



The Church in Wales Holy Island Ministry Area – Bro Cybi

The Church of St Cybi's : St Gwenfaen's : St Fraid's : St David's

30th of April 2021

Letter to Bro Cybi

Dear friends,

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you in the name of the Risen Christ. I hope this letter finds you well, we are in the Easter season; a time of resurrection, new life and new beginnings. The sun on our faces brings a smile, even when the cool winds cause us to wear our winter coats again. Things are growing, although the ground is still dry. We need water...

I am delighted to tell you that all our churches have now re-opened. Each of the services have been full-houses with a wonderful atmosphere. I think folks are glad to be back in their churches; there has been much emotion. We had a great clean up day at St Cybi's on Monday this week, with people from the community coming to help us, Alec played the organ, people hoovered, dusted, polished, mopped and carried out old carpets. It was hard work ! I had to have a lie down late afternoon – unheard of !! And there have been huge efforts in all our churches, to get them cleaned and ready for services again. Such a good feeling to see people gathered together again in person. We still have to be very careful and if you can help out with stewarding in one of our churches, showing people to a seat; taking contact details or reminding people to hand sanitise – then please do get in touch.

And if you want to be involved in doing readings or leading prayers during a service or helping out in any other way then please do let me know. Our churches are churches of God and of the people – everyone can find a place.

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It is necessary to book before you come to a service because places are limited. The service times and contact numbers for bookings are listed below. For the midweek communion at St Cybi's on Wednesday at 10.30am - as clergy we will do another service on the same day at midday if there are enough people who want this, who have been unable to get in for the 10.30am. We don't want anyone to miss out on this important service.

St Gwenfaen's - Sunday 9.15am - book with Edna Aldred 01407 861388

St Ffraid's - Sunday 11am – book with Marje Lee 01407 861580

St David's – Sunday 9.15am – book with Sandra Lingwood 01407 764698

St Cybi's – Wednesday 10.30am and Sunday 11am – book with Pat Hughes 01407 860412

In this season of resurrection and new life, I wanted to share a real story with you – this happened to me today. I've supported a man for 18 years, he was a boy when we first met. He's always kept in touch with me and we talk sometimes every day on the phone. He was 14 when I first got to know him; he lived across the road and used to get up to no good in our neighbourhood. He was big and tall and strong and he used his fists. He terrorised the neighbourhood, and he robbed me and many others. He stabbed someone when he was 17 and was sentenced under Section 37 which means he will only be released by order of the Home Secretary. That was 15 years ago. He phones me every few days, from jail. He always wants to know how I am, how my family are (he knows my children) and he always ends our chat with "love you". He's never shown any interest in faith at all. Tonight he rang me and for the first time in 18 years he asked me to pray for him. He wants me to choose a bible for him and send it to him and he says he chats with the 'vicar' in prison a lot now. That was today's little miracle; 18 years in the making.

We have been faithful during this pandemic. We may not have got everything right, but we have tried and God has taken care of us. He will always take care of us because He is good and he is faithful to us. That is His covenant with us. He will always give us what we need, not what we want; but what we need.

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We want to know how you want us to keep communicating with you, now that changes are happening and our churches are re-opening. There are several options for each of you, please will you let Pat Hughes know what you want to receive in the future, the options are as follows:

- 1) Do you want to continue receiving monthly envelopes
- 2) If so, which sheets do you wish to receive in the envelope
- 3) Are you happy to receive the information by e mail instead of by envelope
- 4) Would you like to pick up an envelope at your church – to save someone delivering it

If you are able to ring Pat on 01407 860412 and let her know your preference within the next few weeks that would be hugely helpful.

I hope to see you somewhere soon, in person !

With love and best wishes

Rob

Rev. Rob Wardle