



The Church in Wales
**Holy Island Ministry Area – Bro
Cybi**

The Church of St Cybi's : St Gwenfaen's : St Fraid's : St David's

24th of March 2021

Easter Letter to Bro Cybi

Dear friends,

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you this Passiontide. I do hope and pray that you are well, I know that many of you have had your second dose of vaccine and even though the cases on Anglesey are worrying at the moment; we cannot be too far away from being free of this lock-down.

It seems so strange not to be in Church at the moment; at this most blessed time. This will be my second Easter here in Bro Cybi; both of them in lockdown. Some of you have asked about my family which is very kind of you. They are all well thankfully, we are very close and I do speak to my son and daughter often, also with my sister and my niece on the phone with video calls, but like many of you I miss being with the people I love and who have been closest to me for many years. Hopefully it will not be too long now, inshallah.

We have been very busy in our 'online' groups, studying during Lent. Of course only a few of us can do this and I do so regret that many of you are excluded from our discussions and our learning together. And so as we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week - Jane, Neil, Glenys and I have prepared a series of reflections on the Stations of the Cross, these are on the theme of 'A Year of Pandemic'. You may consider that you have heard and seen enough about the pandemic, but please give our reflections some time. Our intention is to help us to reflect on 'where God is' in all this and to help us to make some sense of it all.

Again, I am hugely grateful to everyone in the Pastoral Care Team for organising our mailings and ensuring that everyone receives a hand-delivery, especially this Easter. You will also have received Neil's Easter reflection and the liturgy for the Good Friday service which Revr'd Elizabeth Pope has put together for us all. We will be recording the Good Friday Service in St Ffraid's Church. It will be available on Youtube, I do hope you will be able to watch it. If you want to see it and you are unable to find a way of watching it then I will do my best to do a DVD for you if you let me know.

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There will be several additional services and videos available from Sunday on the Bro Cybi Youtube channel which you can watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5MApDIXI2BLNeox7NoEpCA>

The services will be:

A Palm Sunday Service of Reflection with Revr'd Rob Wardle

A Maundy Thursday Service with foot-washing and stripping the altar from St Cybi's Church, Holyhead. Revr'd Rob Wardle

The Good Friday reflection from St Ffraid's Church, Trearddur Bay with Revr'd Rob Wardle, Revr'd Neil Ridings, Revr'd Jane R. Bailey, Revr'd Elizabeth Pope, Mrs Glenys Samson and Mrs. Betty Abbit.

An Easter Sunday Eucharist from St Gwenfaen's Church, Rhoscolyn. With Revr'd Rob Wardle, Revr'd Neil Ridings, Revr'd Jane R. Bailey

There will also be several Services on Palm Sunday and during the week on Zoom, these are detailed in the accompanying leaflet and invitations will also be sent out by e mail. There are live Eucharists on Easter Sunday at 9.30am in Welsh and 11am in English.

This has been a long lockdown, some of us have had our faith tested, we have had to learn to worship and to pray at home and alone, we have sought the company of friends and often we have felt lonely and detached. One thing is certain, our God never leaves us. It may be difficult for us to connect with God sometimes and we may have to find different ways to be 'spiritual', but this may be no bad thing and we can carry our new-found discoveries into the future.

On behalf of everyone in our Ministry Area, I want to thank and to ask God's Blessings on all of you; for looking after each other, for praying for each other, for picking up the telephone to call each other and for caring. These are signs of the Kingdom, where Shalom will reign, where God's peace and understanding is present with us.

I hope very much that as Spring turns towards Summer we will be together again in our Churches. I wait in eager anticipation.

With Love and Easter Blessings

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