

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:

Mair Wynn: she celebrates 88 years on 5 May !

May Tommis: she celebrates 84 years on 10 May !

Margaret Williams: she celebrates 90 years on 17 May !

Father Bryan Parry: he celebrates 88 years on 19 May !

Betty Williams: she celebrates 91 years on 27 May !

Alan Tucker: he celebrates 87 years on 31 May !

We wish you all many more years of health and happiness!

What do we show on this month's cover? The moveable feast of **Pentecost** will take place this year on **Sunday, 23 May**. The name comes from the Greek, and literally means fifty (days after Easter.) From a historical perspective, Christianity didn't start with Jesus' birth, his death, his resurrection or his ascension. It started at Pentecost! This was the day the Holy Spirit entered a room full of apostles, alighting on each one, enabling him to speak in tongues, so that Christ's missionary work could be carried out throughout the then known world! The Christian Roman emperor Constantine apparently died on Pentecost Sunday, in the year 337. The dove is a traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit, linking with the account of Christ's baptism. The other symbol is fire, associated with 'the noise like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them.' Medieval Christians dramatized both the dove and flames of fire. In France, when the priest intoned the words "Come, Holy Ghost," trumpets would blow, signifying the violent wind of which the scriptures speak. Cathedrals built in the Middle Ages often featured a Holy Ghost hole, which was a circular hole in the roof, in honour of the Holy Ghost's entrance into the room from above on Pentecost. A great swinging disk with a beautiful image of a dove would descend, and remain suspended above the middle of the church. From the same opening would follow a shower of flowers, representing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and water symbolizing baptism. Some towns in central Europe even dropped pieces of burning straw, representing the flaming tongues of Pentecost. This custom eventually died out, as more and more churches and worshippers caught fire, literally as well as spiritually! 'Whitsun' is thought to have a double meaning. It derives from the Anglo-Saxon word 'wit', meaning 'understanding', to celebrate the disciples being filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. It was also a day for baptisms, when participants would dress in white, as well as confirmations and ordinations. In the middle ages, pomegranates, indicating the sweetness of heaven and the promise of eternal life, were often eaten on this day. According to legend, King Arthur always gathered all his knights at the round table for a feast and a quest on Pentecost. People living in Pentecost Island usually celebrate their island's name-day with a special church service followed by cultural events such as dancing. It is one of the 83 islands that make up the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu. It was so called because that was the day on which the island was first sighted by Europeans. In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks have taken place traditionally on the Friday after Whitsun. Additionally, Whit Fairs also took place, as well as Morris dancing and cheese rolling. This latter sport was very popular in Gloucestershire. From the top of a hill, a 7–9 pounds round of Double Gloucester cheese was sent rolling down the hill, a length of 200 yards. Competitors then raced down the hill, and the first person over the finish line at the bottom of the hill won the cheese. The aim was to catch the cheese; however, it had around a one-second head start and reached speeds up to 70 miles per hour, enough to knock over and injure a spectator. Two possible origins have been proposed for this annual event. The first is said that it evolved from a requirement for maintaining grazing rights on the common; the second is said to be a pagan fertility rite to encourage the fruits for the harvest. **This has now become a world-famous event, with winners coming from Canada, Australia, and Nepal and even a former 'All Blacks' international rugby player from New Zealand !**

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE**

MAY / WHITSUNTIDE / PENTECOST 2021

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We are looking forward to life getting back to some sort of normality, so that when you cannot come to church, the church will come to you again!

Our pastoral care visiting team has grown in size, to allow us to reach out to even more people, as soon as we are allowed. 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 town or village.

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: Alan Taylor, Sandra Recourt, Ann Cuthbertson, Keith Bryant, Betty Pepper, Michael S, Rob B, Enid Jones, Brian Wray, David, Brenda Borsby, Myfanwy Newman, Tudor Jones, Monica Griffiths, Henry Roberts, Glenys Williams, Albert Burton, Brenda, Mike Boylin, Judy.

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

Wednesday: Hannah, Trevor Peacock, Menna Screech, Barbara Smith, Gwilym Lewis, Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas, Megan Morgan, Glenys Barton, Margaret Williams, Avril Foulkes.

Prayers for any other reason: Pam Edwards, Maurice, Angela Hillman, Sue.

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' ...

HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Graham Hunt, Quentin Haworth, Thomas John Stride, Margaret Evans, Elizabeth Walker

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

Internment of Ashes: Margaret Mary Gee

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

Anniversaries of death:

May 02-08: Eryl Lloyd Williams, David Thomas Davies (Priest and former Rector), George Cyril Cobbe, Vida Tonkin, Malcolm Bell, Edgar Waddington, Mervyn Connor, Grenville Barton, Margaret Waugh.

May 09- 15: Monica Eaton, Alfred Owen Fisher, Jean Greenwood, Derek Martin Hughes.

May 16-22: Terry Roberts, Ken Griffiths; Glyn Shergo/ Robin William Jones / Geoffrey Bacon—all three lost at sea 1984, on the Holyhead fishing trawler "South Stack"; Jeremy John Francis, Howard Larmour English.

May 23-29: Harry Glazebrook, Ellen Greenwood, George Jones, Joseph Alan Jones, John Smithies, William Edward Jones

May 30- June 05: Elwyn Marshall.

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.

Thanks for prayers answered: Gwen, Sue, Pat C, Christopher Evans

Richard Parry: Many have commented that they don't see him around as much these days. Truth is, he is still doing as much, but in different areas! Yes, he has relinquished being a member of the Bro Cybi Ministry Team and secretary of the St Cybi committee, but instead has taken over being parish treasurer from Chris Medley. In May 2021, he will become Mayor of Holyhead Town Council!

I am sure that everyone who watched the **funeral service of Prince Philip**, was impressed by its powerful, but elegant simplicity. The Sunday Express called it an "inspirational advertisement for the Anglican Church," extolling its choral and liturgical traditions.!

Look out for details of the next "book study group" Who doesn't enjoy reading, and discussing it? -

Life goes by too quickly, so laugh, love and try new things. Forgive, forget and don't hold grudges. CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY!

Interesting facts about the month of May: On the 2nd in 1885, the Good House-keeping Magazine was first available. On the 3rd, in 1494, Columbus discovered St Iago, later renamed Jamaica. On the 4th in 1932, Al Capone entered Atlanta Penitentiary, convicted of tax evasion. On the 6th in 1851, the Yale lock was patented. On the 9th in 1886, an Atlanta pharmacist invented the syrup for Coca Cola. On the 9th in 1899, the lawnmower was patented. On the 12th, in 1792, the flush toilet was patented. On the 14th in 1878, Vaseline was sold for the first time. On the 15th in 1940, it was possible to buy nylon stockings for the first time. On the 26th, in 1994, Michael Jackson married Lisa Marie Presley. On the 27th in 1647, Achsa Young was the first woman to be executed as a witch in Massachusetts. On the 27th in 1919, the pop up toaster was patented. On the 27th, in 1930, cellophane tape was patented.



We were delighted to deliver 115 palm crosses to Owain Roberts, Head of Ysgol Cybi, our Church in Wales, Cybi School, Holyhead. He writes: "At the end of a very 'challenging' school term, a big thank you from our Year 6 cohort, for their palm crosses: (back from left: Robbie, Keira, Kaydee, Isla, James : front from left: Cori, Joe)

Craft Club has been meeting up on line, for a few weeks to enjoy a chat, and to meet new friends. It's a relaxing and productive time for both men and women. What do we do? One person has given a new lease of life to a 60 year old, hand made Teddy Bear. Another has made blanket squares from spare wool. Others have received good tips and been able to pass on advice. Why not join us on a Monday afternoon at 3-4pm? Please e-mail Juliewilde2012@icloud.com for the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you!

The very best news! By the time you receive this, normal services will have resumed in all four churches. **St Cybi: Wednesday: 10.30am: Sunday: 11.0am; St David: Sunday: 9.15am: St Ffraid: Sunday: 11.0am: St Gwenfaen: Sunday: 9.15am.** The first service in each church was joyful, and filled to the allowed capacity! Hope to see you soon! Please don't forget to make a reservation!: **St Cybi / Pat / 860412: St David/ Gill/ 760175: St Ffraid / Marj / Lesley: St Gwenfaen / Edna / Susan.**

Try to be a rainbow, in someone's cloud!

St Cybi Tourist Stewarding Team 2021. After a disastrous 2020, we very much hope to be able to welcome visitors again by the middle of June. Pat will contact previous volunteer guides, and will welcome offers from anyone new wishing to join the team. Training will be given. Please ring 01407 860412. The Rotary Group have already agreed to re-connect! Thank you all....

The Monday evening Prayer group has become popular, for "short notice" prayers! We sometimes don't get much warning of illness and death!

June Walsingham Mass: Jane writes: I'm pleased that we're resuming our monthly Walsingham Pilgrim's Mass and Angelus in St. Cybi's on Saturday. 12. June at 11.30 am. All are very welcome but please do book-in for the service. Contact: Pat: 860412