

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 84 years on the 8th!

Maureen Hunt: she celebrates 88 years on the 17th!

Pam Williams: she celebrates 81 years on 17th!

Angela Hillman: she celebrates 82 years on the 26th!

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

What do we show on the cover for the month of November? The Creation of Adam, the magnificent religious artwork by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, Rome, which took five years to complete, was finally revealed to the public in a solemn mass, on the **1st November, 1512, the feast of All Saints**. The masterpiece includes 342 figures, and is considered to be the epitome of High Renaissance Art. Initially, the artist was reluctant to accept the commission, because he considered himself to be primarily a sculptor, who worked from his own artistic sketches, but the Pope Julius II was extremely persuasive and foresighted! Now five hundred years later, over 5 million people travel to the Vatican each year to admire this iconic work, which some see as a dramatic interpretation of the relationship between man on the left, and God on the right. Some interpret the gap between the two extended fingers, as man's inability to achieve divine perfection. God is there, but the decision to reach out to him belongs to man! **Other interesting November dates! 1 November 1348** – this was the approximate date that the Black Death hit London, via ships travelling from the east, docking at Bristol and Southampton. It was also called the Bubonic Plague, after the black, swollen inflamed lymph nodes called buboes, that appeared in the joint areas of groin and armpit of infected people. Accompanied by lethargy, bodily aches, cold and a high fever, once it entered the bloodstream the patient became poisoned and died. In just two months, around 200 bodies were piled into mass graves each day outside London. Over the next two years, the Black Death wiped out between 30 and 40 % of the entire English population. Even Princess Joan, daughter of King Edward III was a victim. Canterbury Cathedral became very popular as a pilgrimage destination. Prayers for survival were offered at the shrine of Thomas Becket. **3 November 1534** - on this date the English parliament passed the Act of Supremacy, cutting ties with the Pope in Rome and creating the Church of England, under the authority of the English monarch. This came about because Pope Clement VII refused to annul the marriage of Henry VIII and his first wife Queen Catherine of Aragon. **4 November 1843** the 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of the 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London. This commemorated Lord Nelson's death in his decisive naval victory over Napoleon in 1815, ensuring Britain's supremacy at sea for the next 100 years, and destroying Napoleons plans to invade England. **5 November 1605**, Guy Fawkes was arrested in the cellars below Westminster, while building barrels of gunpowder, after the plot to murder King James 1 was discovered. Plot organiser and devout English Catholic Robert Catesby was attempting to end the governments' persecution of Catholics. His father had been persecuted by Elizabeth I for refusing to conform to the Church of England. The plotters were later tried and executed for treason. **This event is commemorated to this day, with fireworks and bonfires throughout the land.**

Would you like to be part of a group meeting in St Ffraid's Hall, every Tuesday from 12.0noon-1.0pm, to discuss Bible readings for the following Sunday, with tea/ coffee and biscuits? Please ring Rev Neil to learn more !

**BRO CYBI / HOLY ISLAND MINISTRY AREA
PASTORAL CARE CIRCLE
NOVEMBER 2024**

**Associate Vicar : Neil Ridings: 01407 861663
Pioneer Priest: George Bearwood 07375 042021**



Whether you need a friendly chat, or Holy Communion at home, or in hospital or a care home, our caring clergy will be happy to oblige!

If we don't know that you need us, we sadly cannot help you!

Please ask someone to get in touch on your behalf.....

For anything to be included in this monthly newsletter, please contact Pat: 01407 860412; email: patriciahughes2017@gmail.com

Thank you.

Your prayers for the sick are asked for:

Sunday: Brian W, Mike B, Ray, Alan, Pat Jones, Janice, Carolann W, Annette, Heather R, Janet E, Jenny J, Chris, Bernard, Hedd, David P, Margaret T, Maureen, Keith Bryant, Val, Graham Webb, Hugh Alan Jones.

Please let us know the name of anyone who needs our prayers.

Wednesday: Hannah, Alan and Rosemary Tucker, Huw, David Carey, Katie Jones, Mair Lees. Maureen Hunt .

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

Rest in Peace: Love is meant to hurt, when it leaves "

Kenneth Henry Williams, Carolyn Hughes, Lona Pursglove

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

Love does not know how deep it is, until the hour of separation.

Anniversaries of death:

Nov 03-09: Elizabeth Isherwood, Lilian Lloyd, Owain Lewis Roberts

Nov 10-16: Trudy Filby, John Richard Roberts, Ann Knight, Robert Williams

Nov17-23: Hilda May Cobbe, Edward Bennett Connor, Betty Williams, Brian Williams

Nov 24-30: Blodwen Samson

There is a land of the living, and a land of the dead. The bridge between the two is love!

Please pray for these recently baptised:

27 Oct: St Ffraid: Cari Elle Fairest

We welcome her as the newest member of our church family

REMEMBRANCE 2024 Field of Remembrance Service, Sunday 3 November , 2.30pm at the Sea Cadet's Building, Newry Beach, Holyhead. Remembrance Sunday, service 10th November at the Town Hall at 10.0am followed by a service at the Cenotaph. All welcome! The month of REMEMBERING! They have gone no further from us than to God, and He is very near!

Dates for your Christmas Diary ! All very welcome! Hope to see you at as many as possible!

Get into the Christmas spirit at St David's, on Fri 22 November, at 7.0pm— £6 to include festive light refreshments - SOUNDS OF THE SEASON—musical entertainment by "Friendly Voices" and the ever faithful Magee Brothers. Tickets from Sandra 764698 and Linda 765697.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT at St Gwenfaen's Church—Anglesey Choral Society, Thursday 12 December 2024 at 7pm. White or red wine (or non alcoholic) to be served in the interval with a mince pie. Cost £7.50 per person!

St Ffraid, RNLi concert, 7.0pm on Fri 13 December.

St Gwenfaen, Sunday 15 December, at 5.0pm, traditional carols and readings , hopefully with children from Ysgol Rhoscolyn .

Christmas Eve: St Ffraid: Midnight Mass: 11.30pm

Christmas Day—St Gwenfaen— Holy Communion at 10.30am! Please note time

Amazing news! We have a new Ministry Area Leader – Rev Kathryn Evans, currently working in the Diocese of St Asaph, previously in the Diocese of Birmingham. Please pray for her and her husband Bob, as they prepare to move to Bro Cybi early in the New Year! Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to enable this to happen. We look forward to welcoming them!

If you are curious about Walsingham, the next monthly Mass to be led by our Archdeacon John Harvey, will be at St Davids, on 9th November, at 11.30am, followed by tea, coffee, and cakes. Pilgrimage 2025 is already booked from 23-27 June. No single room supplement! If you would like to travel with us, please get in touch: Either ring Jane Bailey 01407 521345 or Pat 01407 860412: or email : patriciahughes2017@gmail.com . Better still why not pop in to one of our joyful, friendly Walsingham monthly masses, if only to say hello to fellow pilgrims? We are all looking forward to enjoying a Christmas lunch together, after the mass on 14th December!

Thanks for prayers answered: Catherine, Princess of Wales .

MOTHERS UNION. The October meeting was well attended and members enjoyed a social time replacing the cake decorating, due to the speaker being incapacitated. . The next meeting will be a festive social afternoon to get us in the Christmas mood on Thurs 21st November —2.0pm at St David .The Christmas lunch will be on Thurs 5th Dec at the Holyhead Breakwater Country Park. Contact Janice—762905

OPEN THE BOOK – What is it? The Bible Society, which is over 200 years old, is a charity whose aim is to offer Bibles to the world. It was started by William Wilberforce, an evangelical Christian MP, who led the movement to abolish the slave trade in 1807, (currently a very hot topic!) He was fired by the story of the determined young Welsh girl Mary Jones, who saved for six years and trudged 26 miles on foot, in order to buy her own Bible. Now, the society is the driving force behind a project made up of 6000 volunteers in the UK, who are invited to visit primary schools, to share Bible stories with pupils in a fun , interactive and memorable way. The teams consist of a storyteller, who needs the support of others to create a drama which engages young minds. We have a full programme of schools waiting for us to visit! Interested? **Please come to St David's Church, at 2.0pm on Monday 25th Nov. Contact details for Robina / Organiser: Tel : 01407 762634.**

On the 3rd of November we look forward to welcoming Assistant Bishop David as he joins us for our Joint Ministry Area Service in St. Ffraid's at 11am. There has been lots of excited chatter surrounding the announcement of Rev. George Bearwood joining the team in Bro Cybi as Associate Pioneer Priest and people are really looking forward to meeting him. George will be licensed during this service. Please make every effort to come and meet Bishop David and welcome George as he begins his ministry here in Bro Cybi. The 'welcome' will be rounded off by tea, coffee and cake in the hall afterwards! What is a "pioneer priest?" Someone who will be out and about in the community, meeting people, making connections, and creating links to different organisations. He will also take some of our church services. Usual services on the other Sundays in the month: St David and St Gwenfaen @ 9.15am: St Ffraid @ 11.0am: Everyone will be most welcome at every service !

Myfanwy writes: This year's Bro Cybi harvest lunch, held again at St David's, was another success. All enjoyed an afternoon of good food, entertainment and fellowship, raising £577 which has been split between the local Food Bank and St David's disabled toilet fund. Many thanks to all who prepared and donated food and raffle prizes and helped on the day.

Excellent news just in : the restoration work on St Gwenfaens stained glass windows, will hopefully commence early in the New Year 2025. It is believed that most of the work can continue around existing church services, with minimal disruption . However if the church needs to be closed at all, services will continue in the church hall.

All Hallow Tide, covers the three days from Halloween,(31 Oct,) through All Saints,(1 Nov) to All Souls (2 Nov.) 'All Saints' includes saints, martyrs and those who lived holy lives, but don't necessarily fit into either of the two first categories. It has been celebrated in Britain since the 9th century. We remember on 'All Souls' the faithful departed - friends, family even strangers. In Europe and South America, families make a special visit on that day to cemeteries to remember loved ones. Locally St Gwenfaen's feast day is on 4th Nov, while St Cybi may be celebrated on either 5th or 8th November.