

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 :

George Lees : he celebrates 91years on 20 June!

Tommy Williams: he celebrates 83 years on 26 June!

We wish you many more years of health and happiness!

As it occurs on the first Sunday of **June, 5th, Pentecost** will be celebrated with Communion, in the one Ministry Area service, at **St Cybi, at 10.0am**. On **Sunday, 19th June**, there will be an 'all together' celebration in **Ysgol Cybi at 10.30am**. Archbishop Andy will attend, and we understand that there will be a farewell presentation to Archdeacon Andy Herrick.

What do we show on this month's cover? Would you believe, a typical wedding celebration, during the time of the Roman empire? Marriage as an institution can be traced back to 1700 BC! In many ways, a marriage in Roman times, was considered to be a "business arrangement," unlike our modern romantic events. If two people wanted to be married, because they were in love, they would have been considered insane! Parents looked for suitable partners for their children, which would enhance their wealth and social status. Even the wearing of an engagement ring on the fourth finger of the left hand, can be traced back to the Romans. It was believed that a vein of love travelled from that finger directly to the heart, and would eventually encourage love! A formal betrothal ceremony was arranged between both families, which committed the two parties. Gifts were exchanged and a dowry was agreed. A written contract was signed, which was sealed with a kiss. This was followed by a wedding which could happen at any time of the year. February and May were considered unlucky, but June was considered to be a favourite, even a sacred month. Why? The Roman goddess Juno, after whom the month was named, was the queen of the gods, the goddess of marriage, childbirth and fertility. Early on the wedding day, the groom would lead a procession to the bride's home, and would be greeted by the bride and her maids. Her hair would have been elaborately arranged, and she would wear an orange veil and shoes. Her white, woven tunic, belted with an elaborate Knot of Hercules, would have been tied by her mother, and signified her purity. It would have been untied by the groom on the wedding night. Ten men were required as witnesses to the marriage. The priest would hear the promises, and then a pig would be sacrificed to Jupiter. Wedding cake later came to replace the pig sacrifice ! After the marriage contract was signed, a massive feast was enjoyed by family and friends. The day ended with a noisy procession to the couple's new home. This was the official, public display of transference of authority from the father of the bride to the husband. Three boys would escort the bride on a walk from her father's house to that of her new husband. One boy would carry a torch lit from the bride's father's hearth. More and more people would join the procession. Onlookers would throw nuts in the form of candied almonds, a symbol of fertility. This tradition has lived on, sometimes in the form of a rice or confetti toss. The groom would rush ahead to his home, to greet his new wife. On her arrival, he would snuff out the torch. Romans were superstitious about doorways , and tripping was perceived as a bad omen to start a marriage. It would signify that the gods disapproved of the match! To ensure she did not trip, the groom carried his wife over the threshold. The party would continue as the couple headed towards their beautifully decorated wedding bed. Consummation was considered legally binding. The bride was now the legal property of her husband. Just as Roman marriage was a simple intention to live together, Roman divorce was just as simple . A couple had to declare their intention not to live together, before seven witnesses. Because it was so easy to instigate, divorce was common, especially in the upper classes. A divorced wife could expect to receive her dowry returned in full, and would then return to the protection of her father. If she had been independent before her marriage, her independence would be regained after the divorce. However, if she was found guilty of adultery, she would forfeit half of her dowry. Roman law however did not recognise adultery by husbands!

**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, Brenda Borsby, Mike Boylin, Judy, Myfanwy Newman, Yvonne Fairlamb, Ray, Eunice, Anita Parry, Sylvia Owen, Jim Shields, Thelma Collins-Jones, Alan .

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

Wednesday: Hannah, Menna Screech, , Rosemary Tucker, Huw Thomas.

Prayers for any other reason:

Angela, Pam. That peace be soon 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' ...

Patricia **Fay** Grainger, Gillian Metcalfe, David Walton, Mair Wynn, Celia Annie Davies, Rod Hinchliffe

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

Grief is love with no where to go!

Anniversaries of death:

May 29-June 04: William Edward Jones, Elwyn Marshall

June 05—11: Mary Harvey, Douglas Manton

June 12—18: Andrew Thomson, John Nightingale, Elizabeth Ann Fisher (Ena)

June 19 - 25: Alfred Hammond, John Bulkeley, Enid Blodwen Price, Grace Nightingale, Cyril Thomas, David Martin, William Mark Gray, Janet Woolley, Florence Mary Isobel Bell

June 26—July 02: Gary Lloyd Jones, Jane Williams

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 these persons recently baptised :

1 May: St Cybi : Miller Edward Owen

8 May: St Cybi: Theo Luca Edwards

We welcome them as the newest members of our church family.

Please pray for these couples recently married: We wish them every happiness!

7 May: St Ffraid: Alexander John Sainsbury to Kerry Louise Murphy

7 May: St Gwenfaen: Hendrik Plate to Harriet Sarah Strzelecki

Jane Bailey wishes to say a big thank you to everyone for their warm welcome to her new home back in Holyhead. She is very grateful !

Dates for the diary: Flower Festival – St Cybi – 8-14 June 2022: Theme – Journeys and Adventures: If you want to help or make a donation, please contact Myfs: 07928 912808. Setting up on 6th (afternoon)+7 June from 9.am. Open 11-3 daily (not Sun)

Enjoy a drink and a cake for £2 !

We are delighted to see Elwyn and Lorna Owen back in St Cybi, after his open heart surgery and recuperation. Thanks for prayers answered.

Rev Neil, who is the priest attached to our church school Ysgol Cybi, , recently welcomed over 100 pupils into St Cybi church, to give them a history tour, and to familiarise them with the church layout. They found the whole experience most interesting.

All will be very welcome at our Walsingham Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday, 11 June, at St Cybi, whether you are a seasoned pilgrim, or just curious!

Mothers Union. The May meet was much enjoyed with a very interesting talk by Albert Owen, who was previously the Labour MP for Anglesey! After the summer break, the next meet will be the third Thursday in Sept, 2.0pm at St Davids. In the meantime members will enjoy the summer outing in June, and a wonderful buffet lunch in July. We will of course, remember our founder Mary Sumner on her special day in August!

If you are still in the working population, you need to know that medieval peasants only worked 150 days each year! The church believed that it was important to keep them happy with frequent mandatory holidays!

Prayers please for a happy occasion! John Robert Hillman, son of Angela and the late Bob Hillman of Trearddur Bay, will be ordained Deacon on 2 July, 2022, by Jonathan, Lord Bishop of Fulham, of the diocese of London, after an intense period of training. He will serve the Parish Churches of Stanwell and Ashford in Surrey. Walsingham Pilgrims from our area have known John for a number of years, and ask you all to please pray for God's blessings for him, in this next stage of his ministry. Thank you.

Thanks for prayers answered: Ray Lingwood is grateful for prayers made on his behalf. His health is much improved, and he now attends church services again in his home church. He asks please that you keep him in prayer, until he is completely well!

Archbishop Andy receives and enjoys our PCC each month. He sends his love to everyone !

When you next walk past the front window of the Mini Mall, 23 Market Street, you will notice the eye catching artwork of our own talented Jan Ware. Her project is called "ON A MISSION. HELP US – TO HELP OTHERS! " She invites you to 'buy' her original work, by donating whatever sum of money you feel comfortable to give. Jan is currently raising money to help anyone local who is struggling, as well as those supporting the relocation to this area of our Ukrainian friends. Please pay her a visit!

Grateful thanks to **Hugh Owen**, for volunteering to weed and sweep the path from the metal vestry gate to the porch door at St Cybi! You are much appreciated – thank you!

Rhoscolyn Church Hall Jubilee Tea Party—Friday 3 June—3.0-5.0pm—Cost £5—children free! Lots of cakes! Casey Jones will entertain on his key board—garden if fine!

St David's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea with entertainment is on Sat 4th June, @ 3pm, ticket costs £10 per person. Contact: Linda 765697 Sandra 764698.

St Cybi are holding a charity shop from 18-30 July, so will be grateful for stock to sell, and people to help sell it! Thank you. Contact Betty: 763868

Neil writes: Over recent months we have gradually returned to taking Home Communion to those who have requested it. We are conscious that there may well be others too. If you would like Home Communion then please do contact one of the Clergy Team.

Life is a circle of happiness, sadness, hard times and good times. If you are going through hard times, have faith that good times are on their way!

Jane writes: A big 'thank you' to all who responded to the recent appeal for **new towels**, to help the **Ukrainian families** being cared for at the Bangor Welcome Centre.