

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 :

Emrys Williams: he celebrates 83 years on 17 April !

Barbara Hobday: she celebrates 83 years on 22 April !

Betty Pritchard: she celebrates 89 years on 25 April !

Monica Griffiths: she celebrates 82 years on 29 April !

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

What do we show on this month's cover? On the left we see a palm frond, healthy, green and vibrant. The crowd enthusiastically waved these while watching Jesus ride triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey, the Sunday before Holy Week and Easter Day. Various countries around the world now celebrate Palm Sunday in different ways! Palm trees don't grow in **Poland**, so people create artificial ones and decorate them with tissue paper flowers and ribbons. Some can be taller than 30 metres, and need a group of people to carry just one! In the **Philippines**, palm fronds are decorated and woven into complicated shapes. They are then blessed and taken home for good luck! People in **Norway** decorate their homes with birch twigs and painted eggs. They might take the Holy Week off from work, and travel to holiday areas for skiing, reading and family time. In the **Netherlands**, the rooster is celebrated. Children process carrying crosses decorated with ribbons , and topped with a rooster made from bread! In **Latvia**, Pussy Willows replace palms. Parents jokingly wake their children swatting them with willow branches. Celebrations n the island of **Haiti**, are a mix of Catholic and Voodoo traditions, involving travelling bands playing drums, maracas and trumpets. In **Finland**, children dress as Easter witches to trick or treat, offering willow branches in exchange for candy! In **Bulgaria**, willow branches and flowers are used to decorate homes. Family dinners are enjoyed on the day. **On the right of our cover, we see a cross, dark and menacing, representing one of the most excruciating deaths imaginable**, which happened to Jesus on Good Friday, just five days after Palm Sunday. Around the world, many Christians mark Good Friday by taking part in processions and re-enacting Christ's last journey before he was crucified. In **Paris**, crowds enact the Stations of the Cross along the banks of the River Seine. In **Nairobi**, Kenyans process along streets. Here in the **UK**, pilgrims carry crosses to the **Holy Island of Lindisfarne in Northumberland**. In Banda Acah, **Indonesia** a local man portraying Jesus, is tied to a cross. In the **Spanish Basque Country**, hundreds of people re-enact Christ's Passion. In Amritsar, **India**, women process carrying wooden crosses in front of their upper bodies. In the **Czech republic**, Christians process wearing face masks, and because church bells are silent on the day, huge wooden rattles are pushed around the streets to create a respectful sound. In some parts of **Spain**, penitents wear tall pointed head dresses dating back to the fifteenth century, which allows sinners to repent without being identified. Many countries fast and pray, holding services in the afternoon to remember the hours Christ hung on the cross. Churches in some parts of the world, ring the day in with 33 peals, one for each day of Christ's life on earth. There is no Eucharist on Good Friday – its absence honours Christ's Passion and death. **Why is the day so called?** Possibly from "God's Friday," or maybe because the death represents the ultimate act of love, that Jesus died to pay the price of human kind's sins. It is one of the oldest Christian holidays, and has been observed since 100 AD

We pray that you will all enjoy a peaceful blessed Easter!

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
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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:patrichahughes2017@gmail.com Thank you.

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday: Brian Wray, Brenda Borsby, Mike Boylin, Judy, Myfanwy Newman, Yvonne Fairlamb, Ray, Eunice, Anita Parry, Lynn Walton, Sylvia Owen.

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

Wednesday: Hannah, Menna Screech, , Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas, Jan Ware.

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam. 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' ...

Jim Wood, Jean Hughes, John (Twinkle) Trenerry, Sheila Samson, Linda Gibson.

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

Grief is love with no where to go!

Anniversaries of death:

Apr 03-09: Robert Idris Llewelyn, Dr Dennis Lloyd.

Apr 10-16: Douglas Raymond Williams, Robert Henry Greenwood.

Apr 17-23: Jinny Wearne, Rev Samuel William Walter Manning, Gwerfil Pierce Williams.

Apr 24-30: John Mason, Marion Wynne Williams, Amy Thomas, Scott Lee, Jill Evans, Ann Gray.

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 many people, to read and hear the name remembered.

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

12 March: St Ffraid: Justin Mark Crane to Claire Marie Thompson

On 8 April, at St Gwenfaen, at 12.0 noon, there will be a Thanksgiving Service in memory of the late Betty Ashton. Please come and pay your respects.....

Cytun Caergybi/Churches Together, Holyhead. Good Friday. Join us for our traditional Walk of Witness, starting with a short service in St. Mary's Church at midday. We then walk up through the main street to gather around the Millennium cross, to hear again the powerful story of Good Friday in word and song. **Easter Sunday Dawn Service** led by Rev Sue Altree. Join us at 6.00 am, around the Millennium Cross on the promenade, Trearddur Bay. Please bring a flask, if you'd like a drink of tea/coffee afterwards.

Electoral Roll: The present Electoral Roll will be cancelled, and everyone on it, plus new worshippers, will need to re-apply. Forms are available in all churches. If you are housebound, please ask and one will be delivered to you.

Jesus didn't say "I am finished", he said "It is finished" - He was just getting started!

Wed 20 April, 11 30 am at St Cybi after service, there will be a meeting for those interested in taking part in the Flower Festival 8-15 June, theme "Journeys and Adventures" Please ring Myfs for more details: 07928 912808: donations / refreshments?

Happy St Georges Day on 23rd April—to you all!

EASTER TIDE SERVICES - ALL HOLY ISLAND CHURCHES !

Palm Sunday (10th), Wednesday (13th) & Easter Sunday (17th) usual times in all Churches.+Holy Week services. ! Mon 11th @ 9.15am Holy Communion St Gwenfaen/Tues 12th @ 9.15am Holy Communion – St David / Wed 13th @ 6.30pm Stations of the Cross – St Cybi / Thurs 14th @ 6.30pm Maundy Thurs Eucharist – St Cybi /15th Good Friday @ 2.0pm Meditation – St Cybi / 15th Good Friday @ 2pm Meditation - St Ffraid / Sat 16th @ 8.30pm Easter Vigil – St Cybi. Everyone will welcome at all services !

Wed 13 April, 11.30 am, at St Cybi, after service, there will be a pre season meeting for existing tourist guides, and those who would like to volunteer for training. All are welcome! We hope to start the "open for visiting season" on Monday 25 April.

Talented artist Jan Ware's beautiful images, to be enjoyed in St Cybi, invite you to journey with her through Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Displayed will be his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his dreadful crucified death, emerging into his glorious resurrection on Easter Day.

Val Cybi Thomas writes: I wish to thank everyone who has supported me over many years, in fundraising for St Cybi's church, but specifically for the Mother's Union. However, all good things come to an end, and I have decided to step aside and pass the baton on to "new blood," but I wish you all, all the luck in the world!

All will be most welcome at our next **Walsingham Mass—Sat 7 May, St Cybi at 11.30am**, whether you are a seasoned pilgrim, or would like to be - or just curious!

Mothers Union: The March meeting was interesting. Margaret and Joy were enrolled as new members. Paul Green outlined the work of Bangor Street Pastors, who care for students on the streets on weekend nights. Why not join us at 2pm in St Davids on 21st April, to hear Tony Price describe his work as coxswain of the Holyhead Lifeboat? Names are being taken for those who wish to go on the June outing to Port Sunlight and nearby retail park—ring Barbara 764640, for a great day out!

Pat apologises for the typesetting errors on these pages. The desk top publishing facility on her PC will be upgraded for next month. Thank you!

Interesting dates in the month of April! On the **1st** in **1918**, the RAF was formed, merging the Royal Flying Corps with the Royal Naval Air Service. On the **4th** in **1949**, NATO was established. On the **12th** in **1961**, Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. On the **15th** in **1912**, the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank, on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York. On the **17th** in **1974**, Victoria Beckham was born in Harlow, Essex. On the **25th** in **1956**, Elvis Presley had his first hit with "Heartbreak Hotel". On the **25th** in **1953**, two Cambridge University scientists Watson and Crick, published an article explaining the structure of DNA.

A few more snippets from our Parish magazine 1930s style, started last month! 7 Sept 1938 was celebrated as the 350th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Welsh, by William Morgan. All churches were encouraged to attend each other's events, which was surprising as so few then would have had cars. **American teas were popular fundraising events. Can any one tell us more please?** In February 1936 the parish sent condolences to Queen Mary, on the death of her husband King George V. **Costs of printing the magazine were reduced by selling paid adverts to local businesses !**