

The Parish Of St Bridget and St Cwyfan Dyserth

Fr. Timothy writes:

I am so glad to have a new website. My grateful thanks to Andrew and Cathy Kirkham for all the hard work they have done already. I am a complete novice as far as IT is concerned, but I appreciate how much it takes to bring about the very comprehensive website that we have now got. The most important thing about a website is for it to be up to date, so that those who log on can be confident that they are getting accurate information. It helps our outreach and allows people to keep in touch with us from both near and far. During my tenure at S.Bridget's, due to my advanced age, I cannot go about long term plans. But in the short to medium term, we can go about making priorities. My first is to concentrate on the healthy congregation we have and to make sure that they are fed and nurtured as a Church family. For pastoral reasons, I am concerned about their welfare and health. I also want to feel that they take part in our worship and Church life and social activities. But another priority is to add to our number and especially younger families, who will be able to pass the baton on to the next generation. We need to have a Church building that is appropriate for our worship and needs. We have a most beautiful building in S.Bridget's, but it does need considerable work on the fabric. I have already taken steps to attempt to put the fabric right and have consulted experts, whom I believe will help us to save the building for posterity and the future. This will need appropriate regulations to be observed and considerable fundraising, which I pray the Lord will provide. Because of the water ingress in the Church Hall, we have already laid a new floor covering, but there will need to be further improvements, particularly in the kitchen, to allow us to pursue our social activities and to allow us to raise funds. In October, there will be a Church Mission, which I intend to call 'Coming Home'. This will be a deliberate attempt to evangelise and visit people in the village to illustrate what we are now doing in the Church and what we are planning for the future. There will be a number of events and also a 'push' to encourage new people and others back to Church. People very often have a very dated view as to what Church is like and new people will have a say in what they feel Church should be like in the future. But for the most part, I have no intention of changing our traditional worship on a Sunday and a Wednesday and other Feast days. For this is our strength, and our spirituality; biblical understanding and sacramental theology are the backbone of our worship as committed Christians. I am committed to pastoral care and although this has been very difficult during the Coronavirus pandemic, both IT and the telephone have been extremely helpful. Please feel open to contact me for discussion or any personal matter that you would like to discuss in complete confidence. One of the things that touches and motivates us is the humanity and compassion of Christ. If we cannot follow this leadership and example and put Christ's ways into action, then we fall short of our calling. We deeply care about the lives and witness of all people, in our Church and outside, and we wish to share with everyone the joy of believing and the confidence in the great mystery of the Resurrection. Praying and working together as one big family is the key to happiness and fulfilment in Christ. With love and every blessing to you all.

Fr. Timothy.