

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 :

Irene Edwards: she celebrates 80 years on 5 August !

Ann Davies : she celebrates 85 years on 13 August !

Trefor Foulkes : he celebrates 83 years on 22 August !

Elwyn Owen: he celebrates 80 years on 30 August !

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

What do we show on our cover? This month, during our popular coastal holiday season, we feature the magnificent underwater bronze statue of Christ, being visited by a deep sea diver. The original was created in 1954 by sculptor Guido Galetti, and stands on the seabed only 15 metres below sea level, in the waters off San Fruttuoso, near Portofino, on the Italian Riviera. It was commissioned by legendary Italian diver Duilio Marcante, in memory of his friend Dario Gonzatti, who died during a dive on that same spot, a few years previously. Christ is portrayed with arms outstretched, as a sign of invocation. It stands 2.5 meters high, without the plinth, and weighs 260 kgs. It has been recently restored to preserve it from further corrosion, and the hand has been reattached, having been previously damaged by an anchor. It is visited by scuba divers from all over the world. Diving centres in the village of San Fruttuoso, have been quick to realise the commercial benefits. Because the water is so shallow, diving to the statue is not that difficult. A secondary reason for the dive, is that quite near to the statue, is the remains of a British ship that sank during the Crimean war. Annually on the last Saturday in July, San Fruttuoso holds a local ceremony, which includes the blessing of the sea and the lighting of candles along the bay. There are several other replicas around the world, created from the original mould. If you are a landlubber, there is another identical statue featured in the church of San Fruttuoso. There is yet another in Lombardy, in Lake Palu, in Chiesa di Valmalenco. Here the statue is not always submerged. During a ceremony at the beginning of each summer, the statue is placed on the lake's seabed until the end of summer, when it is removed. The original cast of the statue is to be found inside the National Museum of Under Water Activities, in Ravenna, also in Italy. The most popular replica of the statue, cast from the same mould, and popular with both divers and snorkelers, can be found off the shore of Key Largo, Florida, USA in the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. The statue stands about 10 feet beneath sea level, and can be visited all the year round. It was placed there in 1965 and has since been encrusted with sponges and corals. A smaller copy of the statue can be found next to the city of St Georges, the capital city of the Caribbean nation Granada. **It will be interesting to know which of our readers have seen any of these statues!**

Did you know, that in 1543 **Henry VIII** banned all women and men below the rank of gentlemen, from reading the Bible?

Shirley and Richard Parry are delighted that their eldest daughter **Jackie**, a former pupil at Rev Thomas Ellis primary school and Holyhead Comprehensive school, has become a **professor** in the Biomedical and Life Sciences department of the Health and Medical Faculty at Lancaster University. A while ago she was part of a British research delegation to Antarctica. Her peers have now awarded her this distinction after years of scientific research and teaching.

St Ffraid will offer an open church to visitors and locals throughout the month of August!

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE
AUGUST 2022**

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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. Until this happens, the clergy will handle all visits.

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: Brian Wray, Mike Boylin, Judy, Myfanwy Newman, Yvonne Fairlamb, Ray, Eunice, Anita Parry, Sylvia Owen, Jim Shields, Thelma Collins-Jones, Alan, Ailia Lewis, Pam Odam.

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

Wednesday: Hannah, Menna Screech, , Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas, Brenda Borsby.

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam: Andy, Hannah and baby Harrison: That peace be soon returned to Ukraine!

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' ...

Heulwen Mair Jones. Timmy Gaskin, Tony McNicholl, David Peers, Sylvia Entwistle

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

Grief is love with no where to go!

Anniversaries of death:

July 31-Aug 06: Helen Fraser, Frank Henry Gannon, Annwen Sarah Llewelyn, Betty Robinson

Aug 07—13: Bob Hughes, William Evan Thomas, Dorrie Mortimer, David Lewis, Audrey Coyne, Mel Morgan, Godfrey John Tonkin, Bob Parry, Elwyn Lewis

Aug 14-20: Dilys Beryl Edwards, William Kenneth Gray, Ted Williams, Hugh Williams, Daphne King Brewster, Reginald Francis Wright, Lily Hambley

Aug 21-27: Eileen Kathleen Thomas, William Sanderson, Christine Hanbury, Kenneth Lewis, Susan Heath, Hugh Richard Evans

Aug 28-Sept 3: Ambrose Atkinson, Cedric Jones

Grieving is nature's way of giving us space 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 read and hear the name remembered.

Please pray for these persons recently baptised :

10 July: St Ffraid: Isabel Cassidy

17 July: St Ffraid: Liliwen Day Fairest

24 July: St Ffraid: Poppy-Ann Marie Diamond

We welcome them as the newest members of our church family.

Please pray for these couples recently married: We wish them every happiness!

09 July : St Ffraid: Jonathan Jones and Jennifer Love

16 July: St Gwenfaen: Dafydd Osian Roberts and Gemma Sian Turner

16 July : St Ffraid: Daniel Entwistle and Terri Louise Rowlands

23 July: St Ffraid: Nicholas Aiden Murphy and Kayleigh Rebecca Jones

23 July: St Cybi: Hywel Wyn Hughes and Tracy Ann Bird

Farewell to Andy and Sara, and good luck for a wonderfully happy future in retirement!

All good things come to an end, and we have sadly said 'au revoir' to Andy and Sara. The churches of Anglesey will not be the same without him! Roads, cliffs and beaches around Trearddur and Rhoscolyn will miss him and their three dogs, Meg, Bella and Charlie. Meanwhile, as they have family in Anglesey, he has said, to quote The Terminator "I'll be back!"

Interesting August Date: Every year, on the last Sunday in August, in the pretty village of Eyam in Derbyshire, a special service is held to remember Bubonic Plague Sunday. In 1665 George Vicars, the village tailor took delivery of a parcel of cloth from London. Because it was damp, he dried it in front of the fire, not realising it was full of plague infested fleas. He died one week later. The rector and curate decided to isolate the village, to prevent contagion to other areas. The Earl of Devonshire, who lived in nearby Chatsworth House, generously donated food and medical supplies. Any other requirements were delivered to a well near the boundary stones. Coins were left as payment, and these were disinfected by soaking in vinegar. Church services were held in the open air, to avoid contamination. The plague lasted for 14 months, and two thirds of the villagers died. Many of the homes remain haunted to this day, including the local pub and the rectory! The nursery rhyme "Ring a ring of roses" was supposedly written about this disease, describing the circular shape of the rash, the flowers carried to remove the foul smell, the sneezing and the sudden eventual death!

All will be very welcome at our Walsingham Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday, 13 August, at St Cybi, whether you are a seasoned pilgrim, just curious or enjoy the smell of incense and the sound of bells.

Mothers Union. A delicious summer buffet lunch was enjoyed on 21 July at the Anchorage, by members and friends. Thank you Karen for organising this! The regular weekly Wednesday Eucharist service in St Cybi on 10th August at 10.30am, will be a celebration for Mary Sumner, the founder of the organisation. Rev Neil Ridings the Diocesan Chaplain, will take the service. All are welcome.

Neil writes: Over recent months the clergy have gradually returned to taking Home Communion to those who have requested it. We are conscious that there may well be others too, who have not been in touch. If you would like Home Communion then please do contact one of the Clergy Team. Thank you.

All are very welcome to our **August events in Rhoscolyn:** Tickets etc from Susan 869569, Edna 861388 or Pam 07790 387571. **Fri 12th @ 7.0pm in the Church** Holy-head male voice choir concert—£6 inc glass of Prosecco. BOOK NOW! Profits towards the restoration of St Gwenfaen's stained glass windows **Sat 20th @ 2.0pm**- Walk to the Well and service with Rev Rob Wardle, meet at the hall. Tea / coffee / biscuits afterwards at the hall. **Bank Holiday weekend 27/28/29 10.30 am – 4.30pm**—Arts & Crafts at the hall- free admission. Refreshments available. Maybe an opportunity to start your Xmas shopping early? 20 diverse local craftspeople will be selling! Profits to be divided equally between the stained glass windows appeal and the Anglesey Foodbank.

St David will hold their **charity shop** in **September from 5th- 9th**, so please use August to down size what you no longer need, or have grown out of during lockdown!!

Welcome to baby **Tobi Lewis Griffiths!** Parents are Huw and Holly. **Grandfather is Nigel! Great grand mother is Monica!** May you have a happy life!

Happy Clergy Birthdays: 6 August : Rev Rob Wardle. 14 August : Rev Jane Bailey. Wishing you both a happy day, with blessings, and many years of health and happiness!

Betty Abbit and team are grateful to everyone who is helping with the **St Cybi charity shop**. As this still on-going, final figures will be available in the Sept PCC. Thank you.