

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

Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!

To include yourself, or anyone else in this, (with his / her permission, of course,) please get in touch now, with name and date of birth, even if the birthday is next year.

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Megan Morgan: she celebrates 97 years on 6 January !

Elizabeth Jones: she celebrates 93 years on 15 January !

Janet Waddington: she celebrates 81 years on 21 January !

Katie Jones: she celebrates 90 years on 26 January !

What and where is our stained glass window on this month's cover?

Known as the North Transept window in St Cybi, if it looks a little unfinished, this is really interesting, as we have not met a living person who can remember it, and also there is no original photograph in existence. We do know that it was installed in 1922, into the north transept in St Cybi, by the Penrhos Bradwen family, who would have been agents on the Penrhos estate. They were prominent members of the Welsh congregation, and there is an inscribed floor memorial to them beside the pulpit in St Cybi. On the left, is featured the 'Good Shepherd', by Dearle and Morton and on the right is 'Charity' by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The Lady Eleanor organ was installed in front of this magnificent window in 1932, because that was the only space large enough to house it. **So how do we know this?** During later church renovations, the window was removed and boxed away. All in one day, stained glass specialists worked from outside and behind the organ, carefully removing the damaged lights and every scrap of broken glass they could find. They then closed all the open parts, sealing them against the elements to protect the organ. They had a light box with them so they photographed the two damaged windows and the pieces of loose glass. They then boxed the window. We are fortunate in having computer generated images of this work. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the largest pieces were initially set in place, with smaller pieces following on. Variations of the window paintings in other churches by the same designers were found on the internet and used as a guide. The initial work was done by historian Dr Ken Roberts, and his friend George Lewis, a computer expert, polished up the resulting image for all to see. The window is badly damaged, but the digital reconstruction gives an idea of the beauty and depth of colour. It is hoped that in the future, money can be raised to carry out the restoration so that it can be exhibited in a light box on the west wall. We are grateful to Dr Ken both for the initial work and for providing this interesting information about our 'mystery window', and to George for his expertise.

St Cybi—ICONART. If you weren't able to buy these superb acrylic transfers of stained glass windows in time for Christmas, choose in the new year from nativity scenes, angels, saints, contemporary celtic art, flowers, or birds. We even have one depicting our own William Morris 'Tree of Life' window in the Stanley Chapel. We all have glass doors and windows, so they can be enjoyed by everyone, anywhere. They are easily repositioned. Find them whenever the church is open. £5-50 each, or two for £10.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream

**Bro Cybi / Holy Island Ministry Area
Pastoral Care Circle —January 2018
Associate Vicar: Jane Bailey : Tel: 764780**



Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday (in all churches): Mary Harvey, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Hilary, Matthew, Chloe, Rosemary Tucker, Ian Walker, Babs Williams, Caroline Berry, Derrick, Chris Hanbury, Chris Taylor, Fenton Hanbury, Rhonwen.

Please also pray for those who care for them.

Wednesday (St Cybi) Mary Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Betty Ashton, Trevor Peacock, Beryl Sanderson, Lil Morris, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Buddug Hems Williams, Annette Williams, Barbara Smith, Joan Read, Bob Hughes, Dr Ken Roberts, Gwilym Lewis, Helen, Andy.

We also pray, in the words of the Prayer Book, for all those "*in trouble, need or any other adversity and for a happy issue out of all their afflictions*". If you need us to pray for you for any reason, please let us know.

Rest in Peace : 'I am the resurrection and the life' ...

Reg Thomas, Richard Richards, Gwyneth Owen, John Davies, Glenys Mason, Kathleen Hart (Karleen), Patricia Anne Clarke.

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

Death steals the future we hoped for, but it can't take away the relationship that we had

Anniversaries of death

Jan 07—13: Arwyn Abbit, Joyce Hughes.

Jan 14—20: Arthur Preston Thomas, Lilian Jones, Owen Ivor Jones, Simon Andrew Stott, Myra Longes, Pam Lewis.

Jan 21—27: Peter Trevor Screech, Kingsley Walker (Priest)

Jan 28—Feb 03: Violet Ethel Maycroft, Walter Williams, Tom Williams, Catherine Roberts.

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.

Please pray for this couple recently married—we wish them every happiness

30 Dec: St Ffraid: Christopher John Bailey and Nicola Jane Lewis

If your family and friends have returned to their homes after the festive season, or maybe you yourself have returned to your home from family visits, the house might seem empty and you may be feeling a bit low. Do please get in touch with our Parish Telephone Team: Lorna 860191: Pat 860412: Betty 763868: Richard 762904. We will be happy to help!

Join us for our January **Walsingham Mass** in St Cybi, 11.30am on Sat 13th January 2018. At this half way point in the Walsingham year, we look back nostalgically to our 2017 July visit and joyfully anticipate the upcoming one in 2018 !

Please pray for extra strength for Jane, as she copes with the Inter-regnum.

Interesting historical January dates ! On the 3rd in 1809, Louis Braille was born in France. Blinded as a boy, he later invented a reading system for the blind using punch marks in paper. **On the 3rd in 1412** Joan of Arc was born in France. After a series of mystic visitations by saints, she inspired French troops to break the British siege at Orleans and win several important victories during the Hundred Years' War (1337-1453) between France and Britain. She was eventually captured and sold to the British who tried her for heresy and burned her at the stake, aged 19. In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. **On the 7th in 1714** - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing." **On the 26th in 1788** - The British established a settlement at Sydney Harbour in Australia as 11 ships with 778 convicts arrived, setting up a penal colony to relieve overcrowded prisons in England.

Message from Jeff Evans: " May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who kindly supported the 24 hr Roman Centurion Vigil, held to raise funds to renew a leaded window at St Cybi's Church, following a break in. I am pleased to say that not only was the £1,512 raised to pay for the window to be repaired, but also because of the generosity and support of the community, another £500 was raised and donated to the St Cybi's restoration fund. It is good to note that business and certain others donated and showed their support, but there is particular significance and appreciation when donations and support is given by the public at large, which became a significant part of the final amount. **I therefore thank you all for such support, and wish you all a happy, healthy New Year. "**

We wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way at all, to the success of our fantastic Christmas programme of events. Thanks to the clergy; organists; performers; congregations; those who provided the forty two beautiful Christmas trees displayed in the festival in St Cybi's, as well as those who visited, admired and enjoyed. We must not forget to thank the many people behind the scenes, ready and willing to clean and decorate our four beautiful churches, so that they can be shown at their very best, to celebrate this miraculous and magnificent festival of the year. To those of you who maybe visited for the first time in a long time, we very much hope you will come again! There is always a welcome waiting

You are amazing – and don't you forget it!

If you cannot come to church, the church will come to you! Our pastoral visiting team will be happy to include you, either for a visit or for a short celebration of Holy Communion: whether you are still in your own home, hospital or have moved into a care home. 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 the leaflet, contact Pat:01407 860412/email:patriciahughes2017@gmail.com

The Pastoral Care Team pray that 2018 brings you good health, much joy and amazing opportunities! We are Jane, Carys, Hilary, Lorna, Barbara, Karen, Hugh, Sandra, Gill and Pat.