

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:

Shirley Jones : she celebrates 85 years on 01 March !

Frances Iliff : she celebrates 80 years on 15 March !

John Cave : he celebrates 84 years on 17 March !

Menna Screech : she celebrates 88 years on 24 March !

Mary Halford : she celebrates 82 years on 31 March !

What do we show on this month's cover? St David's, in the Morawelon area of Holyhead, built in the early 1960s, was intended to be multi-purpose. This beautiful, simple sanctuary is the only part of the building which is consecrated, and is separated by a wooden screen from the communally used parts. Many people socially use the hall, the kitchen and the toilets, but the screen is only opened for services. We know that St David is the patron saint of Wales, but who was he? Most of the information we have about him comes from a biography written five hundred years after his death. It might be considered legendary, but definitely inspirational! Thirty years before he was born, an angel foretold his birth to St Patrick. David was reputedly born around the year 500 during a wild thunderstorm, on the Pembrokeshire cliffs near the present day city of St Davids. His father was king of Ceredigion; his mother was Non, the daughter of a local chieftain. Her sister was Gwen, the mother of St Cybi. Non left her family and gave birth by the sea. So intense was the birth that her fingers left marks where she grasped the rocks. As David was born, a bolt of lightning split the rock in two. After the seduction, she became a nun. David was baptised by Saint Elvis of Munster. It is said that a blind man was afterwards cured by the water used for the baptism. More miracles followed. David was said to have brought a child back to life by splashing the boy's face with tears. Educated at a monastery, near the present St David's Cathedral, his tutor was Paulinus a blind monk. David cured him of his blindness, before becoming a monk missionary, travelling through Wales and to south west England and Brittany to spread Christianity among the pagans. He apparently visited Rome and Jerusalem, where he was made archbishop. His most famous miracle occurred while preaching in a village on flat land. Some found it difficult to see him and hear the sermon. A white dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, landed on his shoulder. The ground where he stood then rose up to form a hill, so that everyone could see and hear him. The dove became St David's emblem, and now a church stands on the crest of that special hill. He founded twelve monasteries and life within was austere. Only vegetables, bread, milk and water were consumed. Silence was the norm, except for prayer or in an emergency. David would not allow monks to make animals work for them, but made them pull the plough themselves. His holiness and personal charisma were enough to hold the community together in the service of God. His last sermon to his monks bade them "Do the little things, the small things you've seen me doing". His saint's day has been celebrated annually on 1 March since the 12th century. He is believed to have died on this day in 589, and was buried in the grounds of his own monastery at St Davids, Pembrokeshire, which he allegedly founded in 560. Thanks to Gill Jepson for the image.

BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
Pastoral Care Circle
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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): Ken Griffiths, Mary Harvey, Gwen, Hannah, Huw, Hilary, Matthew, Chloe, Rosemary Tucker, Ian Walker, Babs Williams, Caroline Berry, Derrick, Chris Hanbury, Fenton Hanbury, Olwen Owen, Baby William, Peter, Alan Taylor, Daniel.

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, 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' ...

Joan Read, Angela Marsh-Smith, Edwin Owens.

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

March 04-10: Olwen Jones, Megan Mills-Williams.

March 11-17: Sarah Louise Allcott, Joseph Collins-Jones, Dale Evans, Nicola Brady, Gladys Cunningham, Olga Wright.

March 18-24: Stanley Henry Eaton, Vera Dunn.

March 25—Mar 31: Agnes Collins-Jones, Nicola Waddington.

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.

Within the UK, loneliness is a huge problem. 1 million older people feel lonely often, or always. **If this sounds like you, we will be happy to help. Please ring any one on the Telephone Team : Lorna 860191/ Pat 860412 / Betty 763868** If you leave a message , we will be delighted to call you back ...and listen or chat!

Thanks for prayers answered: Rhonwen writes: With thanks for my healing.

I am so grateful for all the prayers that have come my way via the PCC. **Chris Taylor** also wishes to give thanks for our prayers, resulting in an improvement in his health.

Katie Jones would like to thank everyone for their kindness in celebration of her 90th birthday. She was delighted and grateful.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) - meets at 7.0pm, every fourth Wednesday of the month, at St David's. All welcome—see what we have to offer! Contact Gill—760175

Hope is the only thing stronger than fear !

Interesting historical March dates ! On the 3rd telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He and his father were involved in teaching deaf persons to speak, and developed an interest in the vibrating membrane as a method of electrically transmitting sounds. The newly invented telephone was first used on March 10, 1876. On the 4th in 1681 - King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania. On the 6th -Renaissance genius Michelangelo (1475-1564) was born in Caprese, Italy. He was a painter, sculptor, architect, poet and visionary best known for his fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and his sculptures of David and The Pieta. On the 9th in 1074, Pope Gregory excommunicated all married priests. On the 15th in 44 B.C. - Julius Caesar was assassinated by stabbing in the Senate chamber in Rome by Brutus and fellow conspirators. On the 17th is Saint Patrick's Day commemorating the patron saint of Ireland. On the 21st - organist and composer Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was born in Eisenach, Germany. His output included thousands of compositions, many used in churches. Among his best known works are the St. John and St. Matthew passions. On the 25th in 1807 - The British Parliament abolished the slave trade following a long campaign against it by Quakers and others. On the 31st - Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was born in Rohrau, Austria. His works include 107 symphonies, 84 string quartets, 58 piano sonatas, and 13 masses. Based in Vienna, Mozart was his friend and Beethoven was a pupil. On the 31st in 1855, Charlotte Bronte, reclusive Yorkshire author of 'Jane Eyre', died aged thirty eight, from tuberculosis.

Dates for the diary! Easter Monday coffee morning, 2 April, St Gwenfaen's Hall—10.30—12.30. Please invite your friends!

Please pray for these newly baptised on:

04 February : St Cybi: Isabelle Rose Hughes—Doherty and Ava Elizabeth Shenton

We welcome them as the newest members 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. March dates: 13th and 20th.

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

Holyhead and District Parkinson's Support Group: meets every third Thursday afternoon of the month, from 2.0-4.0pm at the Boston Centre Stage, Holyhead. Enjoy yourselves with friendly company, interesting speakers, tea, coffee and cake!

When you rise in the morning, think of what a privilege it is to be alive!

We will shortly be welcoming the Revd Canon Andy Herrick as the new Ministry Area Leader of Bro Cybi. He will also serve the wider area as the new Archdeacon of Anglesey. He presently ministers as the vicar of the Lampeter Group of Churches, in the diocese of St David's.