

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 :

Thelma Collins Jones—she celebrates 80 years on 20 December!

NEW FEATURE! FOCUS ON ... Each month, our focus will be turned on one of the many groups active in the four churches of our Ministry Area. A short description of the group will be given, plus contact details. There will be a special focus given to particular prayer requests for the purpose and work of the 'Group of the month'.

The Christmas Tree Festival first began about sixteen years ago. We were looking for some form of outreach, something to touch those who didn't come to church or thought that everything that happened inside the church building was alien to them. Then we heard of the idea of a festival of Christmas trees; Mari, Christine's sister came up and told us about the festival which her church held every three years. It was very popular and was well supported by the community; so, after an initial meeting, we decided to go ahead and try to arrange our own festival. We wrote to businesses, organisations and schools within the parish and invited them to enter a tree-free of charge. It proved to be really popular and there were a lot of trees but since then the trees have multiplied and every Christmas the church is filled with light and beauty. Every tree is different, saying something about the organisation that it represents, and their individuality makes a wonderful display but, best of all, people come in and look at them. This may be their only experience of church during the Christmas season and can provide a moment of peace during all the activity and busyness. Strangely enough, other churches (and even the cathedral) have followed suit and have their own Christmas tree festivals and they too have proved successful but, within the diocese, we can always say that Holyhead did it first! Text and prayer provided by Rev. Canon Christine Llewelyn. Contact name - Carys 763027

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty of the Christmas trees displayed in our church and for the many people who have brought them here and we also give thanks for those who help to steward the church at this time. May these trees bring a sense of your hope and love to all who see them and may this Christmastide be one of peace and joy as we remember the coming of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

You have to walk on many pebbles and stones before you reach the warm golden sands of life.

Thank you Maureen Hunt wishes to thank everyone who helped to make her 80th birthday so special !

Thanks for prayers answered: Adam Warner : Peter: Ros:

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA

PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE

**DECEMBER 2016
MONTH OF EXPECTATION !**



CHRISTMAS begins with **CHRIST !**

VICAR: Kevin Ellis 01407 861845

ASSOCIATE PRIEST : Jane Bailey 01407 764780

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 / nursing home. Please remember, if we don't know that you need us, we sadly cannot help you—so someone please get in touch on your behalf !
Contact Pat: 01407 860412 or email: pat@mmagic.fsbusiness.co.uk

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL: FROM THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday : Hannah , Steven Roberts, Barbara Parry, Susan, Gwen, Mary Harvey, John Williams, , Dawn Jones, Irene, Hayley, Nia, Eric Wyn Owen, Paul, Raymond Finn, Kim McIntyre, Jane Sheppard, Mary Halford, Ann Fell, Debbie, Baby Dooney, Neil Sanderson, Ken Griffiths, Emma Lees, Lynne, Sue Madene, Ethan, Billy Davies, Ann Morrison, Claire Brook.

Wednesday Mary Lewis, Ena, Elizabeth Jones, Gwen March, Betty Ashton, Peggy Manning, Trevor Peacock, Beryl Sanderson, Lil Morris, Angela Hillman, Menna Screech, Barbara Byfield, Maddy, Buddug Hems Williams, Annette Williams, Barbara Smith.

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*".

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

Ann Knight; Neil Rowbottom; Thomas Griffith Jones: James Graham Metcalfe: John Rowland Griffiths: John Owen: Anne Hughes Lawrence: John Henry Wilson; Raymond Davies

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

Anniversaries of death

Dec 04-10: Elizabeth Pierce Elsley: Eric Hampson: Edna Twiss: Michael Anthony Ashton:

Dec 11-17: Thomas Gwilym Jones

Dec 18-24: Nell Jones :Leah Kathleen Hughes: Clive Hems: Val Hicks :Peg Glazebrook

Dec 25-31:Richard March :Mervyn Pritchard Williams: Idwal Williams Smith :Graham Berisford Cobbe :Francis James Bell

If the name of your loved one who has passed on, has not yet been featured in this section, and you would like it to be during the appropriate month, do please get in touch. You will find the necessary forms in each church. We will be delighted to help.....

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace: may the gladness of Christmas bring you hope: may the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

Confirmation by Bishop Andy. Please pray for the six persons who confirmed their faith in November. May they strengthen and deepen their relationship with God.

Chloe, Carole, Karen, Luke, Margaret and Paula.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: 17—21 July 2017. If you think that this might be for you, why not come to the January Mass, in St Cybi, to learn more?

Kevin's Place to Pray For :

Let us pray for the Lighthouse and its work with people who are homeless and vulnerable, calling to mind the holy family who were at first economic migrants and then forced to seek asylum in Egypt. Let us pray for their staff and those whom they help. Thanking God for our comparative luxury and asking God's blessing upon this special place.

Parish Telephone Team: Christmas and New Year can be a lonely time. Maybe you don't want visitors, but might enjoy a chat? Do keep our phone numbers, for future reference. Please ring us—or leave a message and we will ring you.

Lorna: 860191 / Pat: 860412 / Betty : 763868 / Richard : 762904.

If anyone reading this does not normally attend any of our church services, but would like to, please contact the Pastoral Care Team, or anyone on the leaflet for further details. If you wish, we will be with you for as long as you need, and we will make you very welcome! Christmas might be an excellent time to start.....

Dates for your Christmas diary: Hope to see you as often as possible!

Mon:12 Dec : **Carol Service** at **St Cybi.** at 6.0pm

Fri: 16 Dec : **Carols by Candlelight** at **St David** at 7.0pm

Fri: 16 Dec: **RNLI Carols** at **St Ffraid** at 7.0pm

Sat: 17– 24th Dec **Christmas Tree Festival** at **St Cybi.** Open daily 10.30—3.30

Sun: 18 Dec: **Carol Service** at **St Gwenfaen** at 6.0pm

Sat: 24 Dec: **Crib Service** at **St Cybi** at 5.0pm

Sat: 24 Dec: 11.30pm **Midnight Mass** at **St Cybi** and **St Ffraid**

Christmas Day Communion: 9.15 at **St David**

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When we are the hardest to love, that's when we need it the most.

Welcoming visitors to St Cybi in 2017

It will soon be spring, and the doors of St Cybi will be open again to the many thousands of visitors who come from literally all corners of the world, to enjoy its beauty and its peace. We would very much like you to consider becoming one of our 'welcomers' , another friendly smiling face to join the highly valued team of stewards. If you can spare just two hours a week, we would be delighted to hear from you....

If you have enjoyed reading this Christmas leaflet, please take an extra few copies and pop one in with your Christmas cards, if you think that your friends would enjoy it too.