

## Bro Cybi Ministry Area



### Letter to Bro Cybi

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2020

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well, you are all very much in my prayers each morning. Thank you for all your well wishes and personal messages; you are very kind. I have felt very well looked after since I arrived in Bro Cybi ten months ago. A number of you have asked about my health, I feel really good thank you. I await a biopsy at Ysbyty Gwynedd for a growth detected in an MRI scan in February. I'm aware there is a waiting list which may be lengthy due to Covid, I think it's very important that people who need healthcare more urgently than me are treated first, I'm very happy to wait my turn and see what happens. My condition rarely bothers me and I am very much re-assured that all will be well whatever the future holds. Your prayers have meant so much to me; thank you.

I am hugely grateful to everyone working towards re-opening our Churches. It is not an easy task and there are many issues and responsibilities to consider where people's health is concerned. Each of our Church committees are continuing to discuss how they can safely re-open. There are seating plans, risk assessments, personal health assessments, signage and cleanliness issues to resolve. All of which have to be approved by our MAC and then the Archdeacon. It seems likely that at least some of our Churches will be open towards the end of August. When a Church re-opens there will be limits on the number of people we can safely accommodate in the Church; we have to ensure a minimum 2m distance between each person.

It is possible that people may be turned away from Church if it is already up to the allowed number of people on the seating plan. Each Church committee also has the option of using a telephone booking system to ensure we are not turning people away. I recognise this is an emotive issue for us; nobody wants to turn away people away from Church, it goes against the grain and seems to be against everything we stand for.



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This coming week we are starting three Zoom groups in addition to our three services and Saturday coffee morning:

- Lectionary group on Tuesday led by Neil
- Bible study on Thursday led by Jane
- Prayer meetings on Wednesday

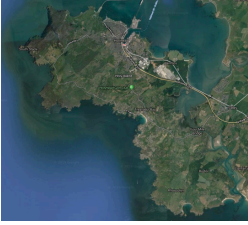
Neil will send out the Zoom invitations and links on Monday for the lectionary group and bible study group (he is on leave this week).

For the Prayer meetings: We had originally discussed our running own Zoom prayer group, and then decided to try joining in with the Synod prayer group on Wednesday in the first instance. These are co-ordinated by Rev. Kev and happen at 8am (?!) and 5pm. We will forward the Zoom links to this when they arrive from Kev early next week. I am keen to start a book discussion group in the near future and have some ideas on books which will be appropriate to our current themes and situation – watch this space !

We are beginning to return from exile and as always, we should turn to scripture to give us guidance and re-assurance. Israel's exile in Babylon teaches the importance of:

- **Faith in the sovereignty of God** (the Creator of the Cosmos has all things in his hand; His power is unfathomable and His thirst for our protection and wellbeing is unquenchable)
- **Build** (wherever we find ourselves is where we build our community of faith)
- **Pray** (unceasingly, live a prayerful life, always being awake to God)
- **Disciple and learn** (deepen our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus)
- **Trust the Promises of God** (who has given us a covenant promise in Jesus)

My hope is that you, like me, will be encouraged that our future is secure.



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With blessings and best wishes, Rob