

## **Bro Cybi Ministry Area**

30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020

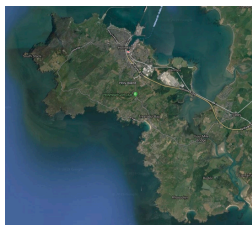
### **Letter to Bro Cybi**

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the areas around us are succumbing to an increase in Covid 19 cases, it feels as though we are indeed in island on the edge. The warmth of the autumn sunshine has comforted us as we approach the winter and we will prepare to keep in touch with you ever the more over these coming months. We are committed to doing everything we can to support each other even when we are unable to gather in our church buildings in the ways we are used to.

This coming Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October we will be celebrating Harvest in Bro Cybi. We will have services at both St Cybi's and St Ffraid's at 11am. We have asked people to bring something they have been blessed by, created, grown or made during lockdown – as a way of celebrating our creativity and our resilience together. This year we cannot safely give gifts of food to others in church, but if you wish to do this I am sure you will find ways of practically supporting the more vulnerable people in our community, as you always do. I am planning to arrive at St Cybi's with one of our lambs on Sunday. She is called Twit and she is six months old and she is a multi-coloured Shetland/Balwen cross, one of a pair of twins called Twit and Twoo. Twit and another lamb called Molly will be on their way to a new home near Bangor on Sunday, so they are stopping off at St Cybi's on the way. The lambs have been such a blessing this year.

In other news, we have received new guidance from the Church in Wales about opening our Church Halls, it may soon be possible for us to re-start some of our community activities which is really good news. Hopefully this may allow us to regain some income lost over the past months.



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The Ezra report entitled 'Where do we go from here' is now in final draft and will be ready for discussion with the MAC and our Archdeacon from next week. In writing this report I am hugely grateful to the Ezra group for their guidance, inspiration and suggestions. I am enthusiastic about the future for us and I am very hopeful that we can tackle some of the longer standing issues that have needed to be addressed for some time. These include the urgency and future of St Cybi's improvements and also St Seiriol's. I very much hope that we can soon make St Seiriol's into a welcoming, safe and reverential place for the people of the town who have family interred there. I am also very sure that we can make the former church building site into a spiritual place of reflection which will give respect to the important connections that many people have had with St. Seiriol's. In due course, the report 'Where do we go from here' will I am sure be available for everyone to scrutinize and comment on.

On a personal note, I have my premed for a sort procedure next Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, it is likely that I will have to self-isolate for 28 days after this and so I will be unable to see you in church or to lead services. I am considering doing more online and with the onset of darker nights and colder days perhaps more recorded services will be welcome. In the meantime please do bear with me and the Ministry Team as we try to juggle the time we have, between our churches and services and other commitments. Your patience with us is very much appreciated.

Please be assured of my continuing prayers and I hope to see you again before too long.

With blessings and best wishes,

Rob