137 names on the Ministry Area Electoral Roll.
Total for each church is as follows:

St David's – 17

St Gwenfaen's – 16

St Ffraid's – 27

St Cybi's – 77

137 total 2018

Edna Aldred, Electoral Roll Officer

Dated: 10 April, 2018

Jane's Comments

I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful support which you have given to me since Kevin moved to Bro Eleth in July. The Ministry Area settled down quickly to the Interregnum, and I have been most grateful for the co-operation between the churches regarding the necessary changes to service patterns whilst there is only one full time cleric serving the parish. I know that you would like me to thank on your behalf Archdeacon Paul, Canon Emlyn Williams, Canon Christine Llewellyn, Canon Nathan Jarvis, The Reverend Elizabeth Pope, The Reverend Hugh Vaughan Jones and our Readers Richard Parry and Les Shepherd, who have all served on our monthly Rota of Services throughout this last year.

Grateful thanks to our Acting Ministry Area Leader, Canon Emlyn Williams and Ministry Area Wardens, Mrs. Carys Griffith and Mrs. Edna Aldred for their diligent oversight of the Ministry Area and for their help and advice on so many occasions. My thanks also to the hard-working wardens of our individual churches, who have also given sterling service these last months.

Holy Island is a very special Ministry Area. There is a richness and variety to our lives as a Christian community in this place, as we work together throughout the year to serve and bear witness to those around us, both inside our churches and without. Our congregations are dedicated to ensuring that we are a welcoming church, caring for present members and encouraging newcomers to join us. Many of you are offering your skills and talents to the service of the Lord, and it is a privilege to work alongside you.

We look forward tremendously to the imminent arrival of our new Archdeacon and Ministry Area Leader, Andy Herrick and his wife Sara, wishing them both a long and fruitful ministry here on Holy Island. Thank you all and God Bless,
Jane,

April 2018

Reader's Report

Again this year it has been a privilege to exercise the Ministry of Reader in Bro Cybi. We have lost and miss the ministry of Les Shepperd who has moved back to his native Wirral but have gained Allan Tucker (a worshipping member of St Cybi) who I know you will all get to know that much better as he takes services, and we are all looking forward to Glenys Samson joining us after completing her studies and her placement in Cemaes Bay.

Janet Waddington continues to exercise her ministry as chaplain to the Sea cadets which is an invaluable aspect of the church's Outreach.

When we are joined in May by Rev Andy Herrick as the new Archdeacon of Anglesey and Ministry Area leader in Bro Cybi it will be interesting to see in which way he intends to lead us, and I am confident that the whole Ministry team will be fully supportive of new ways in reaching out to those who have yet to hear the 'Easter' message or have done so in the past but have since fallen away from our church community.

There is much for each of us to do, as scripture tells us 'The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few' this is something I know we are capable of reversing with God's help

Richard Parry

Finance Report

Financially 2017 has been a difficult and challenging year for the Ministry Area.

If we strip out of the accounts all the figures except our freewill offerings, tax refunds and money raising on the income side and costs of maintaining our services and buildings together with the cost of money raising on the expenditure side we find 2017 to have been our worst financial year for several years.

Our income from the above sources was down by about £15,000 and our expenditure was up by about £2,000 compared with the previous two years.

The relevant figures for 2015, 2016 and 2017 are attached to the end of this report.

Historically we were not paying our full contribution to the Parish Share, now the Bishop's Ministry Fund, but since 2013 we have been paying our contribution in full. For the last three years the way in which our contribution has been calculated has been on an entirely new basis, with every Ministry Area within the Anglesey Synod area meeting and reaching agreement on the contributions from each area.

The Diocese has asked each Ministry Area to make payments from reserves (which it is also doing) as the Diocese is also struggling financially. This we, and other Ministry Areas, have done, but we cannot do so on a continuing basis and the Diocese is aware of this.

Our increased contribution to the Bishop's Ministry Fund does not, however, explain our reduced income. The best explanation for this is falling numbers in the congregations. Some of our most generous parishioners, both in time and talents, are no longer with us. This is reflected not only in our freewill giving, but also in our ability to fund raise, as there are fewer people able to take on the burden.

We are in the process of preparing Property, Finance and Mission reviews which have been requested by the Diocese. In addition to this Jane has organised various working groups to look at how we can address the challenges we face. From a financial point of view, we need to attract more people to join in, even if they are not regular worshippers, and we need to find new ways of raising funds.

Apart from the day to day expenses of running our churches we have to maintain the fabric. Here again we face challenges. St Gwenfaen's had a complete refurbishment not so long ago, but has recently suffered storm damage. St Ffraid's and St David's have had to carry out repair work.

The quinquennial reports for the churches has identified what the architect classifies as urgent repair work.

For St Cybi's preparations are in hand for this work, estimated to cost about £250,000 and grant money of £158,500 has been secured, but more grant money is needed before repairs can go ahead.

Urgent work has also been identified for the other churches, but, so far, no action has been taken.

For 2018 we have reduced our agreed contribution to the Bishop's Ministry Fund, anticipating the fall in income, but meeting our agreed contribution of £54,000 is likely to require a further visit to our reserves unless we are able to substantially increase our income, even if we can only bring it back to the level we achieved in 2015 – and even that requires an extra £17,354. A serious and difficult challenge.

A challenge which is replicated across the Diocese.

Figures extracted from the Annual accounts.

| Income | | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Voluntary Income | Planned giving | 25,380 | 29,967 | 32,983 |
| | Loose collections | 8,571 | 11,009 | 10,338 |
| | Donations | 12,513 | 15,257 | 13,977 |
| | Tax Refunds | 6,653 | 13,640 | 7,483 |
| Generated Income | Money Raising | 31,706 | 31,849 | 37,397 |
| Total | | 84,823 | 101,722 | 102,177 |

| Expenditure | | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Support for Ministry | Bishop's Fund | 56,000 | 52,000 | 48,000 |
| | Parochial Expenses of Clerics | 2,581 | 3,456 | 3,408 |
| | Other | | 43 | |
| Parish Activities | Maintenance of Services | 2,231 | 2,752 | 2,224 |
| | General Parish Expenses | 5,677 | 3,839 | 5,432 |
| Church Property | Maintenance of Churches | 15,023 | 12,369 | 15,552 |
| | Maintenance of other Property | 12,143 | 14,330 | 11,002 |
| | Cost of money raising | 1,656 | 4,935 | 7,915 |
| Total | | 95,310 | 93,725 | 93,532 |

| Summary | | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Income | | 84,823 | 101,722 | 102,177 |
| Expenditure | | 95,310 | 93,725 | 93,532 |
| Difference | | -10,487 | 7,996 | 8,645 |

Chris Medley, Ministry Area Treasurer.

Report from the Ministry Area Wardens

The year seems to have been dominated by the unexpected Interregnum following Kevin's move to Bro Eleth in July, quickly followed by Archdeacon Paul leaving to become Archdeacon of Guildford. We were sad to see them both leave and continue to wish them well in their new roles.

As we write this report in April 2018, we are looking forward to exciting times ahead with the arrival of the Rev Canon Andy Herrick, who will be Archdeacon of Anglesey as well as our new Ministry Area Leader following the Installation and Licensing services being held in May.

We would like to thank Jane and the Ministry Team, including Christine, Hugh, Elizabeth and of course Richard, for their help during the Interregnum to enable us to keep to our schedule of services. We have also been lucky to have the assistance of Rev Canon Emlyn Williams who has been our acting Ministry Area Leader for the last few months.

We continued to provide Messy Church at St David's, Morawelon, up to the end of 2017 and hope to re-start these sessions soon. Open the Book sessions were also held and Prayer Spaces were very successful. We are looking into arrangements for Cybi Youth.

Grateful thanks to everyone involved in the running of the Charity Shop, Christmas and Summer Fair, & Afternoon Tea in Rhoscolyn, raising funds for the Ministry Area account.

Our congregations have continued to support us and we are grateful to all the churchwardens in our four churches.

We look forward to the arrival of our new Ministry Area Leader.

Carys Griffith and Edna Aldred
Ministry Area Churchwardens

April 2018

Ministry Area Council (MAC) Input to the 2018 Easter Vestry Report

During its fourth year of existence, (Easter Vestry 2017/Easter Vestry 2018), the MAC had formally met on 8 occasions: Regular Meetings had been held on 7 June 2017; 25 July 2017; 13 September 2017; 8 November 2017; 9 January 2018 and 6 March 2018 whilst two Extraordinary Meetings (to deal with urgent business) were held on 3 July 2017 and 7 February 2018. Additionally, two workshops for MAC members were held in October and November 2017. The composition of the MAC remained broadly similar to previous years although it had reduced slightly with both Les Shepherd and Rev'd Kevin Ellis moving from Bro Cybi without any immediate replacement. However, from the 25 July 2017 Meeting onwards, Rev'd Canon Emlyn Williams (Area Dean) attended all MAC Meetings during the interregnum. The overall attendance by Bro Cybi MAC Representatives at Meetings throughout the year continued at a very

credible level and reflected the dedication of the team to take Bro Cybi forward to meet future challenges.

The main decisions taken and topics given particular oversight by the MAC during the year were as follows:

- **Mission.** The over-riding topic concerned the writing of a Mission Plan for Bro Cybi; a document that would lay out our Ministry Area Mission aims and goals and how these might be achieved. The Mission Plan is a Dioceses mandated document, together with its companion, the Property Plan and without each of these documents, it was very unlikely that Faculties would be approved by the Diocese. As all churches were contemplating various developments, writing a Mission Plan was considered to be a priority to enable work to proceed. This led to two MAC workshops in October and November 2017 with Phil Davies (from the Diocese) that enabled considerable progress to be made. Having taken our thinking forward by a considerable step, the final part of the process was the writing of the plan and it had been hoped to hold a final workshop with Phil Davies to enable the MAC to put the document together. Unfortunately, before this could be put in place, Phil had been recruited elsewhere. Consequently, there is still a need to consolidate the MAC learning and thinking into a Mission Plan; this is an urgent on-going activity
- **Property.** There were many property aspects that were considered by the MAC over the year the major topics being:
 - **St Cybi's.** The Regeneration Project was discussed at length by the MAC with the key approval that the Option 3 Development (over the lower Churchyard) was the way forward. As a first stage however, the MAC agreed to a bid for funding of urgent stonework repairs be made. The MAC then agreed that Faculty approval and Planning Permission be sought following a successful Heritage lottery bid. It is hoped to undertake work in 2018 and planning is proceeding on this basis.
 - **St David's.** The two chief topics were the state of the toilets and the ownership of St David's land (see land issues below). The MAC recognised that the St David's toilets were very unsatisfactory and perhaps even a health issue. Given that the Hall is hired out whilst St David's is used by many church activities such as Messy Church, it was felt to be very important to improve the toilets. However, problems with determining land ownership meant that any grant applications would likely to fail whilst the lack of a Mission plan would probably result in Faculty rejection. Consequently, MAC authorised St David's to make 'like for like' repairs to the toilets to bring them to an acceptable standard whilst the land issue/Mission Plan was sorted.
 - **St Ffraid's.** Various proposals have been advanced for improving the church with provision of a hearing loop system being currently progressed.
 - **St Gwenfaen's.** The main area of discussion concerned access to the church; this topic had been on-going for some time whilst land issues had resulted in scaled back plan being formulated. The MAC had agreed that a Faculty be submitted.
 - **Land Issues.** In early 2017, three land issues affecting Bro Cybi were being pursued with the Church in Wales Representative Body (RB - the church land owners) in Cardiff. Despite seeking help from Archdeacon Paul, it was only with the subsequent assistance of the Area Dean that any response to our various enquires we had made resulted in a reply. There appears to be active investigation into the St David's land

ownership by the RB; St Gwenfaen's is now proceeding with a plan that does not require the land issues to be resolved whilst although advice is still required concerning St Cybi's churchyards, the urgency around this issue has lessened. These matters are being actively pursued by the MAC.

- **Property Plan.** The companion document to the Mission Plan, a working group was established to write the document that is now nearing completion and is due for submission to the MAC for approval.
- **Finance.** The MAC actively monitored the state of Bro Cybi finances throughout the year. Of chief concern was the loss of some congregation members who had been key contributors to the Ministry Area funds. Consequently, the Finance Committee had been convened to review this situation together with our Bishop's Ministry Fund (BMF) contribution (our major expenditure). It was consequently decided to set-up a Fund-Raising Group that are currently examining ways to increase income by holding specific events. By careful management and oversight, Bro Cybi was continuing to pay its way but the outlook remained very challenging.
- **Pastoral Care.** Jane kept the MAC up to date with Bro Cybi Pastoral Care and the continuing refinements to the process.
- **Health & Safety.** With the unexpected resignation of the MAC H&S Representative in 2017, there was an urgent need to recruit a new official. It was therefore with gratitude that the MAC were able to accept an offer by Jill Sinott (a qualified H&S individual) to advise the church.
- **Children and Youth.** The active involvement of Kirsty Williams at MAC Meetings was highly valued by the MAC. There has been considerable discussion about a range of topics that included: Messy Church; Open the Book; Cybi Youth; Cybi Unplugged; Stepping Stones, and Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- **Ysgol Cybi.** The MAC monitored the progress of the new Ysgol Cybi and had recently made decisions concerning selection of Foundation Governors.
- **Safeguarding Officer.** The Clergy were at the beginning of the year undertaking the role of Safeguarding Officer but this was considered to be unsatisfactory. The MAC were grateful to Mr Richard Parry who offered to undertake the administration of Safeguarding.

Stewart Hayter

MAC Secretary

Ministry Area Website

The MA Website address is: www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk and you are encouraged to send items for inclusion and suggestions of how it could be developed. There is a section on forthcoming events. When sending information please include dates, time, and where to phone for tickets.

The weekly Newsletter and the current Pastoral Care Leaflet are on the Website.

All ideas for the development of the Website are very welcome and should be sent to: Edna Aldred, Rectory Cottage, Rhoscolyn, Holyhead, LL65 2SQ or ednaaldred@gmail.com, Telephone: 01407 861388.

Social Media

Our Ministry Area has its own Facebook page. Bro Cybi Ministry Area – Holy Island.

We try to post our Newsletter on our Facebook page each week. Fundraising and special events are also posted – if you see us on Facebook it would be great if you are happy to 'like' and 'share' our posts.

Edna does also post on Twitter – so again if you are able to 're-tweet' it would increase publicity for any of our special events.

St. Cybi's Churchwardens' Report 2018.

This was a Church Year when, in July, we were unexpectedly without a Ministry Area Leader, but we all knew that we would be in safe hands under the guidance of our Associate Priest, the Revd. Jane, who stepped into the breach once more.

As Wardens, our main focus this year was on helping Jane. No words can express our most grateful thanks to her for enabling us, throughout the interregnum, to continue with the weekly pattern of services, benefiting from her efficient, warm and unassuming manner.

We have had the usual successful annual events i.e. entertaining visiting Cruise Ships, Flower Festival, Summer Fayre, Open Church Week, Cytun Pilgrimage and Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre, as well as maintaining our strong links with local schools.

Unfortunately, we had two break-ins, that caused considerable damage. However, due to the action and determination of Mr. Jeff Evans we recuperated our loss. We thank Mr. Evans and the good people of Holyhead for their generous response and donations.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who have answered their particular call to serve St. Cybi's in their regular duties throughout the year. You all help to make our Church work here in Holyhead.

We look forward to meeting our newly appointed Ministry Area Leader and Archdeacon, the Revd. Canon Andy Herrick and will strive to ease his assimilation into Bro Cybi.

During the past year, there have been 11 baptisms, 3 weddings and 38 funerals.

The duties of Church Wardens would be absolutely impossible without the help and support of many of you within this Church Family – we thank you all and God bless.

Betty Abbit and Elwyn Owen.

Report from St Gwenfaen's Church, Rhoscolyn

2017 was an enjoyable and busy year.

OPEN CHURCH

We opened our church in the August a total of 134 people visited. 10 people were on the rota to meet and assist visitors. It has to be said that, as always, the chance to see the church again was very much appreciated, especially where there were family reasons for calling in.

ST GWENFAEN'S HALL

Bookings continue to be excellent, and include a Yoga and Pilates class. In January 2016 Rhoscolyn Singers – singing for fun, was started. It has been very successful and have 50 people in the group and around 35 people turning up every week, to sing unaccompanied. It is certainly a fun evening. The hall also continues to be a popular venue for wedding receptions and parties.

LINKS WITH YSGOL GWENFAEN

Open the Book visited.

Many families enjoyed the Carol Service at St Gwenfaen's. All enjoyed the very welcome refreshments at the end of the service.

IMPROVED ACCESS

Improved Access has continued to be explored. We are now concentrating on improving the steps and path – to make them safer.

SPECIAL SERVICES

We were very happy with both the turn out and the atmosphere in our church over Christmas and at Easter. We held another Songs of Praise service on Rhoscolyn Beach in May.

GROWTH

We continue to look at new ways of how we can 'grow' our congregation.

MONEY

We would like to increase our participation in Gift Direct (direct debit) as it's an easy way to give to our church regularly and the Church in Wales in Cardiff administers it.

INTERREGNUM

We were sorry to see Kevin move to Bro Eleth in July and wish him Jennifer and Shaun continued happiness in their new home. We give thanks to Jane for her hard work on keeping to our schedule of services during the Interregnum.

Edna Aldred

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Date: 3 April 2018

St David's Easter Vestry Report 2018

We are looking forward to shortly welcoming our new incumbent Andy Herrick.

St David's is used for regular Sunday services by ourselves and the Methodists. Messy Church; Bible Study Group; a Friday afternoon dance club; local majorettes practice sessions; Tai Chi lessons. Unfortunately, we have just lost a lucrative weekly hiring from Slimming World due to our facilities not being up to standard.

St David's warden duties are shared on a rota basis between the committee members.

We hope Canon Andy will engage and assist our committee in striving to move forward with much needed updating/improvements on H & S grounds etc. which have been on hold for quite some time.

Last year we applied for grant aid towards improvements to Ladies & Gents washrooms and kitchen update which was awarded but then had to decline the offer due to pre-faculty assessments/ownership of land issues etc. Apart from a mobile ramp at the entrance, we are still not providing any facilities for disabled users, and, although we have had permission to change damaged sanitary wear on a "like for like" basis, this will not bring us up to date with current standards. Also we are experiencing difficulty obtaining tradesmen to carry out small repairs.

There are still outstanding property maintenance jobs as recommended in the QQ report but the committee do feel they are being restricted from spending anything on the building.

We had an unexpected expense when an unknown member of the public knocked over part of our boundary wall with their car. This has now been repaired.

We have just taken delivery of a new electric cooker.

The committee are currently planning various fund raising/community togetherness events:- A V.E. Day themed Vintage Afternoon tea on 5/5/18; A pub quiz in June (final date to be arranged); A Line Dancing event (date tba).

We are very pleased to have our first ever wedding booking at St David's this year and hope, if we can improve facilities before this event, it will encourage more bookings.

We have still not taken delivery of an outdoor banner displaying our Sunday services which was agreed over a year ago.

St Ffraid's Church Wardens' Annual Report 2018

Despite the welcome addition of three new regular attenders to St Ffraid's we lost many regular members of our congregation during 2017, due to ill health, death and moving away from the island. They are sorely missed and their loss makes it more

and more difficult to support our church in the way we would like.

We started our new church year with a celebration of the Queen's birthday in April. It was well attended and lovely to see our church hall covered in flags and bunting and birthday wishes.

Our church continues to be a popular wedding venue, and despite some very windy weddings, a good time was had by all despite a few hats succumbing to Trearddur's gales and the loss of one groom till 5 minutes before the ceremony!.

One of our biggest problems was trying to dissuade our resident swallows from entering the church. We succeeded in the main but remaining stains from bird poop show we were not entirely successful.

We were able to hold a few coffee mornings and afternoons and a quiz night at the Driftwood helped in our fundraising efforts. A Harvest lunch of soup and sandwiches followed by pudding was supported by some friends from our sister churches who joined our congregation in celebrating this festival.

Some minor improvements to the main front entrance helped to keep the church warmer in the colder months and we were happy to note a reduction in our heating bills compared to previous years.

We were pleased to welcome some pilgrims from the Brighton area who were walking around Anglesey stopping at some churches for refreshments and contemplation on the way. They were impressed with our lovely church and island.

As always, our numbers are supplemented by holiday makers during the holiday periods and it is good to welcome back our regular seasonal visitors. They helped swell our congregation for midnight mass on Christmas Eve, a lovely service.

It has been a difficult time of change for all our churches in Bro Cybi and no doubt there will be more to come. We appreciate how Jane has coped with all that has been heaped upon her and have been glad to welcome all the clergy who have supported her in her ministry.

We are losing Ros as Treasurer this coming year and thank her for all her work. We welcome Joff Prebble to that role.

Although both Lesley and I now feel unable to continue as wardens in the traditional way, we will continue to support St Ffraids and its small but loyal congregation as well as we can.

Marje Lee and Lesley Corrie. March 2018

CYFME VESTRY REPORT

Messy Church

Following the departure of Rev Kevin Ellis in July 2017 it was decided that a review was needed surrounding Messy Church and its format. This arose due to children's behaviours that were occurring, causing disruption and distress to leaders within the session. A number of different techniques were used including;

- Instruction sheets on tables to encourage parents to travel around the stations with their children.
This proved to reduce the interaction at the tables and so was not used on a second session.
- Removing extra chairs and tables to sit and chat at.
This proved unsuccessful as parent pulled their own chairs out into circles.
- Increasing the welcome at the welcome desk, providing direction, register, and a name badge. This is manned throughout the session.
This proved successful as unaccompanied children couldn't enter the hall, limiting the behaviours. It also helped give a more structured feel to the session and provided an instant sense of accountability.
- Having a large craft that everyone can get involved with in the beginning followed by the celebration and then by the crafts and food.
This engaged all families including parents, and gave a starting point to the session with children asking questions such as 'Why are we building this?', 'What story are we having today?'
- Having wall art at each session.
This provided a free space to go to if adults and children had completed the crafts/activities they wanted to do.

Once we had decided on a structure that worked, there were a few issues surrounding leadership and safeguarding that had become apparent and so it was decided to postpone Messy Church until Safeguarding training had been completed. All teams working with children have been invited to attend this, unfortunately due to change in Diocesan structures this has been postponed a number of time and is now set for the 12th April 2018.

My recommendations for the future are to continue with the current structure;

1. Supervised welcome desk – including registration, names badges and information on the session ahead.
2. Whole group activity – building/games/science/large art.
3. Celebration – Story (dramatized/re-told/video/object lesson) prayer, song.
4. Activities – Crafts/prayer space/wall art/science/games
5. Food – taking into consideration any allergies or dietary needs of regular attenders. Provide a take home leaflet at each table setting, and place printed questions on table (these can be found in the messy mag).

Love Wales

In August 2017 Love Wales attended at St Davids church on their 2nd Morawelon mission, the first being August 2016. This included 3 days of children's activities, worship, prayer spaces, foodbank table, and testimonies. A large crowd was drawn into the church, however due to lack of structure and knowledge of what was happening each day the atmosphere seemed chaotic and stressed. There were a number of concerns surrounding the development, logistics, planning, H&S & Safeguarding, discussions were had locally and in the MAC and it was decided that Bro Cybi MA would not invite Love Wales to attend again. This led to exciting conversations of providing a holiday club themselves using the Messy Church or Scripture Union material.

Schools (Open the Book / Prayer Spaces / Festivities)

We continue to develop a positive relationship through various projects with Ysgol Llanfawr, Ysgol Rhoscolyn and our new church school Ysgol Cybi. Ysgol Kingsland have requested Open the Book to attend their assemblies, however we need to grow the team before entering into another relationship with a school. Nigel Griffiths has offered his assistance in being the organiser for the OTB group, in this he will contact the schools to arrange dates and be the go to for the school to get in touch with for any matter regarding OTB.

The Open the Book group were able offer Ysgol Cybi and Ysgol Llanfawr a half day session called 'Christmas Unwrapped', this invited year 2 students to uncover the real reason for Christmas and why Christians celebrate it. This was done in a interactive and creative way including, puppets, crafts, powerpoint and literacy.

Ysgol Rhoscolyn have a termly assembly.

Ysgol Llanfawr & Ysgol Cybi have a monthly assembly.

Prayer Spaces in Schools

Ysgol y Parc received 3 prayer spaces consisting of years 1-6 having 1x 45-minute session a month for 3 months, to help with the transfer from Ysgol y Parc to Ysgol Cybi. The themes covered were

1. Worries and fears,
2. Change.
3. Moving forward with thankfulness,

The sessions were gratefully received, and according to the children and teacher feedback they made a huge difference in the transition. Teachers commented on the change in behaviours when children re-enter the classroom in a much calmer fashion. A report was written for each session and was given to the MA Leader and associate, as well as the school.

From these sessions Mrs Sian Jones who is now a teacher in Ysgol Cybi has be steering the prayer spaces in Ysgol Cybi, resulting in a permanent prayer space in the foyer. The themes that have been covered so far are 1. Who is Jesus? 2. Forgiveness, after Easter they will be looking at the community

around them. The MAC have offered Ysgol Cybi a leavers space for year 6 in June, in which transition teachers from Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi will be invited to attend.

Ysgol Rhoscolyn have requested a Leavers Prayer Space.

Cybi Youth

Mrs Kirsty Williams worked with Emma and Vicky Roberts, and 2 other prospective leaders who are awaiting their DBS's. To plan for Cybi youth over the winter 2017, with a prospective start in January 2018 with a full programme planned for the year, agreed by the MAC. The group started back on the 10th January 2018 and continued meeting each Wednesday over January. Kirsty Williams initially lead the session to model leadership to the others, and then started to step back. This would have

resulted in the lay volunteers leading completely and Kirsty Williams removing herself from the sessions and overseeing from a distance. Over the month they looked at the Messy Birth of Jesus, Listening to God and Following Jesus. There were discussions from the youth on sin, forgiveness, baptism, and prayer. The sessions were structured and involved, scripture, videos, games, food, and time to get to know each other. The group that attended ranged in figures (these can be seen on the register) and they all wanted not only to delve deeper into knowing what Jesus was about but also wanted to give back to the church and the community through various events and fundraising. On the 6th February 2018 Mrs Kirsty Williams (CYFME) received a phone call from Mrs Anest Gray-Frazer to not continue with the group until further notice.

It is now with great sadness that I inform you that as of 30th April I will no longer be employed by Bangor Diocese to assist with mission. I pray for great blessings on Bro Cybi and thank you all for your support and willingness to step into unknown territories and explore how to share the gospel to today's generation together.
Kirsty Williams

Pastoral Care Report 2018

We are Rev Jane, Carys, Hilary, Lorna, Barbara, Karen, Hugh, Sandra, Gill and Pat. We continue to meet once a month to worship together and to plan ahead. It is a chance for us to pray for those to whom we minister, talk over ideas for the future, and to offer support to each other. All within the confines of the strictest confidentiality. During the month, members of the team regularly visit church members now unable to attend services, either for a friendly chat or for a short celebration of Home Communion. Or for both, of course! As a team, we are very aware that we are supplementing the devoted pastoral work already undertaken by members from each of our churches.

Our monthly publication, The Pastoral Care Circle, continues to flourish and is valued by our church members and the wider community. The 'PCC' has rapidly become an integral part of the prayer life of our Ministry Area, under the editorship of Pat Hughes (report below). Our continued thanks to Pat, for all her hard work each month, in producing and promoting the PCC, and to the growing number who contribute each month.

Last autumn, members of the team found great spiritual comfort (and challenge!) from a Pastoral Care Team Quiet Day, led by Sister Ewa Bem at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno. I hope that the team will be able to go again this coming autumn.

As a team, we also value further training in the different aspects of Pastoral Care and are hoping to undertake in the near future a short course offered by Jo Lane of the Alzheimer's Society.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Pastoral Care Team for their loving support of so many in our community on Holy Island. Jane

Monthly Pastoral Care Circle Leaflet.

Since our first edition printed for September 2015, the developing experience has been quite a learning curve! Our printed paper copies now hover at around 230 each month, handed out in a variety of places: each of our four churches, all residential homes visited by our 8 team members, private house Eucharist and friendship visits, the

Gwelfor lunch club and in the waiting rooms of two funeral directors. Internet circulation has increased to around 130 individuals, and it is also available to be viewed on the church website: www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk On Christmas Eve morning 2017, we received a phone call from a lady in a small town in Somerset, asking for the time of morning service in St Cybi on Christmas Day. As the phone number that she contacted, is not published anywhere other than in the PCC, we must assume that that is how she found us!

'Expanding electronically' means that we are now reaching a younger age group. For the past year we have been sending to Adam Williams, Head of Holyhead High School. We have recently added Tristan Roberts, Head of Ysgol Cybi, who includes the PCC each month in the news section of the school website, so that staff, parents and older pupils will be able to access us. We are also linked to their facebook and twitter accounts. Ysgol Rhoscolyn and Ysgol Llanfawr have also recently started to receive. Bishop Andy John always receives it enthusiastically every month. Archdeacon Paul Davies used to receive it before he was promoted. Area Dean Emlyn Williams is also on our mailing list. One of the secular committees on which I serve, cascades an 'e' copy to each of its twenty members every month. As a result, we received a message from someone in Abergele enthusing over the recent feature on the 'mystery window', and suggesting possible funding avenues for its restoration and display!

The stained glass window / interior images and text have proved to be popular as aids to local history. Many readers have expressed interest in re-visiting the various churches to take a closer look!

The 80+ Birthday Blessings corner initially proved to be a challenge, as many were reticent about revealing their age. Two years on, it has become a popular feature, with readers showing pride in reaching such an important milestone, and beyond.

Our 'prayers for the sick' section means that as well as being prayed for in churches, readers can and do include the names in their private home prayers. Improvement or recovery often results in names being featured in our 'thanks for prayers answered' section.

A new telephone ministry has also been launched, to try to combat the loneliness of older people living alone. Callers may ring designated volunteer numbers, or volunteers will ring them.

Our link with Gwelfor Community Centre has resulted in two new connections. Their Dementia friendly group sponsored a Christmas tree in our festival, for which their associated Friendship group hand knitted the most beautiful and intricate tree decorations. They also contributed generously to our damaged window appeal. In exchange, the Pastoral Care team welcome referrals from them to visit those who are lonely or housebound, whether church members or not.

The analysis of this is that as well as being read within the churches, it is now reaching many more people outside the churches, which is why we strive constantly to reach outwards rather than stay parochial, in terms of content.

Pat Hughes

Walsingham Cell.

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk last July was again well attended and a great success. Although there are many services during the mornings and evenings, it is entirely up to each individual as to how many and which service they wish to attend. The choice is yours!

As well as our own group Intercessions and Mass, the Shrine's Sprinkling and Healing Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are very popular and again well attended.

This time, our usual Thursday outing in glorious weather, was a boat trip on the Broads, which was enjoyed by all.

At Walsingham we, as other pilgrims, come to this holy place to open ourselves to the presence of Christ and receive his message of healing and hope. Mary simply points the way and helps us to see Jesus through her eyes.

The visit was a renewing and uplifting few days, when God was encountered, friendships formed and strengthened and memories were made. We look forward to next July!

Elwyn Owen.

Mother's Union

We remain the largest Branch on Anglesey and it was with pleasure we were able to welcome a member transfer from another Branch early in the year. However, three of our valued members passed away, and they will be greatly missed. No MU report would be complete with out mentioning the passing of Mrs Ena Fisher, she was instrumental in the running of our Branch and had the foresight to create CAMEO to enable younger working ladies to be part of MU. Quite simply she was inspirational.

We attended two 'All Members' meetings in Penrhyndeudraeth and Bangor and were able to relate the latest news from Mary Sumner House.

We attended the Rainbow sale in the Cathedral and our Branch was on the Orange stall.

We had two successful away day trips to Liverpool in June and Chester in November, inviting the wider community to join us, therefore raising the profile of MU

In August we held a lovely Mary Sumner Day service in St Cybi's conducted by Revd Christine and at the Anglesey Show one of our members was present at the Church Tent but representing Mothers' Union.

In September six members from Holyhead attended a Quiet Day at Noddfa, Penmaenmawr.

We continue to support MU Charities at home and abroad and our ladies continue to knit blankets for premature babies in Ysbyty Gwynedd and are stalwarts in their knitting of children's hats to go to the refugee camps in Syria.

Our year ended with the decorating of our tree for the Festival in St Cybi's and not forgetting our lunch when 32 of our members enjoyed a Christmas fare in a local hotel.

My three year term ended in January and as no one has agreed to take on the role of Branch Leader, it is agreed to take the Branch forward by committee.

My personal thanks must go to all the ladies who continue to support the Branch and especially to the ladies on the committee who worked together with me over the past

three years.
Karen Hayter

Report of Lectionary Study Group

We grew from the MA group set up by Rev Kevin Ellis that looked at various topics, lent courses, lectionary readings etc with his guidance. After Kevin left we decided to continue to look specifically at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. It is intentionally an informal group of people trying to familiarise themselves with God's Word and allowing the Sunday service to be more meaningful. We have no leader and not always answers but follow the same pattern each week welcoming all comment. We meet every Tuesday in St Ffraids Church hall at 12 noon and welcome any members of all the MA to join us.

Ros Taylor

Ecumenical Bible Study in Morawelon

We meet at 6.15 pm on a Thursday evening, to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee together, before a short time of prayer at 6.30 pm. Our current Bible Study looks at the Beatitudes of Jesus, giving rise to much discussion and a few answers. Each person's contribution is heard and valued and, although we follow a book, each session can stand alone. We're shortly starting a new study on the Book of Daniel, with all the exiting stories many of us remember from Sunday School Days: Nebuchadnezzar's mysterious dream; the 'writing on the wall'; the 'fiery furnace' and much more.

We are a friendly and informal group, welcoming old friends and new. New members from across the MA very welcome. Jane

Notes on the ICONART part of the Stanley Chapel / St Cybi sales area .

We were the first church in Wales to have commissioned a top quality acrylic image, made by ICONART, of one of their stained glass windows. "The Tree of Life" - made in the William Morris factory in 1897, has been described as one of the most unique windows in North Wales. Considering that not many people had previously seen these products locally, (we are the only sales outlet in North Wales,) the initial concept slowly increased in popularity. They are on sale in most of the larger cathedrals and museums in various other parts of the UK. We now sell 33 different designs from the collection, which cover windows of saints, archangels, biblical scenes, contemporary Celtic Art, birds and flowers. They add subtle colour to any window, especially conservatories and French windows. They 'self cling' due to static, and therefore are fully re-positionable. For one reason and another, we were only able to achieve three full months of sales in 2017. In 2018 however, we will hopefully be able to take advantage of five full months of the tourist trading season. They are reasonably priced, (£5-50 each or two for £10), light in weight and therefore easy to post.

PATRICIA HUGHES 10/04/18

St. Cybi Bookstall

Our 'shop' in the Stanley Pew at St. Cybi's continues to provide a range of small items to be purchased by our visitors as gifts or keepsakes, including the ever popular prayers cards and wooden crosses. During 2017, £500.00 was paid into the St. Cybi account from the profits of the shop, with money remaining to stock up for the coming season. I thanks to Mrs. Val Cybi Thomas for all her hard work. Jane