

**Do not regret growing older—it is a privilege denied to many!**

**Join our 80+ Happy Birthday Corner!**

**To include someone , please get in touch now, with name and date of birth.**

**Happy Birthday Blessings to :**

**Ailia Lewis:** she celebrates 81 years on 08 November !

**Maureen Hunt:** she celebrates 85 years on 17 November!

**Gwenda Owen:** she celebrates 86 years on 20 November!

**We wish you many more years of health and happiness!**

**What do we show on this month's cover?** The Cenotaph at Whitehall, London, as it often looks on the second Sunday in November - Remembrance Sunday. The WW1 Armistice was the ceasefire that ended hostilities between the Allies and Germany at 11.0am on the 11th of November 1918. This day was initially called Armistice Day. The literal meaning of armistice is a truce, or an agreement to stop fighting for a certain period of time. This did not end the first World War itself, but it was the agreement which stopped the fighting on the Western Front ,while the terms of the permanent peace were discussed. The time limit had to be extended many times, and the final agreement was signed the following year, in June 1919, at the Treaty of Versailles, and registered with the League of Nations four months later. Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day) evolved from the original Armistice day. The two minute silence , in gratitude for sacrifice, was inaugurated by King George V in the grounds of Buckingham Palace in 1919, and has since been observed to remember armed forces members killed in the line of duty. Many Commonwealth countries sound the Last Post, (which marked the end of a military day) followed by silence, then Reveille, which was the first call of the morning. This ritual ensured that the dead were watched over at night, so that they were not mutilated by the enemy. It was a pledge to guard their honour. Next Remembrance Day, please remember this – it's music with significance, and could have been one of your ancestors! The laying of wreaths signalling high honours, goes back to ancient Greece and Rome. The Royal British Legion was founded in May, 1921. Poppies were then made from silk. Apparently poppies were the only flowers that grew in Flanders field after the conflict. In the first year, £106,000 was raised to help those affected by war, from the sale of 9 million poppies. By 1922, a factory had been set up to enable disabled former soldiers to make poppies - this is still operational today! It provides support for any member of the armed forces who served in any capacity. The annual march past through the streets of London , of ex service personnel who defended our freedom and protected our way of life, in WW2 and subsequent conflicts, takes place this year on 14 Nov (the Sunday closest to 11 Nov.) It is a poignant physical reminder of the British and Commonwealth personnel, who served and made the ultimate sacrifice. Many other countries apart from the Commonwealth observe these November remembrances. Belgium, France (blue cornflower rather than a poppy), Hong Kong, Israel, Dublin, US (called Veterans Day ,to include those from other conflicts), Serbia, and Poland (where it is known as Independence Day.) Australia and New Zealand celebrate remembrance day on ANZAC day – 25 April. Many of us find healing through music, in the British Legion Festival of Remembrance , which takes place in the Royal Albert Hall, London, usually on the Saturday evening of Remembrance weekend. This has happened each year since 1923, and was initially broadcast on radio in 1927, later transferring to television. Initially intended to honour those who died in the Great War, it now includes the war dead of more recent conflicts, and features music and performances by all three of the armed services, as well as world famous guest singers and musicians. **The two minute silence, and release of poppy petals from the roof are both extremely emotional and humbling.**

**They have gone no further from us than to God, and God is very near!**

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA  
PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE  
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**We are looking forward to life getting back to some sort of normality, so that when you cannot come to church, the church will come to you again!**

**Our pastoral care visiting team has grown in size, to allow us to reach out to even more people, as soon as we are allowed. We know that in some areas loneliness can be a huge problem, especially if your family live away, or if you are new to the town or village.**

**Please don't feel that you are on your own—we are just a phone call away! Some of you might like us to call for a friendly chat, others might like to receive Holy Communion, either in your own home, in hospital or in a care or nursing home. Others prefer a telephone call, just to be reminded that we are thinking of you. 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:** Brian Wray, Brenda Borsby, Mike Boylin, Monica Griffiths, Judy, Ann Davies, Katie Jones, Myfanwy Newman, Betty Williams, Jan Ware, Yvonne Fairlamb, Sue Jones, Ray, Carolann Wedlake, Andrew Samson, Alwenna, Jane Parry Williams.

**Let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers, and their carers.**

**Wednesday:** Hannah, Menna Screech, Barbara Smith, Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas, Margaret Williams, David Parry.

**Prayers for any other reason:**

Angela, Pam, Lynz.

**If you need us to pray for you for any reason at all, please let us know.**

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

Margaret Patricia Smith, Margaret Hughes, Janice Owen, Ashley Derrick Paul, James Norman "Nicholas" Boston, Hugh Jones, Jan Coldwell-Sykes.

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

**Grief is love with no where to go!**

**Anniversaries of death:**

**Oct 31—Nov 06:** Elizabeth Isherwood, Lilian Lloyd.

**Nov 07—13:** Owain Lewis Roberts, Trudy Filby, John Richard Roberts.

**Nov 14-20:** Ann Knight, Robert Williams, (former curate,) Hilda Mary Cobbe, Edward Bennett Connor.

**Nov 21-27:** Brian Williams, Blodwen Samson.

**Nov 28-Dec 04:** Margaret Preston, John Henry Walker.

**Grieving is nature's way of giving us space to accept the loss of those we love. It's a time to be very gentle with yourself.**

As so many of us are back in church, we will make sure that copies of each PCC can be picked up in all four church buildings. Some of you receive online, but we are delighted to keep home delivering to those who still need us to do so. Thank you!

**For Monday evening, short notice, online prayers please contact Jane: 01407 810827**

**Please pray for these couples recently married: we wish them every happiness!**

16 Oct: St Gwenfaen: Stuart Walden Cramp & Tracey Morris

23 Oct: St Cybi: James Paul Garden and Victoria Eleanor Jewell

29 Oct: St Ffraid: Andrew John Highley & Kingdom Gilchrist-Gater

**Harvest 2021:** St Cybi hosted a combined Ministry Area Harvest celebration, in which a wide variety of practical items of long life food and warm clothing were donated and later delivered to the Lighthouse Day centre for the homeless. Jan Ware's display of powerful visual images, together with a variety of prayers were much admired. St Gwenfaen, in a historically agricultural area, also celebrated harvest time in time honoured tradition, with a wheatsheaf and a range of home made jams. Their food donations were also later delivered to the homeless centre. Their display of autumnal drawings by Jan Coldwell-Sykes, recently deceased partner of Gerrit Forrester, were very much enjoyed. Thanks to all who made harvest happen!

**St David's** announce their new look "Carols by Candlelight"! Because of darker nights, a **festive afternoon tea** will be the "new look" - but the popular **Magee Brothers** will entertain again and Christmas wouldn't be the same without carols! **Sat 4 Dec @2.30pm.** Price to be announced later—they are always excellent value for money! Ring Linda to reserve 765697

**Interesting dates in the month of November:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> in 1858, after the Indian Mutiny, Queen Victoria became ruler of India, replacing the reign of the East India Company. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1936, the world's first regular TV service was started by the BBC. An estimated 100 TV owners tuned in. On the 4<sup>th</sup> in 1843, the 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of the 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square in London. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, in 1605, Guy Fawkes was arrested beneath the Houses of Parliament, as a plot to blow up King James I was uncovered. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, in 1917 the Bolshevik Red Guards seized control of the Winter Palace and confirmed Lenin as leader of Russia.

**Charity "Christmas Shop" in aid of St Cybi's Church, November 29 to December 3.** Please save any party clothes, bling, unused gifts, quality decorations, children's toys or games and possible raffle prizes. Looking for volunteers to serve in the shop. Please deliver goods as usual on Sunday, 28th Nov. Diolch yn fawr, Myfs 07928912808

All will be most welcome at our next **Walsingham Mass—Sat 13 Nov—St Cybi at 11.30am!** This will be our annual requiem, in which we remember our fellow pilgrims who have already gone ahead of us into a better life. May they rest in peace!

**Important anniversary for St Ffraid's Church!** Thank you George and Mair Lees, for reminding us that November 2021 will mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the present church. Local historian, and former churchwarden, George tells us that this church is the fifth church in the village, dedicated to the female saint, and was completed in 1931 by builder John Jones, who then handed the keys to the vicar of Holyhead. It was opened at 3.0pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1932 by the Bishop of Bangor. George has written an interesting history of the church, together with a brief illustrated companion book outlining a total of 18 churches in Wales, dedicated to St Brigid. Both are on sale, either in St Ffraid or directly from the author, who still lives in the village. **St Brigid's Blessing:** May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell, bless every fireside, every wall and door, bless every heart that beats beneath its roof, bless every hand that toils to bring it joy, bless every foot that walks its portals through, may Brigid bless the house that shelters you!

**4 November is the feast day of St Gwenfaen.** You may remember reading about the Walk to the Well in August this year. **5 November is the feast day of St Cybi.**

**Mothers Union.** There was a good attendance on Thursday October 21st to enjoy Stuart Hayter's magnificent film on Syria's Treasures. The next meeting on **18 Nov.** will be our autumn lunch, at the **Anchorage:** an excellent buffet, inc dessert, costing £12. Please let Janice know if you want to attend: 762905. Please arrive at 12 to eat at 12.30!

**If you want the rainbow, you first have to put up with the rain!**

**Holyhead Global Day of Action for Climate Justice,** to coincide with COP 26, **Sat, 6 Nov, 2021. Meet at 2.0pm, Newry Beach Road, LL65 1YD, above Maritime Museum,** and walk to the Celtic Cross. Contact: mcnicholl781@btinternet.com (Cytun)

**Unless there are new Covid restrictions, the Christmas Tree Festival at St Cybi's will go ahead this year, from 17 Dec. Setting up of trees will happen on Thurs 16th. More details next month!**

**For your diary! Mon Dec 13, Rotary Club Lessons and Carol Service in St Cybi. More details next month.**

**Remembrance Season Arrangements:**

**St Cybi's Field of Remembrance, Sunday 7 November @ 2.30pm.**

**Remembrance Sunday—14 November . St Cybi—Communion @ 9.0am.**

**Followed by Remembrance Service @ 10.0am - then join the procession to, and service at, the Cenotaph from 10.55am.**

**All Christmas service times will be included in the December copy of the PCC.**