

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 :

Peter Murphy: he celebrates 86 years on 2 October !

Lorna Owen : she celebrates 80 years on 8 October!

Terry Jones: he celebrates 85 years on 15 October!

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

Who do we show on this month's cover? Saint Cecilia—playing a very early pipe organ.

These beautiful but basic instruments, were first made in the third century before Christ, and the wind was regulated by water pressure. The oldest still playable organ, built in 1435, is to be found in Switzerland. Born in 2nd century Rome, well educated and the only child of a wealthy family, Cecilia had been a devout Christian from a very young age. She was a virgin martyr, and is the patron saint of music and musicians. Her feast day is celebrated on 22 November, but we have included her today, as our ministry area has recently been blessed with so many beautiful musical celebrations. The church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, Rome was probably founded in the third century by Pope Urban I, over the house where Cecilia lived and died. She is associated musically with flutes, pipe organs, violins and harps, and with singing and songbirds. Although not blind herself, she was also reputedly a protector of those who could not see. Another recent nod to **St Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians** here on Holy Island has been the initiative promoted by the Royal College of Organists known as "Orgelbuchlein." In 1713 the young J S Bach wrote out the titles of 164 chorales which he intended to complete, to illustrate each facet of the church year. Sadly, he only completed 46. This 21st century project encourages composers to complete what Bach did not finish, in a modern interpretation of their choosing. The first complete performance of this marathon organ playing, took place in Amsterdam in 2019. It took nine hours, four organists and five organs to showcase the 164 musical pieces. In September 2022, five large London churches were chosen to host the next stage of the project.

What has this to do with us? Bro Cybi were approached via the MA website, by Tom Bell, Director of the RCO, who along with the Fred Thomas trio, were scheduled to play at St Andrews, Holborn. Well known for his tuition and master classes around the world, Tom's playing has been described as 'invigorating, compelling, innovative and brilliant'. On holiday in our area, independent organ advisor Tom wished to use the organ at St Cybi, to practice for this prestigious event. **Why?** Our 250 year old organ was originally a wedding gift from her father, to the bride of the then Duke of Westminster. Tom used to be organist / choir master of St Michaels, Belgravia part of the present Duke of Westminster's London estate. **We were happy to help, and those who heard him, really enjoyed the experience!**

The tourist season is almost 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. Nearly 40 cruise ships have visited! It is such a joy to welcome people from literally all over the world! If you missed out doing it this year, remember to get in touch, and be a trained part of the team in 2023, which promises even more cruise ships and passengers. . Thanks to one of our regular organists Alec Mitchell, who has delighted guides and visitors with his music!

HM the late Queen Elizabeth – always thanked those who needed to be thanked – may we all follow her excellent example!

**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. 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, Myfanwy Newman, Yvonne Fairlamb, Ray, Eunice, Anita Parry, Sylvia Owen, Jim Shields, Thelma Collins-Jones, Alan, Ailia Lewis, Lewis, Pat Jones, David Carey, Claire .

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

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

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam: Andy, Hannah and baby Harrison: That inflation and the cost of living be brought under control, so that our people will not financially fear the coming winter and beyond! Health and happiness for our new King Charles III

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' ...

HRH Elizabeth II, David Williams (No 9), Christine Andrews, David Wyn Jones, Leslie Boulton, David Kelsall

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 02-08: Helen Nason, Gwyneth Fon Williams, George Haram, Gwyn Cybi Thomas, Peter Smith,

Oct 09-15: William Lewis Roberts, Margaret Ellen March, Howard James Newton English, Thomas Gwynfor Owen

Oct 16-22: John Willows,

Oct 23-29: 'Nana' Noble Griffith, Stanley Albert Filby, Moira Lewis, Elinor Hughes

Oct 30-Nov 05: Myra Jones, Elizabeth Isherwood

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 this person recently baptised :

11 September: St Cybi: Albert Edward Kirkwood

We welcome him as the newest member of our church family.

Internment of Ashes: Patrick Prile and Michael Prile

St David had a very successful week at their recent **charity shop**—the amazing sum of £1084.92 was raised. The team wish to thank all who donated, assisted and supported in any way. All the raffle prizes were claimed. The hardworking ladies are already looking ahead to their Christmas Carol event!

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, 20 October at St Davids.** All will be very welcome..... to meet and listen to Chris Cook, Practice Manager at Cambria and Longford Surgeries, Hwb Iechyd Cybi. Should be interesting!

Pam, Patrick, Nigel and Neil Williams would like to thank everyone , including our clergy, for their kindness – for calls, cards and donations to David Williams, (No 9), on his recent passing, and the celebration of his life. Thank you all so very much!

Interesting October Dates: Interesting October dates: On the **1st**, in **1918**, Lawrence of Arabia forces captured Damascus from Turkish forces. On the **1st** in **1946**, MENSA was created. On the **1st** in **1971**, Disney world was opened in Orlando, Florida. On the **5th** in **1962**, the Beatles released their first single "Love me Do." On the **7th** in **1919**, the Royal Dutch Airlines company KLM was founded. On the **7th** in **1982**, the Musical "Cats" opened on Broadway. On the **10th** in **1913**, the Panama Canal joined the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. On the **13th** in **1958**, the Paddington Bear Books were released. On the **14th** in **1932**, Mahatma Gandhi began his hunger strike. On the **15th** in **1940**, Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" opened. On the **17th** in **1931**, Al Capone was found guilty of income tax evasion. On the **18th** in **1922**, the BBC came into being. On the **20th**, in **1955**, the final book of Lord of the Rings was published. On the **23rd**, in **1963**, Dr Who was first shown on British TV.

All will be welcome at our Walsingham Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday, 15th October, at St Cybi. You may be a seasoned pilgrim, considering your first pilgrimage, just curious or enjoy the smell of incense and the sound of bells!

After a successful series of August events, St Gwenfaen's Church, Rhoscolyn offered on 29th Sept, a most unusual evening of Renaissance and Baroque Music. Roger Child, the award winning performer and teacher, together with narrator Sarah Lucas, helped raise money for the stained glass window appeal . The audience enjoyed listening to music, played on five different instruments, from early surviving manuscripts of Renaissance Italian, early Spanish and early English music through to the Baroque era. (Bach and his contemporaries) Also included was French music from the court of Louis IV. Roger founded the early music ensemble Partita, and in 2016, the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death, he was delighted to be invited to play for a RSC anniversary CD connected with their productions of Hamlet. Thanks to everyone involved in creating a most wonderful evening !

Birthday blessings to Rev. Neil for the 25th October. May you enjoy many more !

Joint Ministry Area **Harvest** service is on **Sunday the 2nd Oct at St Cybi's at 11.0am. Harvest donations to the Lighthouse project please.** Tins and jars – soups, baked beans, meat, sauces, custard, rice pudding, men's underwear. **St Gwenfaen's** will also hold their Harvest on the **9th Oct at 9.15. Thank you!**

Please join us for a 2 course **Harvest Lunch** + music and raffle, on **Thursday, October 13th, at 12.30pm at St Ffraids Church Hall.** Tickets £8. Contact Myfs 07928912808, Ros 860247, Margaret 730192 or 07717398591. Proceeds will be shared between Food Bank and Ministry Area funds. All will be very welcome!

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 space 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 24th, between 11.0am and 3 pm. We will be grateful for offers of stewarding – please contact Pat 860412. Thank you!