

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 :

Frances Iliff: she celebrates 84 years on 15 March!

Menna Screech : she celebrates 92 years on 24 March!

Keith Bryant: he celebrates 82 years on 25 March!

Mary Halford: she celebrates 86 years on 31 March!

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

Have you noticed the date on the front cover image? We have been extremely fortunate to have been given a huge amount of ministry area literature and photographs by St Ffraid's historian **George Lees**, for which we are most grateful. These will be kept securely for the future by Chris Medley, Ministry Area Historian. **What do we show on our cover for this month?** One of a series of Holyhead Parish Magazines from 1933 to 1939 -note the date – January 1933! I have picked out some snippets from the whole seven year range – I hope you find them as interesting as I did! If we think we are constantly being asked for cash now, in the 1930s it was relentless. The writing style of the time was very forthright, uncompromising! Would you believe that Church bazaars invariably provided the services of a fortune teller? We might think that the churching of women was an ancient tradition, but purification after child-birth was still offered here well into the 1930s. In 1939 a request was put out to parishioners, to provide free overnight bed and board for members of a Russian choir, booked to entertain locally. In the Vicars letter of Aug 1939, the international situation was described as 'grave and unsettling'. He wrote the following month that the worst had happened, and the parish should remember in their prayers the King, soldiers, sailors, airmen and all who are actively engaged in fighting and in public service, or who were obliged to stay at home. In Oct 1939, lighting restrictions created problems for those arranging evening worship, as services had to terminate before sunset! The vicar writes that times are abnormal! Services had to be cancelled or rescheduled. The inter denominational funeral of 7 victims of the Thetis submarine tragedy was carried out on 13 Sept 1939, in Maes Hyfryd cemetery. A welcome was extended to war refugees who were settling well into their new homes. Prayers were offered for those absent on active service. We might think that our worship has been disrupted by the recent Pandemic. Imagine the concern of those terrified and unwilling to leave home after dark, lest an air raid warning should be sounded and total panic should set in. The windows of St Elbods (Rhos y Gaer Ave—now closed) and St Cybi had to be darkened, so that no light should betray the site. Evensong had to be moved to the afternoon for reasons of safety. The ladies of the church working parties met each Thursday from the outset of WW2, to knit "comforts " for the three sectors of the military. At Christmas 1939, Christmas boxes were sent to all serving members of our congregations. Mrs Charles Hughes' band was mentioned as a regular provider of entertainment, while plays and whist drives continued to help with the support element of our local war effort. Falling church numbers are not new. In 1939 the vicar in his letter criticised the neglect of public worship, but remarked that it was a busy, lively parish with lots going on. Although these events and similar happened more than eighty years ago, some present church members may remember them being talked about within the older generations of the family. **If you have similar church memories to share, do please get in touch!**

Chris Medley writes: Since my appointment as Ministry Area Historian I have gathered information from the internet. Soon I hope it will be possible to re-visit the archives. We need to create our own. Good progress has been made with this by a very generous donation by **George Lees** of papers relating to St Ffraid's. Thank you George. If any one else has any documents or photos they are prepared to share, especially relating to the closed churches of St Seiriol's and St Elbod's, and the history of Holy Island, **please get in touch.**

Just when the caterpillar thought its world was over, it became a butterfly!

**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 are handling 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:

Sun: Brian Wray, Brenda Borsby, Mike Boylin, Judy, Myfanwy Newman, Yvonne Fairlamb, Ray, Eunice, Anita Parry, Graham Smith, Lynn Walton, Sylvia Owen, Chris Williams.

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

Wed: Hannah, Menna Screech, Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas, Jan Ware.

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam, Lynz. That peace be soon be returned to UKRAINE!

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' ...

Mary Rees Parry, Arthur Wyn Jones, Kathleen Elizabeth Roberts, Dorothy Peters, Glenys Whitely, Robert Winstanley, Catherine Jones (Welsh Book Shop)

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

Grief is love with no where to go!

Anniversaries of death:

Feb 27-Mar 05: Gwladys Warden Owen, Mark Batty, Don Ware.

Mar 06—12: Olwen Jones, Megan Mills-Williams

Mar 13-19: Sarah Louise Allcott, Joseph Collins-Jones, Dale Evans, Nicola Brady, Gladys Cunningham, Olga Wright, Ian Walker.

Mar 20 -26: Stanley Henry Eaton, Vera Dunn

Mar 27-Apr 02: Agnes Collins-Jones, Nicola Waddington

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.

Confirmation: Sunday the 6th of March 11am at St Cybi's (no other MA services on that day) Archbishop Andy John will perform the ceremony and celebrate Holy Communion. Please pray for the four candidates as they confirm their faith, promised on their behalf at baptism.

Our existing **volunteer tourist guides for St Cybi 2022** very much look forward to resuming duties in the spring. We hope that colleagues from Holyhead Rotary Club will be able to help as generously as they have in previous years. This year, we hope to be open seven days each week, and we would welcome **new volunteers**, both from all four of the church congregations or the community, to come forward to be trained. **If you enjoy meeting new people, it is a very interesting way of spending a couple of hours each week, helping holiday makers and your community at the same time.** We work in pairs to cover a morning and an afternoon shift. Please contact Pat for more details. Thank you!

Please pray for this person recently baptised:

30 Jan: St Gwenfaen: Arthur Alexander Reed

We welcome him as the newest member of our church family

Please pray for mothers everywhere on **Mothering Sunday, 27th March.**

Lent Discussion Group: Rowan Williams book 'Being Christian' SPCK 2014. We meet at St David's on Tuesday evenings beginning on the 8th of March, at 6pm for a meal followed by book discussion.

Ash Wednesday: 10.30am at St Cybi's and also 6.30pm at St Cybi's. Imposition of Ashes within a service of Holy Communion. All are welcome.

Lent Lunches: St Cybi after each Wednesday morning service, within the Stanley Chapel, due to continuing restrictions, please bring your own food. Tea or Coffee will be served.

Happy St David's Day (on the 1st) and St Patrick's Day (on the 17th) to you all!

Interesting dates in the month of March! On the **5th**, in **1946**, the "Iron Curtain" speech was delivered by Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Churchill used the term to describe the boundary in Europe between free countries of the West and nations of Eastern Europe under Soviet Russia's control. On the **12th**, in **1999** - Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic became full-fledged members of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) less than ten years after exchanging communist rule for democracy and ending their Cold War military alliances with Soviet Russia.

Mother's Union. The next meeting, third Thursday of every month, will be on **17th March**, 2.0pm at St. David's. Our speaker will be Paul Green, who will explain his role as a Street Pastor, amongst the town and university population of Bangor. During our last meeting, in which Archdeacon Andy was guest speaker, and Virginia Crosbie was visiting guest, two new members were enrolled into our friendly group—Lynn and Christine. Two members from the former Valley branch were also welcomed, Lynn and Glenys. Long service years certificates were presented to Lorna (50,)Betty(40,) Carys (40,)Val (40,) Anne (40,) and to Monica (40,) - although absent. Remember, you don't have to be a mother to be a member! Ring Janice for details: 762905.

Our hardworking MP for Anglesey, Virginia Crosbie, recently donated the generous sum of **£75 to our MU group**. Many thanks Virginia, we are most grateful.

Thanks for prayers answered : Sue Jones, Frances Iliff

Katie Jones' health is much improved. She wishes to say a **big 'thank you'** for all the good wishes on her recent 94th birthday. It gave her so much pleasure.

February **Walsingham Mass** : We were delighted to have been lent a thurible for burning incense by the Cathedral. We thank Rev Rob for a very moving Mass. Nick acted as server and thurifer, and Rev Jane as part of the congregation, emotionally handled the readings and the psalm. We welcomed Bernie, who was interested. Why don't you join us for the one on **26th March, 11.30 in St Cybi?**

DATES FOR THE DIARY: We hear from Richard Parry, Mayor, that a bi-lingual Civic Covid Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will take place in St Cybi's Church on **8 April 2022** at 7.0pm, focusing on the journey out of the pandemic, from darkness to light. Holyhead Male Voice Choir will be in attendance. St Gwenfaen will hold a coffee morning on **Easter Monday – 18 April!** St Cybi Flower Festival will take place this year from **8-15 June**. Theme: Journeys and Adventures. Contact Myfs 760216 for more details.

Jan's beautiful images for Lent. You may recall enjoying the images which this talented lady produced for Advent. We have been fortunate in that she has agreed to create and rotate images in St Cybi during Lent , as we journey with Jesus, as he invites the apostles to teach, to heal, to guide and to forgive. Be sure to read next month about her images for Palm Sunday and for Holy Week! Thank you Jan

The worst thing about lockdown, was that it emphasised the loneliness in our lives. Barbara Taylor Bradford

Were you born in 1941 / ?? Did you attend Holyhead County? If so, a reunion birthday party is being organised for summer 2022. Please contact Pat 01407 860412 for details.

World Day of Prayer (previously Women's World Day of Prayer) **Fri 4th March 2.0pm at Bethel, Edmund St (Welsh), and 2.0pm at St Mary's (English) Everyone welcome!**