

Do not regret growing older—it is a privilege denied to many!

Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!

To include someone, please get in touch now, with name and date of birth.

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Peter Murphy: he celebrates 84 years on 2 October!

Terry Jones : he celebrates 83 years on 15 October!

We wish them many more years of health and happiness !

Wedding Anniversary Blessings to: Sandra and Frank Lingwood, who celebrate 52 years on 5th October: and Mair and George Lees, who celebrate 64 years on 6 Oct.

What do we show on our cover? Continuing with our theme of pilgrimage, we are grateful to Rev. Rob Wardle for this piece, and also the magnificent cover image!

Iona Adventures. I first visited the Iona Community eighteen summers ago whilst on a three week road-trip with my son Tom and daughter Katy ; after they had finished their O Levels and A levels. We rolled up at Camas 'road end' as it's called and walked down the wibbly wobbly Camas track, with its occasional wooden walkways and meanderings across a moorland until suddenly Camas Tuath (Gaelic for North Bay) opens up before you and you see smoke drifting from cottage chimneys along the shore of a small bay. The name Camas was adopted for the Iona Community, by the late Rev. George Macleod for the place he founded in the 1930s, at the time of the Great Depression, where borstal boys from Glasgow could go and stay with the salmon fishermen who occupied the thin row of stone cottages in this most remote of places on the Ross of Mull. Rev George Macleod was Minister at Govan Old Parish Church in a poor area of Glasgow and had a vision for a place in the beautiful remote Highlands of Scotland, away from the dirt and grime of the city; a place where training Ministers could work and worship alongside redundant workers from Glasgow. He and others founded the Iona Community, originally to work on rebuilding the ruined Iona Abbey on that small beautiful isle. Work and worship together in community appealed to me and it has continued to inspire my thinking. Living and working together in Christian community, sharing tasks and meals together as well as worship; this is a monastic ideal. We learn so much from each other and about how God works within us when we live in community with those who are different from us. The Celtic Christian belief in the near-ness of a Creator God through our experience of 'thin places' was something that I heard in the first sermon I heard when I went to Church in my 40's. I heard it then I experienced it during that first trip to Camas. We walked into the Iona Community at Camas to be greeted by a young adult volunteer called Sarah who wandered out of the kitchen, together with Liz the gardener. She was preparing food for the group staying at Camas who were away on a walk on the other side of the bay. Sarah took time to show us around, make a cup of tea for us and ask us about our travels. This was the first of very many Camas welcomes I have experienced over the last eighteen years. I've probably taken hundreds of young people to Camas since then, packed them into minibuses each year, many of whom have never been away from their home town and some had never seen the sea. It has become commonplace to watch young people stand in the sea in the simple amazement of seeing water lapping around their feet, or just sit on the tidal island in the bay at Camas, breathing in the clear fresh air in a place which has no road access, no phone signal, no electricity and no wifi. They love it, they feel safe, loved and alive. And now after that first trip; my son Tom, his wife Rachel and their children Rowan and Douglas are resident staff at Camas. Tom is now the co-ordinator at Camas and he manages the place with its volunteers, staff and guests. If you want to you can read about their life and their adventures on their blog <https://thewardlesatcamas.home.blog> And you can find more information about the Iona Community and their work on their website <https://iona.org.uk/>

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
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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: Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Alan Taylor, Helen Nason, Eric Wyn Owen. Sandra Re-court , Bryan Jones, Rob Wardle, Ann Cuthbertson, Keith Bryant, Jane Bailey, Betty Pepper, Rosemary Tucker, Avril Foulkes.

Let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers, and their carers.

Wednesday : Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Barbara Smith, Gwilym Lewis, Huw Thomas, Megan Morgan, Edith Shepherd, Glenys Barton, Margaret Williams, Glenys Williams, Robbie Hall, Maurice.

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' ...

Lynda Owen, Elfryn Roberts, Eira Wyn Thomas

Please pray for the families and friends who grieve for their loved ones.

Burial of Ashes: Gwyneth Jones , Lynda Owen, Cecil Owen

Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Anniversaries of death:

Oct 04– 10: Peter Smith, William Lewis Roberts,

Oct 11 - 17: Margaret Ellen March, Howard James Newton English, Thomas Gwynfor Owen.

Oct 18- 24: John Willows, 'Nana' Noble – Griffith, Stanley Albert Filby.

Oct 25- 31 : Moira Lewis, Elinor Hughes, Myra Jones.

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.

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.

EXCELLENT NEWS ABOUT CHURCHES RE-OPENING! St Cybi's is open each week for **Sunday** Worship at **11am**. St Ffraid's is also open for **Sunday** Worship **each week at 11am**. St Gwenfaen's has re-opened on **Sunday the 13th of September at 10am**, the services thereafter will be on **alternate Sundays** during each month. These Sunday services will be **either** Holy Communion or Morning Prayer. In addition, **St Cybi's** has a **Eucharist** service **every Wednesday at 10.0am. (please note time)** **This church is also open for private prayer from midday until 2.0pm every Wednesday.** St David's is awaiting completion of building work. **We really look forward to welcoming everyone back, wherever you choose to visit!** All can feel safe, as the regulations have been carried out to the letter. Essential fogging equipment is of medical standard. There has been additional financial outlay for compulsory cleaning and sanitising equipment, with no fundraising during lockdown, no donations from tourist visitors, and very little income from weddings and funerals. If everyone could please make a donation to their church treasurer, maybe in gratitude for blessings received during the time of Covid, (and there have been many !) it would be so appreciated **Thank you.**

Jane writes: Dear friends, just to let you know that I really have appreciated all your prayers and good wishes over these past weeks. About a fortnight ago, I had day surgery on my hand, as the first procedure hadn't been successful. I go back to the fracture clinic next week and am hoping for good news. Keep safe. Jane x

Interesting historical October dates. On the **1st** in **1982**, the first CD player went on sale, developed jointly by Sony, Phillips and Polygram, and cost the equivalent of over £1000 in today's money. On the **2nd**, in **1869** Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, political and spiritual leader was born in Western India. He was a man ahead of his time, advocating equality for black and white people, influencing Dr Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. On the **3rd**, in **1959**, British postcodes for mechanical mail sorting were first used in Norwich. On the **6th**, in **1536**, William Tyndale was burned at the stake on the orders of Henry VIII. He was the first person to translate and print the New Testament into English from the original Greek and Hebrew. Fluent in seven languages, he believed passionately that everyone should be able to read the scriptures in a language they could understand, and not the standard Latin of the time. On the **10th**, in **1886**, the first dinner jacket (tuxedo) was worn to an autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, New York. On the **20th**, in **1966**, the first message was sent between two computers in California. On the **25th**, two events are remembered: feast day of St Crispin and St Crispinian, allegedly twins who were martyred / beheaded in **285/6 AD** by Emperor Diocletian. They preached during the day, and earned a living at night making shoes, making them the patron saints of cobblers and leather workers. The second : although numerically outnumbered, Henry V and his long bowmen, won the decisive Battle of Agincourt, against the French on St Crispins Day in **1415**. On the **28th**, in **1886**, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated. Crafted in copper, it was a gift by the French people to the American people. It features Libertas, the robed Roman goddess. In her right hand, she holds a torch above her head. Her left hand carries a tablet inscribed with the date of American independence. A broken shackle and chain lie at her feet, recalling the recent abolition of slavery at that time.

Reopening Ysgol Cybi Thank you for the opportunity to write a piece for 'The Pastoral Care Circle' following the reopening of Ysgol Cybi. We are finally 'back open for business', although it's far from 'business as usual'! After a gradual, staggered opening from the 1st of September I'm glad to be able to share that the school is now open to all pupils, and that attendance is excellent. There are of course some important changes in our school building and in our approach. We continue to have staggered opening/closing times, there are many signs and posters reminding one and all to keep safe, and pupils and teaching staff stay within their own year group bubble during the school day. Throughout this difficult period I can only emphasize how patient, flexible and supportive the teaching staff, parents and the wider school community have been. As the Head teacher here at Ysgol Cybi I feel both humbled and grateful in equal measure. Whilst most adults here at Ysgol Cybi would admit that we've found it difficult to adapt and we've worried about getting things right, the children have taken to the new arrangements seamlessly. They've listened and conformed brilliantly, they've enjoyed returning to school and are getting on with their learning. It is wonderful to see them play and work amongst their friends – school certainly isn't school without children. (One really needs to questions who is currently doing most of the learning – us or them! I think I'll settle for calling Ysgol Cybi a 'Learning Community'). I would like to thank Rev. Neil for his support throughout the school closure. We look forwards to continue our important work alongside the Church in the coming term. **Owain Lemin Roberts (Head teacher)**

"Chatting round the coffee table "corner ! Happy Birthday **Neil Ridings**—he celebrates turning 54 on 25 October! **Ann Cuthbertson** thanks everyone for their care, concern and kindness during her recent period of ill health – you are all very much appreciated!.

To be kind is more important than to be right.