

Do not regret growing older—it is a privilege denied to many!

Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!

To include yourself, please get in touch now, with name and date of birth.

Happy Birthday Blessings to :

Barbara Hobday : she celebrates 80 years on 22 April !

Betty Pritchard : she celebrates 86 years on 25 April !

Anne Cuthbertson : she celebrates 80 years on 25 April !

Easter traditions and celebrations around the world. **Easter Day** is the most important event in the Christian calendar, as it joyfully commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after His death by crucifixion on Good Friday. In **Switzerland**, the springtime cuckoo brings the Easter eggs. A Biblical passion play is staged on Maundy Thursday. The next day on Good Friday, a procession takes place, where people carry two sculptures - one of the dead Christ and one of his Mother Mary, through the streets. Another tradition that is specific to western Switzerland is called 'weeping women'. In this, women carry crimson cushions, bearing the symbols of Christ's passion, through the streets. The cushion contains nails used in the crucifixion, the crown of thorns that was placed on His head and the handkerchief that St. Veronica used to wipe Christ's brow as He carried the cross (which was also incredibly imprinted with the image of his face). In **Israel**, the ancient church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's walled Old City is decorated and prepared for Easter celebrations. The priests and monks wear white robes and chant the liturgy, while the fragrant incense rises above the tomb where Christians believe Jesus was buried and rose from the dead. People gather in groups and travel to Golgotha to mark the route of Jesus Christ's journey. This route is known as the 'Stations' of the Cross. The processions finally gather at the tomb of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, at one o'clock, the priest enters Jesus Christ's tomb and doors are shut after him. The entire town's lights are switched off and later, when the church bells ring, the priest comes out with a blazing torch. People in the procession light their candles from this holy fire. In **France**, one of the important aspects of the Easter celebrations is that the church bells remain silent from Good Friday until Easter Sunday, as a token of mourning for the crucified Christ. During this time, all over France, mothers narrate tales to their children, explaining the phrase - 'the bells have flown away to the Vatican in Rome', carrying away the desolation and distress of people who lament Christ's crucifixion, along with them. On Easter Sunday, the bells return, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. The bells also bring lots of chocolates and eggs back with them!

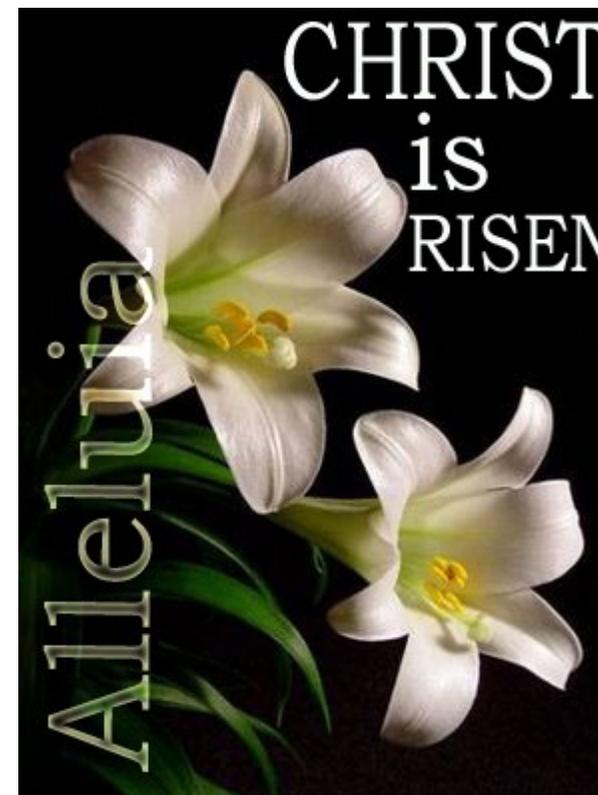
The Pastoral Care Team pray that you all have a peaceful and blessed Easter. May you always feel the presence of the Lord around you. We are the Rev. Jane, Carys, Hilary, Lorna, Glenys, Barbara, Karen, Hugh, Sandra, Gill, Kath & Pat

Holyhead and District Parkinsons Support Group were enthralled listening to their latest speaker –our very own Andy Herrick! He gave a fascinating illustrated talk outlining his walk across the battlefields of France, 'introducing' the group to some of his amazingly brave friends! Thank you! Meetings are on the third Thurs of the month, 2.0pm at the Boston Centre Stage.

The coffee morning in aid of the St Cybi Restoration Fund, hosted by kind permission of **Mrs Morrie Conant**, at her home in **The Tower, Penrhos Estate, Holyhead**, raised the amazing sum of £647. To all who organised, worked, baked and attended - a huge thank you !

You learn more from failure than from success!

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
April / Easter 2019
Vicar: Andy Herrick : 01407 861084
Associate Priests: Jane Bailey : 01407 764780
Neil Ridings: 01407 861663



If you cannot come to church, the church will come to you!

Our pastoral care visiting team has grown in size, to allow us to reach out to even more people. 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 area.

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 acutely ill are asked for:

Sunday (in all churches): Geraldine Lee, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Ian Walker, Derrick, Alan Taylor, Jo, Mary Harvey, Doreen Peers, Edith Shepherd, James, Neil Miles, Glenys Barton, Ellie, Neil Ridings, Alan Peers, Shirley Jones

Please let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers. We also pray for those who love and care for them.

Wednesday (St Cybi): Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Buddug Hems Williams, Barbara Smith, Dr Ken Roberts, Gwilym Lewis, Huw Thomas, Megan Morgan, Rachel, Frances Iliff.

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'

Annette Williams, Elizabeth Jones, Brian Gordon Stewart, Tommy Welsh, Ceinwen Thomas, Fred Barton Stones, Michael Ward, Albert Grainger, Walter Lloyd Williams, Joan Leigh.

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

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...

Anniversaries of death:

Apr 07- 13: Dr Denys Lloyd, Douglas Raymond Williams, Robert Henry Greenwood

Apr 14-20: Jinny Wearne

Apr 21-27: Samuel William Walter Manning (priest), Gwerfil Pierce Williams, John Mason, Marion Wynne Williams,

Apr 28-May 04: Amy Thomas, Scott Lee, Jill Evans, Ann Gray, Eryl Lloyd Williams, David Thomas Davies (priest and former rector), George Cyril Cobbe.

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. Thank you.

Thanks for prayers answered: Linda Owens thanks everyone for their prayers. She is now receiving therapy and is recovering well.

Baptism and Wedding booking dates: usually every Tuesday evening, from 6.30-7.0pm in Eglwys y Bedd (building on left, near gate, in front of St Cybi)

Walsingham Pilgrims Mass As we look forward to our pilgrimage in July 2019, we celebrate our next Pilgrim's Mass on Saturday, 13th April in St. Cybi's Church at 11.30 am, everyone welcome!

Find us on line: www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk. **Facebook:** Bro Cybi Ministry Area

Please pray for these newly baptised on:

24 March: St Ffraid: Cali Elizabeth Lawson

24 March: St Ffraid: Marley Nova Adams

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

Date for the Diary : Easter Monday Coffee Morning in St Gwenfaen's Hall, Rhoscolyn.

22 April from 9.30 am—12.30. Everyone welcome!

Interesting Historical April Dates! On the 2nd, author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born in Odense, Denmark. He created 168 fairy tales for children including the classics 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'Thumbelina'. His work was translated into 125 languages. On the 4th, in 1968, Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee. He had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. His *I Have a Dream* speech was delivered at the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington. On the 8th, Buddhists celebrate the birthday of Buddha (563-483 B.C.). An estimated 350 millions persons currently profess the Buddhist faith. On the 22nd, Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) was born in Simbirsk, Russia. He led the Russian Revolution of October 1917 which toppled Czar Nicholas and paved the way for a harsh Communist regime. On the 30th, in 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship after refusing to be inducted into the American military. He had claimed religious exemption.

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today!

Janet Waddington is probably best known in our Ministry Area as a long standing Lay Reader. What may not be so widely known, is that she has served for 26 years as a Padre to the Holyhead Sea Cadet Corps. We are delighted to learn that she has recently been presented with the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit 2018 at a ceremony at Caernarfon Barracks. She was unreservedly recommended for the award in recognition of her qualities, ethos and selfless dedication to the Corps. Janet, we are so proud of you!

MOTHERS' UNION members Janice Foulkes and Lorna Owen recently attended the Diocesan Festival Service at Bangor Cathedral for the Commissioning by the Bishop of the Diocesan President Jenny Lane, of new Trustees and of our own Rev. Neil Ridings as Diocesan Chaplain. 'Our girls' very proudly carried the Holyhead M.U. Banner in the procession.

David and Susan Bradley wish to thank all those who gave their generous support to the funeral of **Lily Bradley**. £500 will be sent to the 'Save the Children' charity in her memory.

Have you ever considered becoming a tourist steward in St Cybi? There are exciting new developments happening in the town for 2019, so there will be more visitors than usual. History knowledge is less important than a welcoming personality!, but you will be provided with basic training and will work with more experienced stewards. All we ask is a commitment of two hours each week, May to September. Interested? Please contact Rev. Jane.

During Lent the Wed midweek Eucharist will start at 11.0am. Immediately after on **Wednesday 10th April**, there will be a Lent Lunch in **Eglwys y Bedd**. Cost £2-50.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: 14-21 April 2019:

Palm Sunday 14th-Distribution of Palm crosses: **St David/ St Gwenfaen** @ 9.15am: **St Cybi / St Ffraid** @ 11.0am. Procession from the **Millennium Cross to St C** @10.45am. Procession from **RNLI station to St F** @10.30am. **Monday 15th. St Gwenfaen**. Compline @ 6.30pm. **Tuesday 16th St David**. Northumbrian Evening Worship @ 6.30pm. **Wednesday 17th St Cybi**. Holy Communion @10.30am. Stations of the Cross @ 6.30pm. **Maundy Thursday 18th. St Cybi**. Communion of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar and Watch @ 6.30pm. **St Ffraid** .Maundy Thursday Service @ 6.30pm **Good Friday 19th St Cybi**. Morning Prayer @10.0am. Gather for Walk of Witness at **St Mary** @ 12 midday. Walk leaves **St Mary** @ 12.10pm to **Millennium Cross**. Meditation at **St Cybi and St Ffraid** @ 2.0pm. **Holy Saturday 20th St Cybi** Morning Prayer @ 10.0am. Easter Vigil and Bringing in of the Light @ 7.0pm. **Easter Day 21st**. Sunrise Service **Trearddur Bay Cross** @ 6.30am. **Holy Communion: St David** @ 9.15. **St Gwenfaen** @10.30am, **St Cybi** (bilingual)@11.0am. **St Ffraid** @ 11.0am.

We look forward to seeing you as often as possible!