

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 :

Elwyn Collins Jones: he celebrates 88 years on 25 February!

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".

St Cybi's Church Choir follows a long tradition of parish choirs in our Ministry Area. The choristers lead the congregation in the musical element of worship. To this end the choir has to learn the sung responses, chants and anthems as well as the hymns. This entails a weekly commitment of practice with the organist every Saturday morning, attending church each Sunday, as well as additional special services throughout the year. We endeavour to learn new hymns or anthems for the festivals of Easter and Christmas and look out for fresh material to ring the changes. The choir members are Richard, Tommy, Christopher, Keith, Christine, Rae, Shirley, Betty, Janice and Anne. The organists are Liz and Myfanwy, who liaise with choir co-ordinator Janice, to perform the hymns which are chosen with the clergy. The choice is made from the Lectionary for each relevant Sunday. Some new modern hymns are occasionally introduced, and a traditional melody might be sung to new words. In worship, all human gifts are offered to God. As part of our Christian family, we offer our contribution to the worship in our church. It is our hope that by singing together, we can make people feel closer to one another as members of God's family. There is an old saying : To sing God's praise, is to worship twice ! For more details please contact Janice: 762905. Please pray for current and future members of the choir, that their voices may continue to give pleasure to all who listen, and join with them in song.

Please continue to pray for Glenys Samson, as she continues her lay reader training, with Canon Tracy Jones.

Just remember there is someone out there who is more than happy with less than what you have.

Get rid of the February blues ! Social evening in St David's:10 Feb - 7.30pm

Dixie Rebel, local singer/guitarist will entertain. Variety of music - suitable for all tastes. Great for a dance/ line dance. Ticket only event—available from Helen 762171 or Robina 762634 - cost £6 – includes light refreshments. Hurry—they're selling quickly !

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA

PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE

FEBRUARY 2017

WAITING FOR SPRING !



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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

Give God your weakness, and He'll give you His strength!

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday: Mary Harvey, Eric Wyn Owen, Raymond Finn, Neil Sanderson, Ken Griffiths, Billy Davies, Claire Brook, Dr Ken Roberts, Joanne, Lily, John Michael, Raymond Worthington, Josh Downs, Nicholas.

Please also pray for those who care for them.

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' ...

Mabel Eileen Hughes; Barbara Gwen Williams (Gwen); Beryl Williams; Gareth Jones; Iona Porter; Ray Jones; Margaret Jones; Alan Rowlands; Muriel Grice.

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

Anniversaries of death

Feb 05-11: James Dunsmuir; Mary Ellen Preston Thomas; Robert Brian Jones; Rupert Lewis; Tony Philip Hicks; Cerian Wyn Llewelyn; Ann McIlwaine;

Feb 12-18: May Lewis; Thomas David Gannon; Joyce Rowlands; Brenda Lloyd; Ellen Fletcher; Richard Parson;

Feb 19-25: Robert Elwyn Owen; Noel Williams; Lal Jones; Jack Grenville Kerby;

Feb 26-Mar 04: Eric Jones ;Mary Grace Roberts; Gwladys Warden Owen; Mark Batty;

If you lost a loved one in 2016, 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: Ken, Monica and family wish to thank everyone who has shown kindness and concern for them during Ken's surgery and convalescence. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and good wishes have been very much appreciated.

Thanks for prayers answered: Baby Dooney is now thriving. Heart felt thanks are offered for this answer to our prayers

Janet Waddington wishes to thank everyone who made her 80th birthday so very enjoyable.

Happiness is found when you stop comparing yourself to other people

Kevin's Place to Pray For :

St Davids Chapel, sometimes known as the Stanley Chapel, nestles quietly in St Cybi's. It is not so much a place to pray for, as a place of prayer. It is a place where the pebble stones are placed, candles are lit, the Eucharist celebrated regularly at the monthly gathering of the Holyhead Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham, and solace is found in the beauty of the Morris window. Take a moment to pray in this special place when the opportunity arises this month.

Jane says: Did you know? The Pastoral Care Team meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St. David's Chapel for a time of prayer together. We remember in our prayers all those we will visit and pray for during the coming weeks and ask for God's blessing on our work. And, like The Queen, the team has an 'official birthday', having been formally commissioned at Candlemas 2016.

Parish Telephone Team: February can sometimes be a miserable month, with poor weather preventing you from doing what you want to do, especially outside. But don't worry, spring is just around the corner! Maybe you don't want visitors, but might enjoy a chat, after being housebound for a few weeks? 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.

Praying for the sick: From the February edition of the Pastoral Care Circle, we will be 'starting again' with the names which we include on our list of prayers for the acutely ill. Whilst no name will automatically go back onto the list, please be assured that you are welcome to place any name back on to the list again. You are also, of course, invited to add new names to the list in the usual way. Thank you all for your staunch support of this essential part of our ministry to the sick. For names to be included, please contact Pat Hughes as normal. When prayers are answered, please tell us, so that we can transfer the name to the 'Thank You' section. I can honestly say that this is my favourite part of putting these pages together!

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. Reading the visitors book is like a geography lesson—and every person is so grateful to find our small church open and welcoming. One of the most popular comments is about the friendliness of the guides. Some visitors arrive on foot, others by car, many by bus, coach and train. Amazingly a huge number of Brazilian students arrive by ferry from Dublin. Their destinations of choice are the Breakwater Country Park and St Cybi's! Apparently there are about fourteen of the very largest cruise liners expected in Holyhead over the summer season, followed by a further thirty smaller ones. 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.....

The one who falls and gets up, is stronger than the one who never fell
