

## Holy Island (Bro Cybi News)



**Holy Week and Easter** are for all Christians special times, as we follow Jesus to the Cross and celebrate his destruction of death and of all that is evil

In 2014, we will journey together by looking at some of the titles of Jesus, and on Good Friday at some of the last words from the Cross. A leaflet will be given out across on the four churches on Sunday 6 April. It is hoped to hold an evening service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, as well as an opportunity for a Midday Meditation followed by a simple lunch. On Thursday evening, there will a Solemn Eucharist followed by stripping of the altar and watch. On Good Friday, an hour long devotion will be held at St Ffraid's and St Cybi's.

On Easter Day, with some of our partners in CYTUN, we are discussing a sunrise service in Caergybi, possibly at Skinner's Monument.

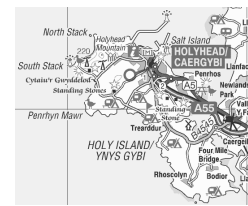
We also hope devotional material will be given out across the congregations on Palm Sunday so we can journey intentionally together towards Easter and beyond.



I trust that many of you will have had opportunity to visit our website: [www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk](http://www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk).

Please bookmark it and let your friends know about it.

Finally, as our Easter Vestry approaches a huge thank you to Raymond Worthington for his excellent work as a Parish Warden and service as a St Cybi's warden. The Easter Vestry will be a place to say a formal thank you. Please make sure you are there to show your appreciation.



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The Ministry Area of Bro Cybi was launched on Saturday 22 February 2014. Part of the brief of Ministry Areas in the Church in Wales is to put mission at the heart of every church activity.

One such activity is Messy Church.



Messy Church is now a UK-wide initiative and there are a number already on Anglesey, one in the Valley and one at Gaerwen. For those of you who have access to the internet, you might like to see more of the wider Messy Church

story by visiting [www.messychurch.org](http://www.messychurch.org).

Here on Holy Island, we are dipping our toes into the water of Messy Church on 5th at Millbank Hall in Holyhead and 12th April 2014 at St Gwenfaen's Hall in Rhoscolyn. Both events start at 3pm and will be exploring the Easter story through art, games and food. Messy Church is aimed at the whole family and no child is allowed to come unaccompanied by an adult. Messy Church styles itself as for the 0-90s.

What can you do?

You could volunteer to help at one or both sessions. Please let Reverend Kevin or Reverend Jane know as soon as you can so we can organise a planning meeting, so people can be as briefed as fully as possible.

If you cannot volunteer, then it might be you can provide some material. Turn over the page to see what you might be able to donate.

<http://www.holyheadparishchurches.co.uk/>

You might be able to donate some of the following:

Lining wall paper  
Egg boxes (cardboard)  
PVA glue  
Colouring material  
Poster paint  
Clean empty yogurt pots  
Marbles  
Paper plates  
Card that will be suitable for craft  
Felt tip pens

If you can donate any of the above, please let Kevin or Jane know by 27 March.

What would happen at Messy Church?

There are three components:

Fun: crafts and games related to a particular theme, which an adult volunteer looking after each activity, and also talking about how it relates to the theme, when the situations arises.

Worship: a song, a story, a prayer

Food: at which all the Messy Church family joins in.

Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month and therefore we will be joining our friends from across the Deanery of Deanery of Llifon and Talybolion for a United Service at Llanfaethlu

## Celebrating Mums on Mother's Day

However within the Ministry Area, we do want to do something, so will be holding our own Holy Island Service at 3:30pm in St Cybi's Church.

We hope as many of you who are able will come, and bring friends and neighbours as well.

## WHAT IS A MINISTRY AREA?

The Church in Wales has stated 'the creation of "Ministry Areas" is one of the most radical changes we're making. They "reflect huge changes which have taken place in our society. The parish system, as originally set up with a single priest serving a small community, was put in place when people lived and worked in the same parish. All this has now changed – the communities to which people now belong are very varied and people travel freely."

Ministry Areas cover a broad geographical area. Rather than relying on individual clergy to minister to an increasing number of congregations, they are served by a mixed ministry team, some of whom are stipendiary ministers but most of whom are not. Some may be specialists in certain types of ministry, such as with young people or with those with little or no connection with the church"

A Ministry Area therefore is not the same as a Rectorial Benefice. We therefore need a model for operating that reflects the area of Holyhead, Trearddur Bay and Rhoscolyn. Kevin has been working on such a model and it will be shared with the Wardens and PCC. It will be discussed formally at the Easter Vestry, so therefore the Vestry should be a red letter event for members of all four of our congregations. If passed, this new constitution will shape how we relate to each as four churches for years to come.

## ***Easter Vestry***

The Easter Vestry will be held on Tuesday 29 April 2014 in St Cybi's Church, Holyhead. The Vestry will begin with a Celebration of Holy Communion starting at 7pm.