

**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 :**

**Megan Morgan** —she celebrates 96 years on 6 January !

**Elizabeth Jones** - she celebrates 92 years on 15 January !

**Janet Waddington**—she celebrates 80 years on 21 January !

**Katie Jones**—she celebrates 89 years on 26 January !

**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".



**"Open the Book"** began in Bedford in 1999, and now has over 11,000 volunteer Bible story tellers from churches across the UK. It's a three-year rolling programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories, which are presented by teams of volunteers free of charge to primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way, and provide a resource that assists schools in meeting their statutory collective worship obligations. Each volunteer

is registered with **The Bible Society**. As a new school term begins, we ask for your prayers of support and encouragement for the ecumenical Bro Cybi 'Open the Book' Team, which takes stories from the Bible to the pupils of Ysgol Parchedig Thomas Ellis and Ysgol Rhoscolyn. We are starting with 'The Three Kings' in Rhoscolyn on 6<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany). We would welcome volunteers to join us in our friendly team. If you are interested, please contact Jane.

**Thank God every morning for the gift of a new day. Give thanks every evening that he has brought you through.....**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way at all, to the success of our fantastic Christmas programme of events. Thanks to the clergy; organists; performers; congregations; those who provided the beautiful Christmas trees displayed in the festival in St Cybi's, as well as those who visited, admired and enjoyed. We must not forget to thank the unsung army of people behind the scenes, who provide refreshments, as well as those ready and willing to clean and decorate our beautiful churches, so that they can be shown at their very best, to celebrate this miraculous and magnificent festival of the year.**

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA**

**PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE**

**JANUARY 2017**

**MONTH OF NEW BEGINNINGS**



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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

# THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM WISH THAT 2017 BRINGS YOU GOOD HEALTH, MUCH JOY AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES.

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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, Baby Dooney, Neil Sanderson, Ken Griffiths, Emma Lees, Sue Madene, Billy Davies, Ann Morrison, Claire Brook, Joan Read.

**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' ...**

John Edwin Matthews: Allan Eaton: Helen Faith Rossington: Stephanie Amanda Cunningham (Mandy): Susannah Elliott (Susie):Mair Marshall: Allan Williams: Mary Elizabeth Plowman : Malcolm Booth:

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

## **Anniversaries of death**

**Jan 01-07:** Margaret Edwards: David Lloyd Williams: David Hems Williams: Hywel Manley Williams:

**Jan 08 –14:** Arwyn Abbit: Joyce Hughes: Arthur Preston Thomas: Lilian Jones: Owen Ivor Jones :

**Jan 15—21:**Simon Andrew Stott: Myra Longes: Pam Lewis:

**Jan 22—28:** Peter Trevor Screech: Kingsley Walker: Violet Ethel Maycroft:

**Jan 29—Feb 04:** Walter Williams: Tom Williams: Catherine Roberts:

**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.....**

**Thanks for prayers answered:** Debbie, Lynne, Ethan.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage: 17—21 July 2017.** You will have heard from others, what an uplifting experience this can be. If you think that this might be for you, why not come to the January 14th Mass, in St Cybi, at 11.30am to learn more?

**Do not fear the future - it's merely a place you haven't been to yet!**

## Kevin's Place to Pray For :

**Ysgol Cybi is being built quite fast now. A headteacher and senior staff are in place and plans are being made for its opening in September. Please pray for the pupils, staff and governors of Ysgol Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol y Parc as they plan to move to the new school with the anticipation, sadness and hopes that will bring.**

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## Parish Telephone Team:

Make this your new year resolution: why be lonely when you don't need to be? New Year can be a lonely time, but equally you can make it a time of optimism and hope. New year—new beginnings.....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 be delighted to call you back.

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

**NEW ! 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 Sunday list of prayers for the acutely ill. All names will be removed from the list, until you tell us that you wish a name to be put back on the list. We do this, so that we don't continue to pray un-knowingly for those who have fortunately recovered or are in remission. If you need to, 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. When prayers are answered, please tell us, so that we can transfer the name to the 'Thank You for Prayers Answered' section. This is something we really enjoy doing, so everyone can share your good news ! For all names to be included, please contact Pat Hughes as normal.

## 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 as soon as possible please .....

## Quote of the month: from Stewart Hayter

Walking through St Cybi's churchyard on the way to the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival, 3 youngsters scurried ahead. Rounding the end of the east wall, I saw that they were staring wide eyed at the crib and after a moment, pronounced that 'it was cool'. Praise indeed!

**In the long run, pessimists may sometimes be proved right, but optimists will have more enjoyment in the meantime.**

## Date for the Diary—keep it free!

**Social evening—St David's—10 February 2017 at 7.30pm. If it's as good as the last two, you won't want to miss it.....If you need transport, let us know!**