

**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 :**

**Emrys Williams: he celebrates 84 years on 17 April !**

**Barbara Hobday: she celebrates 84 years on 22 April !**

**Monica Griffiths: she celebrates 83 years on 29 April !**

**We wish you many more years of health and happiness!**

**What do we show on this month's cover?** Appropriately for Easter, a marble sculpture of "The Veiled Christ." Created in 1753, by Giuseppe Sanmartino, it is to be found in the Cappella Sansevero in Naples, Italy. It is considered to be one of the world's most remarkable works of art. A contemporary sculptor said that he would willingly give up ten years of his life, to be able to produce a similar masterpiece! The "job description" was "to produce a marble statue, sculpted with the greatest realism, representing Our Lord Jesus Christ in death, covered by a transparent shroud, carved from the same block of stone as the statue". The commission was completed - the dead Christ laid on a couch, covered by a veil which adhered perfectly to his form. The exquisite mastery of the sculptor, results in us looking through the veil, at the suffering that Christ had undergone during the crucifixion. The signs of his pain can be seen on his face and body. Unfortunately, I have not had the pleasure of visiting it, but Venetian architect, historian and art critic Francesco da Mosto describes how the face changes when viewed from different angles – initially it shows suffering, then moves on to depict peace! Magnificent! Also on the couch, we see the carved instruments of his passion: pliers, shackles and the crown of thorns. Over time, the sculpture was legendarily believed to have been achieved by alchemy. Viewers could not believe that the veil and the body were carved out of the one original marble piece. It was believed that a real veil was laid over the half finished statue, and that it was transformed into the finished product of crystalline marble, by the chemical process of alchemy. A close professional analysis leaves no doubt as to its authenticity.

**A confirmatory receipt, dated 1752, signed by the commissioning prince Raimondo di Sangro, seventh Prince of Sansevero, is preserved to this day in the archives of the Bank of Naples. He also authenticated in other signed letters, the statue to be of genuine marble, and carved from one piece !**

**Facts about crucifixion:** This manner of death can be traced back to 6 centuries before Christ. While artists have depicted Christ hanging on the cross with his face in a peaceful repose, it is actually an extremely painful manner of death. The word excruciating comes directly from the word crucifixion. Nails shown to be driven through the palms are allegedly historically incorrect. They would generally have been driven through the wrists, hitting the median nerve, which is extremely painful. Insects irritating the wounds would increase the discomfort.

**Some modern Easter traditions which still exist!** **Philippines:** On Good Friday some of the faithful in the town of San Pedro actually endure crucifixion as well as flagellation with sharp-tipped whips. (They do not last long enough to cause serious injury or death!) In **Cyprus** and **Crete**, it is usual to light bonfires, and a small doll representing Judas Iscariot is thrown into the flames. In western **Switzerland** women carry crimson cushions, bearing the symbols of Christ's passion, through the streets. The cushion contains nails used in the crucifixion, the crown of thorns that was placed on His head and the handkerchief that St. Veronica used to wipe Christ's brow as He carried the cross (which was also incredibly imprinted with the image of His face).

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**THE VERY FIRST EASTER TAUGHT US —  
THAT LIFE NEVER ENDS, AND LOVE NEVER DIES !**

**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. The clergy currently undertake all visits**

**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, Ray, Alan, Pat Jones, David Carey, Sue Tatlow, Janice, Baby Emlyn, Michelle, Carolann Wedlake, Annette, Catherine Owen.

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

**Wednesday :** Hannah, Rosemary Tucker, Huw , David Carey, Katie Jones .

**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 "

Barbara Swaine Williams, Enid Elizabeth Simpson, Eileen Keegan, John Worland, Mervyn Kennedy

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

**Grief is love with no where to go!**

**Anniversaries of death:**

**April 2-8:** Robert Idris Llewelyn, Dr Denys Lloyd

**April 9-15:** Douglas Raymond Williams, Robert Henry Greenwood

**Apr16-22:** Jinny Wearne, Samuel William Walter Manning, Gwerfil Pierce Williams

**April 23-29:** Rev. David William Walton, John Mason, Marion Wynne Williams, Amy Thomas, Scott Lee

**April 30-May 6:** Jill Evans, Ann Gray, Eryl Lloyd Williams, David Thomas Davies (former Rector) , George Cyril Cobbe, Vida Tonkin, Malcolm Bell

**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.**

The March **Mothers Union** meeting was most enjoyable. Jane Jones spoke from the heart about St David's Hospice. Several of our members had experienced at first hand their high quality of care! A donation was given on behalf of the group! Join us on Thurs, 20th April @ 2.0pm at St David's. Speaker will be Gareth Rowlands: subject Holyhead and the Marine Yard. All are welcome, we are a friendly group—why not try us out? Tea/coffee/biscuits !

The **Tuesday lectionary study group** meet each week in **St Ffraid's Hall, 12 till 1pm**, with a cup of coffee or tea to discuss the following Sunday's bible readings. We look forward to welcoming you ! For more details contact Rev Neil, 861663.

**Date for the Diary! Easter Vestry 2023—25 April—St Cybi's Church.**

**Message from Sue Jennings,** Llanfaethlu, local Speaker for **The Leprosy Mission:** From 1<sup>st</sup> May, she will be looking for churches on Ynys Mon which would like her to give a presentation about the work of The Leprosy Mission (TLM). If interested, please ring 01407 731111 .

**Holyhead Cancer Support Group** has vacancies to welcome new members, whether a sufferer or in recovery. We meet at Penucheldre, to provide physical and emotional support, every Friday from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Refreshments / light lunch provided, as well as complementary therapies, All activities are free of charge. Why not come and meet everyone? Ring Heather: 01407 860794.

**VIP Date for the Diary!** A right royal party! St David's – Saturday 6 May at 3.30pm, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Tickets £ 8 each– to include afternoon tea with entertainment. Royal fancy dress optional! Tickets for St David's events sell out quickly. Don't be disappointed - ring Linda 765697 or Sandra 764698 to buy NOW!

Thanks for prayers answered: Patsy Young.

**In 1592. Elizabeth 1 decreed that no baker should make or sell, any spice cakes, buns, biscuits or other spice bread, except at burials, Christmas or Good Friday!**

**Interesting April Dates:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> in 1964, the Beatles occupied the first five slots in the US singles charts. On the 6<sup>th</sup> in 1896, after a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era were held in Athens, Greece .On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Buddhists celebrate the birthday of Buddha (563-483 B.C.). An estimated 350 millions persons currently profess the Buddhist faith. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, in 1633, bananas were on sale for the first time in London. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, St George's Day was a major feast and national holiday in England on a par with Christmas from the early 15th century until the end of the 18th century. On the 29<sup>th</sup> in 1884, Oxford university agreed to allow women to sit examinations, but would not award them degrees.

**St Cybi – re-opens to the public for services on Palm Sunday. Specialist company Recclesia has completed some remedial work on the porch in the short term to make it safe, but insists that further work needs to be carried out to prevent the situation worsening. Welcome home everyone!**

**All will be welcome at our next Walsingham Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday, 15 April, at St Cybi. If you are interested in joining our August 2023 Walsingham pilgrimage, (no single room supplement charged ) please contact Jane 01407 521092 or Pat 01407 860412. Our friendly group will be delighted to meet you, before we travel!**

**ST CYBI RE-OPENING / HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES : April 2-9!**

**Palm Sunday/2<sup>nd</sup>** / joint service in **St Cybi / 11.0am. Mon/3<sup>rd</sup>/Bangor Cathedral/11.30am/** Chris Eucharist. **Tues/4<sup>th</sup>/ Bangor Cathedral/** Choral Eucharist **6.0pm. Wed/5<sup>th</sup>/St Cybi /** Eucharist/**10.30 ALSO Stations of the Cross /6.30pm.Maundy Thurs/6<sup>th</sup>/St Cybi/** Eucharist inc foot washing & altar stripping/ **6.30pm. Anglesey Synod : Most Rev Andy John, Archbishop of Wales, will be guest preacher at St Cyngar's, Llangefni, at 6.30pm. Good Friday/7<sup>th</sup>/Churches Together-Cytun- Walk of Witness and service at the Market Cross-meet 12noon at St Mary's. Meditation on the cross at /St Cybi / 2.0pm,or / St Ffraid / 2.0pm. Holy Saturday/8<sup>th</sup> St Cybi / 8.30pm/ Easter Vigil and fire. **EASTER SUNDAY! /9<sup>th</sup>/Churches Together – Cytun- Morning Sunrise Service followed by food cooked on the beach / St Ffraid's Cross, main beach, Trearddur Bay/ 7.30am! Eucharist / St David / 9.15/ St Gwenfaen/ 9.15/ St Cybi / 11.0/ St Ffraid/ 11.0. As we are pleased to be associated with the national Pilgrimage to North West Wales, based at Bangor Cathedral, St Cybi will be open daily to everyone during Holy Week from 11.0am -3.0pm, when possible. Thank you to all the tourist guides who will make this happen!! THE GREATEST GIFT OF EASTER IS HOPE! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR EVENTS!****

**Pat and the PCC delivery team send you their prayers for your happiest Easter ever ! We are Hilary, Hugh, Karen, Sandra, Pam, Sylvia and Susan !**

**Can you please spare two hours each week, from early May to end September, as a volunteer tour guide in St Cybi ?** Necessary skills are a welcoming personality, and the ability to chat with complete strangers from all over the world. We need you to ensure that our beautiful St Cybi's church is open to visitors through the tourist season. Previous knowledge of history is not as important – we will ensure that you know enough to work with an experienced steward. Please contact Pat 860412.

**IF THERE IS NO GOOD FRIDAY IN YOUR LIFE, THERE CAN BE NO EASTER SUNDAY!**