

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 NOVEMBER Birthday Blessings to :

Ailia Lewis: she celebrates 85 years on the 8th!

Pam Williams: she celebrates 82 years on the 17th!

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

What do we show on this month's cover? An inspired image, of 'The Green Man', who has recently taken up residence in the Stanley / St David Chapel, at St Cybi. The Green Man previously viewed the world from the choir stalls in the old chancel, and through the years, has been discussed and enjoyed by thousands of tourists from all over the world. He is part of both British and European folklore, (where he is sometimes known as the wild man) dressed in foliage, sometimes carrying a club. It is believed that he represents the cycle of life, death and rebirth, featuring heavily in art and medieval church architecture, since early in the 12th century. He was a popular inclusion in Gothic architecture between the 13th and 15th centuries, and from the 17th century, pubs were named for him, and it has been suggested that he could have been a pagan fertility figure. He has been found in many cultures throughout the ages and around the world. However, it is almost unknown to see a 'green woman' featured. A similar figure, believed to represent Neptune, surrounded by Bacchic figures, was found at the centre of a 4th century silver salver, part of the Mildenhall treasure, in a Roman villa site in Suffolk. Evidence also exists of a sculpted Green Man, dating from the 2nd century in modern Iraq. More recently, in 2023, a Green Man's head was included on the invitation for the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla, symbolic of the start of a new reign.

St Cybi's feast day is sometimes celebrated on 5 Nov, sometimes on the 8th, Born in 483 in Cornwall, into an aristocratic family, he briefly became King on the death of his father Salomon. He quickly renounced the Cornish throne, dedicating himself instead to a missionary life, travelling extensively throughout his Cornish kingdom, Italy, South Wales, Ireland and North Wales. When in Anglesey, the local King Maelgwn gave him the disused Roman fort at Holyhead, on which to build a monastery. Cybi died there in approximately 555, and was buried on a site known as Eglwys y Bedd. He was known to have a violent temper. His mother Gwen was the sister of Non, who was the mother of St David so the two men were maternal first cousins.

St Gwenfaen, has her feast day on 4 November. She was a 6th century female saint, said to be the daughter of Pawl Hen of the Isle of Man (Paulinus) Her well on the nearby Rhoscolyn headland close to her local church, contains two chambers, with seats, and is fed by an underground spring. She allegedly had powers to cure mental illness – the offering for which was two white quartz pebbles. The first church to her memory was built in 630 AD. Subsequent rebuilds culminated in the present building which was finished between 1875 and 1879. Gwenfaen is remembered annually with a walk from the church to her well!.

Halloween, 31st October, (All Hallows Eve) is the evening before All Saints

Day November 1st, a Christian feast day honouring All Saints and Martyrs, especially those who do not have their own feast day. This has been celebrated by the church since the 8th century. All Souls Day celebrated on 2nd November, completes Allhallowtide. We pray for the faithful departed, including family and friends. **Soul caking, first recorded in the 15th century, meant that poorer members of the community would visit wealthier ones. In return for a gift of oatcake and cash, those less well off would pray for the souls of the wealthy long dead ancestors.**

Bro Cybi / Holy Island / Ministry Area

PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE

NOVEMBER 2025

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Whether you need a friendly chat, or Holy Communion at home, in a hospital, hospice or a care home, our caring clergy will be happy to visit! If we don't know that you need us, we sadly cannot help.....Please ask someone to get in touch on your behalf.

For anything to be included in a newsletter: or if you want a paper copy to be delivered free to you at home by our delivery team, or if you want a free copy to be sent by email please: email:patriciahughes2017@gmail.com or ring Pat: 01407 860412. Thank you

YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK ARE ASKED FOR:

Sunday: Mike B, Pat J, Janice, Heather R, Janet E, Jenny J, Chris, Bernard, David P, Maureen, Keith B, Catherine O, David, Peter, Michelle, Andy, Mick W, Monica G, Alan J, Trevor, Pat, Hedd, Ann and Mike C, Carole H, Greer W, Colin T, Christine W, Deborah C., Lauren

Wednesday: Hannah, Alan and Rosemary T, Huw, Katie, Mair L, Carolann
Let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers, for any reason...

Rest in Peace:

Mem Kloss, David Raymond Perry, Brian Wray

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

Love does not know how deep it is, until the hour of separation!

Anniversaries of Death:

Nov 02-08: Elizabeth Isherwood, Lilian Lloyd, Owain Lewis Roberts

Nov 09-15: Trudy Filby, John Richard Roberts, Ann Knight, Robert Williams

Nov 16-22: Hilda Mary Cobbe, Edward Bennett Connor, Betty Williams

Nov 23-29: Brian Williams, Blodwen Samson

There is a land of the living and a land of the dead. The bridge between is LOVE!

St Cybi Heritage Weekend 3-5 October 2025. After two years of being closed, at least partial re-opening of our church has happened! The speaking events were interesting, and Dr David Callander from Cardiff University was most engaging. It was good to meet up with archeologists Rob and Anne Marie again! Despite the extremely stormy weather, the event was reasonably well attended. The combined Sunday church harvest was a joy! Thanks to everyone involved in any way—both stewarding and catering!

REDEDICATION SERVICE WILL BE AT 4pm on 30th Nov—Bishop David.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH : Please may we remind you that although your loved one may have been buried by our clergy, this does not mean that they automatically are remembered on their anniversary. This has to be specifically requested. Please contact Pat 01407 860412 or patriciahughes2017@gmail.com. Thank you.

Under 16s Guitar Club at St David, has been successfully running for a few months. 10—15 children aged from 6-14 have worked hard, supported each other and shown real passion for music and for learning. Confidence has grown and George and the other tutors are proud of them, encouraged by their enthusiasm. We thank everyone who has helped in any way! The club will come to an end at the end of November, but there will be a concert by pupils and tutors to raise money for a local children's playground project. **Please support it when it happens!**

First Sunday of the month - November 2nd All Souls

There will be two services in the Ministry Area:

St. David's 9.15am (Holy Communion)

St. Ffraid's 11am All Souls (Service of the Word)

Remembrance Sunday- November 9th

Once again there will be two services in the Ministry Area:

St. Gwenfaen's 9.15am (Holy Communion)

St. Cybi's 10am Remembrance Service, then a parade to the service at the cenotaph

16 Nov and 23 Nov—normal services in all churches.

30 Nov—9.15 @ St David. REDEDICATION at 4.0pm St Cybi—Bishop David.

The Walsingham OCTOBER Mass was celebrated by Father George. Our next Mass will be on **Saturday, 8th November @ 11.30am at St David**, followed as usual by delicious light refreshments. Our Xmas mass will be on 13 December, followed by a Xmas lunch. For more details, contact Pat : 01407 860412 or email: patriciahughes2017@gmail.com. We look forward to your company! **2026 Pilgrimage Dates: 13—17 July! Full board accommodation and transport have already been arranged. Bookings and deposits are being taken now!**

Please pray for the recently baptised: :

26 Oct: St Ffraid: Emmie Rae

We welcome the newest member of our church family!

Please pray for this couple recently married: We wish them every happiness!

10 Oct : St Gwenfaen: Jez and Naomi

A warm welcome to anyone new who wishes to attend St Ffraid's Hall, every Tuesday from 12—1.0pm, to discuss Bible readings from the Lectionary . Tea / coffee/ biscuits are served to ,and enjoyed , by the group! Do come!

M U lunch. October meeting was about business / finance with the VP Liz.

The next on November 20, 2.0pm at St David, will be "Playing with flowers"

Please bring a small container, either fresh or artificial flowers, greenery, bows etc to share. Enjoy! Please let Kathryn have your Xmas catalogue orders, with cash, (no cancellations) by 2 Nov. New members always welcome!

Thanks for your prayers: Alan J and family are very grateful. He is much uplifted but please continue until his recovery is complete.

St David / Harvest Lunch was a huge success. The food was delicious, and who would have thought that creating beetles would be such fun! £210 was raised for Miri Li Mon, and £199 for St David's Church. We send a huge "thank you " to everyone who organised and helped in every way, and especially to our regular faithful supporters.!

DATE FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY! St David—Sounds of the Season! Thursday 27th—7.0pm £6 per head—includes entertainment—MAGEE / ELWYN PARRY and festive nibbles, with tea / coffee. Proceeds shared between Mens Sheds @ Gwelfor and St Davids, Church. Get into the Christmas spirit early !

TIME IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU—WHAT YOU DO WITH IT, IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD!

Christmas Diary DATE! St Ffraid—RNLI Carol Concert—free entry—donations welcome ! 7.0pm Friday 12 December! Always popular!

We hope that Rev Neil enjoyed his birthday celebrations on the 25th!

Feast day of St Andrew is celebrated on 30 November, coinciding with the beginning of Advent, and is the national day of Scotland. One of Christ's twelve apostles, he was the brother of St Peter. He was ordered to be martyred by the local Roman governor Aegeas, because he refused to stop preaching the message of Jesus Christ, and to instead start worshipping Roman gods. Tradition says that he chose to be crucified on a diagonal shaped cross, in Patras, Greece, in 60 AD, because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as his beloved Master. His relics were brought to Scotland, where he became the patron saint, and this x shaped saltire now features prominently as part of the Scottish national flag. He is also the national saint of other countries including Romania, Greece, Russia and Ukraine. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, of singers and of pregnant women, and is believed to offer protection to those suffering from sore throats and gout.