

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 82 years on 8 November !

Maureen Hunt: she celebrates 86 years on 17 November !

Angela Hillman: she celebrates 80 years on 26 November !

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

Who do we show on this month's cover? The Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, with left hand outstretched, indicating the cross illuminating the sky, above the Milvian Bridge, which crossed the River Tiber in Rome. As there are several versions of these events, written by reputable historians, I will continue with the generally most accepted. On the 28 October 312AD, a battle took place between the armies of two of the regional reigning Roman emperors, Constantine 1 and Maxentius, to determine who would be the single undisputed emperor of Rome. Although they were brothers in law, their relationship was extremely hostile. On the night before the battle, Constantine was visited by an angel showing a crucifix, a vision by the Christian God, promising victory, if the sign of the CHI-RHO (the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek) was painted on the soldiers' shields. It looked like an X with a longtailed P running midway from top to bottom. **"By this sign, you will conquer!"** This sign has been found in very early Christian catacombs. Maxentius fell from the bridge, and drowned due to his heavy armour! The chronicler Eusebius allegedly heard this version from the emperor himself. Constantine won the battle, but as he did not know which god had been his saviour, he consulted with bishops who regularly travelled with his army. They assured him that the cross was the symbol of Jesus Christ's triumph over death. From that day on, he devoted himself completely to God: Christian priests became his closest advisors. He was welcomed back into Rome as the undisputed master of the western Roman Empire, and during his brief stay, he did not make any sacrifices to Roman gods. He also ordered the restitution of property confiscated from Christians during previous persecutions. Constantine was instrumental in constructing the Edict of Milan, six months after the battle, which granted everyone in the Roman Empire, the right to worship any god they chose. In 313, Constantine made Christianity an officially recognised and tolerated religion, which paved the way for it to become the dominant religion of the Roman Empire, and ultimately for Europe, in 380 AD, forty three years after his death. At the time of his conversion, one third of the Roman Empire was thought to be Christian. Compare this with the down trodden religious sect that had suffered such appalling persecution, at the hands of so many of Constantine's predecessors. The emperor's new faith became the cornerstone of his imperial policy. He donated large sums of his personal wealth to enlarging and decorating Christian churches. He became a benefactor to the poor, giving them money, food and clothing. He outlawed infanticide, the abuse of slaves and peasants, crucifixion and he made Sunday a day of rest. **Although he embraced the faith in mid life, he chose not to be baptised until he was on his death bed, aged 65. And to think that all this happened 1700 years ago!**

All will be welcome at our Walsingham Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday, 12th November, at St Cybi. This will be our annual mass to remember and give thanks for, members who have passed on! You may be a seasoned pilgrim, considering your first pilgrimage, just curious or enjoy the smell of incense and the sound of bells! Two new ladies, Pam and Irene, were welcomed in October . Delighted to have you with us girls! Looking forward to our Christmas lunch after Mass on Sat 3 Dec!

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE
NOVEMBER 2022**

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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. Until this happens, the clergy will handle all visits.

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, Mike Boylin, Judy, Ray, Anita Parry, Thelma Collins-Jones, Alan, Ailia Lewis, Pat Jones, David Carey, Rhianwen, Sue Tatlow, Janice, Patsy Young.

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

Wednesday : Hannah, Rosemary Tucker, Huw, Brenda Borsby, David Carey .

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam: That inflation and the cost of living be brought under control, so that our people will not financially fear the coming winter and beyond!

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' ...

Owain Roberts, Elwyn Collins-Jones, Menna Screech, Eileen Abernethy, Elwyn Jones

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

Grief is love with no where to go!

Anniversaries of death:

Nov 06-12: Lilian Lloyd, Owain Lewis Roberts, Trudy Filby, John Richard Roberts (Sexton)

Nov 13-19: Ann Knight, Robert Williams (priest), Hilda Mary Cobbe, Edward Bennet Connor

Nov 20-26: Brian Williams, Blodwen Samson

Nov 27-Dec 03: 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.

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 read and hear the name remembered.**

Please pray for these persons recently baptised :

9 Oct: St Ffraid: Douglas James Styles

16 Oct: St Cybi: Deio Wyn Williams

23 Oct: St Cybi: Theo Zachary Hazelaar

We welcome them as the newest members of our church family.

Neil writes: Over recent months the clergy have gradually returned to taking **Home Communion** to those who have requested it. We are conscious that there may well be others too, who have not been in touch. If you would like Home Communion then please do contact one of the Clergy Team. Thank you.

Mothers Union. Next monthly meeting, **2.0pm on Thursday, 17 November at St Davids**, there will be no speaker, but members will enjoy a social afternoon. **Bookings** being taken for our **Christmas Buffet lunch, 12 for 12.30 on Thursday 1 Dec at the Anchorage.** All welcome!

During lockdown, we met via Zoom, but the **Tuesday lectionary study group** have been meeting in person since September 2022 in **St Ffraids Hall, 12 till 1pm** all are most welcome to join us. We meet with a cup of coffee or tea and discuss the following Sunday's bible readings. For more details contact Rev Neil, 861663.

Thanks for prayers answered: Claire: Myfanwy Newman: Jim Shields

Please pray for this couple recently married. We wish them every happiness!

1 October: St Gwenfaen: Christopher James Johnson and Victoria Parr

DON'T LISTEN TO THE PERSON WHO HAS THE ANSWERS, LISTEN INSTEAD TO THE PERSON WHO ASKS THE QUESTIONS ! EINSTEIN.

Interesting November Dates: On the **3rd, 1942**, British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery's troops broke through the front line of Erwin Rommel's Afrika corps, capturing 9000 prisoners. On the **4th, 1843**, the 5.5metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London. On the **7th, 1917** Bolshevik Red Guards seized control of the Winter Palace and confirmed Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin) as leader of Russia. On the **9th, 1953**, flamboyant Welsh bard Dylan Thomas died at the age of 39. Heavy drinking and wild living contributed to his early death. On the **14th, 1940**, in one raid 449 German Luftwaffe bombers dropped 503 tons of bombs and 881 incendiaries onto the English city of Coventry. On the **16th, 1724**, highway man Jack Sheppard was hanged at Tyburn, London in front of an estimated 200,000 people. On the **23rd, 1910**, American born Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged at Pentonville Prison, after poisoning his wife and dismembering her body. On the **27th, 1875**, Britain bought shares worth £4 million, in the Suez Canal company.

The St Cybi 2022 tourist season is finally over. Thank you to all our tourist guides / stewards, including members of Rotary International, for their dedication and commitment over what has been an intense time. The total amount received in donations over a five month period has reached the amazing sum of £4587 ! Taking into account, the fact that we do not charge an entrance fee, but rely totally on the generosity of our visitors, and that some donate nothing at all, this is a fantastic sum! Huge thanks to all our volunteer guides! Apart from this amount, the most important aspect is that we contribute to the enjoyment of our visitors' holidays! They so enjoy sharing our beautiful church with us, if only for a short time. We only have to read the appreciative comments in our visitors book to realise this! Thank you all!

Looking ahead. St Cybi Christmas Tree festival . Setting up of trees will take place on Thurs 8th Dec. If any new group or organisation wishes to contribute and decorate a tree, please contact Richard Parry at St Cybi. We will have extra spaces this year! There will be a dedication service at 6.30pm that evening, when the lights will be switched on. This is always very dramatic! We will be open for the public to view from Fri 9th onwards until 23rd, between 11.0am and 3 pm. We will be grateful for offers of meeting and greeting – please contact Pat 860412 Thank you

Date for the diary! The St David team invites everyone to their Christmas Carol charity event on 9 December 2022 at 7.0pm! Tickets cost £6.50. Always good value, this includes mince pies, bara brith, tea, coffee, entertainment by Holyhead Male Voice Choir and the ever popular Magee Brothers. Raffles. All proceeds to St David's Hospice. Tickets NOW available—ring Linda 765697

The **St Ffraid Harvest Lunch**, quiz and music organised by Myf, Kathryn, Margaret and Ros and enjoyed by 41 people, was a great success. A big thank you to those who bought tickets, made donations, cooked food and helped on the day by washing up and serving food. It raised £500, divided equally between the Holyhead Foodbank and the Ministry Area Fund. (St David's committee are grateful for the kind donation received by them from this event)

November dates for the diary! The **Ministry Area All Souls service** will be on Wednesday the **2nd of November at 7pm at St Cybi.** There will be a joint **Ministry Area Service at St Cybi on Sunday the 6th of November at 11am.** The **Field of Remembrance Service** will be in **St Cybi's churchyard on Sunday the 6th of November at 2.30pm.** There will be a service of **Holy Communion at St Cybi on Remembrance Sunday the 13th of November at 9am.** The **Remembrance Sunday Service** will be in **St Cybi on Sunday the 13th of November at 10am. Rev Rob and Rev Neil will take the service at the Cenotaph at 11am. EVERYONE WILL BE VERY WELCOME AT ALL THESE SERVICES !**