

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.

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Richard Parry: he celebrates 80 years on 7 February!

Elizabeth Walker: she celebrates 94 years on 24 February!

Elwyn Collins -Jones: he celebrates 89 years on 25 February!

What and where is our stained glass window on this month's cover? Observant visitors to the Stanley Chapel in St Cybi often ask how and why two young men surnamed Stanley, in the prime of their lives, died on the same day 21st December 1947. Who were they? John aged 25, and Martin aged 23 were both officers in the Coldstream Guards and had served in WW2 with distinction, and survived. They were the two eldest sons of Lt. Colonel Oliver and Lady Kathleen Stanley. Their local family home was Plas Llanfawr, now demolished, a few hundred yards from the present Penrhos Stanley Hospital. Their father Lt. Col. Oliver had fought in the Boer War, lost a leg in WW1 and was a director of the company that made the Enigma computer. Their mother Lady Kathleen was the eldest daughter of the Marquis of Bath, with connections to the Longleat estate, so carried the title in her own right. The first baby Mary died young. There were two younger sons, Thomas and Richard. To celebrate Christmas 1947 John and Martin had been given Home Leave for the first time since the war. Brother Richard was home too. Tom, also a Guards officer was not on leave. On December 21st the three brothers went for a walk to the Penrhos sand dunes with a pet Jack Russell terrier. The dog went very deep down a rabbit hole and became stuck. The lads frantically dug a tunnel to rescue it, but the sand collapsed on John and Martin. Richard escaped but his frantic attempt to save them was unsuccessful. They would have died quite rapidly with the huge pressure on their chests. The whole town mourned this tragedy. The funeral service and burials took place in St Seiriols Church and churchyard. Because the 6th and 7th Barons had no sons, as first male cousin John was heir to the peerage. As a result of the deaths, eventually in 1971, Tom became the 8th Baron Thomas Stanley of Alderley. The window, installed in 1948, is beautiful with the pictures of St. John the Evangelist and St Martin the Centurion giving half of his cloak to a beggar. Below are the Stanley Coat of Arms. On the right is the shield with the motto Sans Change and on the left is the Crest- the Eagle and Child. The window is by Hugh Easton and at the bottom left hand corner is his famous signature, a weather vane with a cockerel. On the death of Lord Tom in 2013, his son Richard Oliver became the 9th Baron. He lives in Oxfordshire. Their other local connections are equally interesting. John and Martin were the great, great, great, great, great grand-sons of John and Margaret Owen, of the powerful and wealthy Penrhos family. It was their dominant, beautiful, wealthy grand-daughter also called Margaret who married Sir John Thomas Stanley in 1763. There is a fitting tribute to John (died in 1712) and Margaret Owen on the memorial plaque to the left of our window. John and Martin were also the great grandsons of Edward John, 2nd Baron Stanley, twin brother of the Hon William Owen Stanley, whose magnificent marble memorial dominates the beautiful little chapel.

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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, or hospital or have moved into a care / nursing 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 this leaflet, please contact:
Pat: 01407 860412 or email:patriciahughes2017@gmail.com Thank you.**

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, Olwen Owen, Baby William, Peter, Alan Taylor .

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' ...

Annie (Nancy) Fraser, Len Roach, Sally Williams, Robert Thomson, Alwyn Rivers, Bob Williams, Chris Thomas, Dora Mellor.

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

Feb 04-10: James Dunsmuir, Mary Ellen Preston Thomas , Robert Brian Jones , Rupert Lewis, Tony Philip Hicks.

Feb 11-17: Cerian Wyn Llewelyn, Ann McIlwaine, May Lewis, Thomas David Gannon, Malcolm Calvert, Joyce Rowlands, Brenda Lloyd, Ellen Fletcher, Richard Parson.

Feb 18-24: Robert Elwyn Owen, Noel Williams, Lal Jones.

Feb 25—Mar 03: Jack Grenville Kerby, Eric Jones, Mary Grace Roberts, Gwladys Warden Owen, Mark Batty.

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.

Both national Government and the Welsh Assembly have recently acknowledged the problem of loneliness by appointing someone to address and oversee the issue. For many years, our Pastoral Care team has been proud to have been ahead of this movement, by anticipating the need of visits and phone calls. Nearly a third of older people only occasionally socialise with family or friends. Please contact us if you need us.....We will be happy to help.

Join us for our February **Walsingham Mass** in Bangor Cathedral at 11.30am on Sat 3rd February 2018. If you have always had the desire to better understand why pilgrims have made the journey for almost one thousand years, why not join us to learn more? You will be most welcome to book a place for July 2018.

Happiness often sneaks through a door you did not think was open

Interesting historical February dates ! On the 7th - British novelist Charles Dickens (1812-1870) was born in Portsmouth. He examined social inequalities through his works. In 1843, he wrote *A Christmas Carol* in just a few weeks. On the 11th in 1990 - in South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections.

Please pray for this baby baptised on:

28 January: St Gwenfaen: Isaac John Virgo—Barry

We welcome him as the newest member of our church family!

We hold regular drop-in booking sessions for weddings and baptisms in Eglwys-y-Bedd (by St. Cybi's Church), from 6.30 - 7.00 pm. February dates: 6th,13th,27th.

14 Feb—Ash Wednesday 10.30am St Cybi – Holy Communion with Imposition of the Ashes. Coffee afterwards in Eglwys y Bedd.

During Lent, the Wednesday service of Holy Communion will take place at 11.0am. **Lent lunches** will follow in Eglwys y Bedd on 21st and 28th February, and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March. Excellent value at £2-50 per person, including tea or coffee. Please support—proceeds for Christian Aid.

Welcome to two new members of the Ministry Team: Rev. Elizabeth Pope and Reader Alan Tucker.

You begin to feel old, when regrets take the place of dreams. So stop regretting and carry on dreaming!

"What is Open the Book ?" Kirsty Williams, Diocesan Officer for children and young families ,writes: A boy from year 2 shouted out "This is the best day ever" as the Open the Book team waved goodbye to the class. We had been in to share the real story of Christmas and why Jesus is so important. This opportunity had arisen from our wonderful relationship with the schools we serve through telling bible stories in assembly. Over the last few years we have nurtured relationships with Ysgol Rhoscolyn, Ysgol Llanfawr, Ysgol Parch Thomas Ellis and following them to Ysgol Cybi. The team meets once a month to rehearse. They then go into the schools either once a month or twice a term, and have great fun and fellowship, and enjoy praying together too. We tell a short bible story and end with a thought for the day and a prayer which is all written down and planned for us, so we just have to read it from the book. The children really enjoy it and look forward to our visits. It is such a wonderful thing to be part of the school family, we feel very privileged and honoured to be able to share our history with the children in a fun and interactive way. We are looking, please, for a link person to contact the schools via email or phone to gather dates for the team to attend. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an ecumenical storyteller and joining the team, then please get in touch on 07469116752.