

# 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

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Advent Letter to Bro Cybi

Dear friends,

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I hope you are well, and please be assured of my love, my thoughts and my prayers as we continue to be a Church together. I think of these words from Philippians: 'I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you'. We have lived in difficult times recently and in some ways we continue to endure restrictions in our lives. I know you will continue to encourage each other and to care for each other with the love which has been shown to each one of us in Christ Jesus. There are several things I should bring to your attention, about our pastoral care, worship and Ministry within Bro Cybi:

**Pastoral Care.** Together with clergy colleagues, I have been undertaking home visits; usually with home communion. I am grateful to be able to do this again and it has been wonderful to meet people in their own homes. Please do let myself or Glenys Samson know if you would like a visit, I am able to visit usually once per month. I know that many of you continue to be in touch with each other by telephone, which is an essential way of caring for each other. Our partnership between laity and clergy in looking after each other is an important element in pastoral care. As clergy we are also visiting care homes again and we will continue to do so. Jane will continue to lead a regular Pastoral Care service in St Cybi's, for anyone to attend. The Pastoral Care team has done a wonderful job for many years. For now, the clergy and Glenys are taking a lead on home visits and communion.

**Prayer chain.** To continue our prayers for each other and to help ensure that everybody who is need of prayers and care is looked after, we will soon begin a Prayer Chain. Neil will co-ordinate this, please get in touch with him directly if you would like to be involved and on the Prayer Chain. It works as a continuous loop. When a person who is on the 'chain' becomes aware of someone needing prayer and care; they telephone the next person on the list (we all have the same list, which Neil will give you). Therefore, if you can commit to being on this prayer chain you telephone just one person and also agreeing to pray for the person in need. Those who lead prayers of intercession will be on the prayer chain and in this way they will become aware of prayer needs. Please do consider being involved with this and give Neil a call if you have any questions.

**Monthly worship together.** Beginning next Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and on the first Sunday of each following month we will be worshipping together as a Ministry Area. We

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will do this for four months, in St Cybi's, and review after three months, to see how it is going. There will not be a service in St Ffraid's, St Gwenfaen's or St David's on the first Sunday of each month for the time being. The services on the first Sunday of the month will be: *9.15am Communion in St Cybi's. 11am Morning Praise in St Cybi's*

The 11am Service will be led by Rev. Andy Herrick and will be along the lines of the service which he has been leading online during the pandemic.

**In-person Prayer Meetings.** We have re-started the Prayer Meetings at St David's on Mondays at 5pm. Neil will usually be leading these, please do consider joining him and others for this important part of our ministry to each other and to those in need.

**Special Services and celebrations.** Here is a list of the additional services and celebrations during December for Advent and Christmas:

Until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Charity Shop

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – St David's Carols and Cakes – SOLD OUT

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Rotary Club Carol Service at St Cybi's, all welcome

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Cytun Carol Singing on Morawelon, meet at St David's

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Christmas Tree Festival opening service at St Cybi's

17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am to 3.30pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Cybi's

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Bro Cybi Carol Singing on Morawelon, meet at St David's

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Big Feast at St David's. Free barbecue and food giveaway

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 4pm Carol Singing at Rhoscolyn Hall with refreshments

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve – 5pm Crib Service at St Cybi's

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve – 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Ffraid's

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Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day – 10.30am Holy Communion at St Gwenfaen's

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing day – 10am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – NO SERVICE in St Cybi's

### **Our Ministry together**

As we reflect on our church life together during Advent and open ourselves to the coming of Christ within each one of us, perhaps we can reflect on how we do this together in our Anglican, Church in Wales tradition. As a Ministry Area, we are charged with the prayerful pastoral care of all people on this island of Ynys Cybi. An area of fifteen square miles with a population of over 13,000 people. It's quite a task, and I am both blessed and also energised by it. Our tradition, Anglicanism, is based on the uniqueness of both Lay and Clerical Ministry, this includes all of us who are baptised into the Church, not just those who are licenced. There should be no hierarchy, only partnership and a valuing of each other's unique contributions; I very much appreciate all that you do.

God Bless you at this wonderful time of year as we celebrate the Blessed Image of Christ that is in each one of us.

With much love, Rob

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