



Friday Round Up

This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, and all those on our Friday email list.



There is nothing from Bishop Cherry this week as she is on leave.

A message from Peter Lea, Chair of the DBF

During these hugely difficult times, I am delighted to report that 90% of our parishes and Ministry Areas have paid their share for Quarter Two. This is a fantastic achievement in a challenging economic environment – and especially when our churches have been closed!

As many of you will know, the Diocese is receiving financial support from the RB and we, in turn have been able to pass on that help to parishes and Ministry

Areas in the form of a 40% rebate. It is fantastic to hear that some parishes have donated their 40% rebate to those who may, otherwise, have struggled to pay. This reflects a deep commitment and desire to share resources to support the life of the wider church.

We know these are uncertain times, especially financially, but this readiness to work together and make the most of the money we receive, gives me confidence that we will be strong for the future. I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you, and your congregations.

Peter Lea

For Your Prayers

Mrs Pam Jones, former Bishop's Visitor, passed away last month. Please keep all those who knew her in your prayers.

You can read an obituary for her [here](#).

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

Catch up on Bishop Cherry's Tuesday reflection [here](#).

Join a Sunday Eucharist from Dean Lister **at the earlier time of 10:30am** [here](#).

Updated guidance for the re opening of churches and church halls - 17th July

Please click [here](#) to see the latest guidance.

As more of our church buildings begin opening we want to thank all the volunteers and clergy who are working hard to make this possible.



Diocesan re-opening church buildings grant scheme - **closes 31st July**



We will be keeping this grant open for applications until the end of July.

Please click [here](#) to view the application form with more information.



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NOW BOOKING!

Digital Ministry Webinars with St Padarn's Institute

Over the last few months, all of our lives have been changed in ways that none of us could have imagined, and the Church has had to rapidly re-imagine its mission, ministry and understanding of community.

With this in mind, St Padarn's is pleased introduce a series of webinars focused on Digital Ministry.

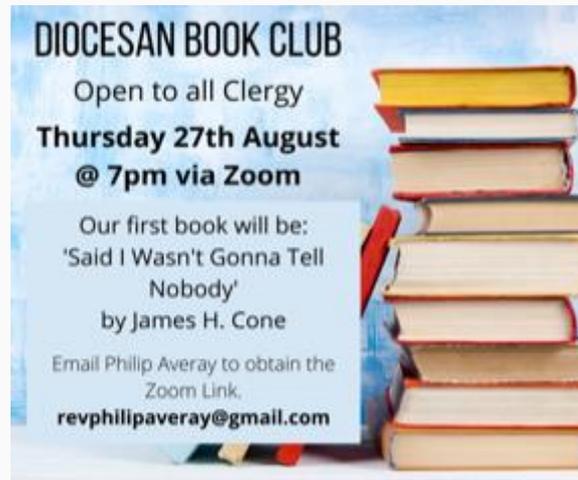
Each webinar will last 45 minutes with an additional 30 minutes for Q&As.

The schedule of events is below:

- Tuesday, 21st July, 14:00 - Everyone Welcome Online with Bob Jackson
- Friday, 24th July, 11:00 - iPresence with Peter Phillips
- Tuesday, 28th July, 14:00 - New Ways of Doing and Being Church with Mark Ansell, David Parry and Arun Arora
- Friday, 31st July, 11:00 - Creating an Online Presence with Matthew Batten and Rana Khan
- Tuesday, 4th August, 14:00 – Live Streaming with Chris Dearden
- Friday, 7th August, 11:00 – Youth and Children Online with Helen Franklin, Hannah Bunting and Steve Lock
- Tuesday, 11th August, 14:00 - Zoom with Robert Townsend
- Friday, 14th August, 11:00 - Copyright, Licenses, Safeguarding and Faculties

Book your place on any/all of these webinars [here](#).

Diocesan Book Club



Spotlight

Taking a closer look at things with views from across the diocese.



This week's blog comes from Anna Britten, Headteacher, Ponthir Church in Wales School.

This has been the strangest school year I can remember. In March, I was sitting in my office talking with staff about the growing concerns around the spread of Covid 19 and wondering if we might get an extended Easter holiday. We felt that things might even progress to a stage where we would be off for 6 weeks! Never did we imagine what we have actually ended up facing.

Like headteachers across the world, I have been amazed at how staff, pupils and parents have risen to the challenge. With no prior knowledge or experience, staff developed a home learning system overnight, the children accessed this and the parents delivered learning like superheroes juggling

childcare, work and schooling. Governors too stepped up to the challenge and navigated the digital world to attend virtual meetings and stand with the schools during these strange times.

There has been much sadness and difficulty over the last few months, but there have also been wonderful moments. I have loved seeing the children developing their own learning styles and expressing themselves via Twitter. We've discovered that we have our very own Joe Wicks among our children and several future Master Chef contestants, as well as scientists, artists and authors.

The care and concern that the children have shown one another has been fantastic. We've heard reports of older pupils phoning younger pupils to cheer them up during the lockdown. I've witnessed Year 6 pupils hovering at a social distance as their younger classmates have left school following the 'check in, catch up and prepare' sessions: eager to check that they are okay. The church school ethos of God's family has continued and grown through these times.

I know that we have yet to disembark from the "covid coaster" but I am confident that together we can face whatever comes next.



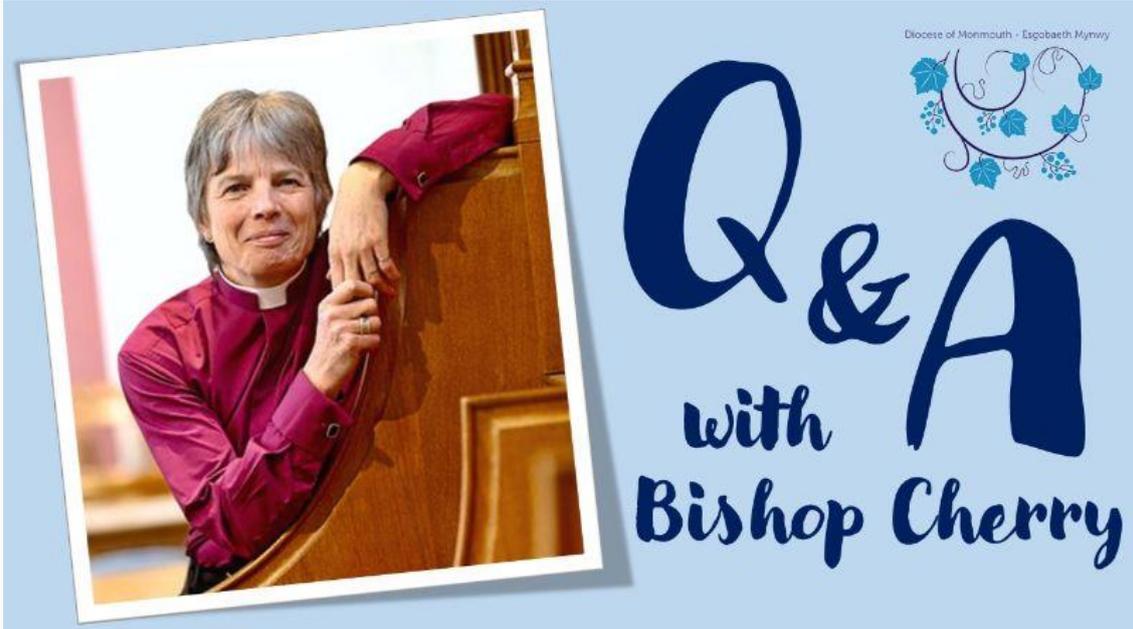


Ancient Welsh churches and their magical connection with the landscape



Read Explore Churches article about Welsh Churches [here](#).

- Deadline for questions - 20th July -



This month Bishop Cherry will be taking part in a Q&A video, but we still need more questions. If you'd like to ask her a question please email debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk.

Questions can be on any topic, silly or serious! We'd love for questions to be sent in a video format, but if this is a problem, please send in your written question and it may be read out during the Q&A.

Children, Families & Young Peoples Resources



Cyncoed Ministry Area - Online Sunday School

The Sower

Check out this week's Sunday School [here](#).

To join the Zoom Sunday school

email matt@cyncoedministryarea.org.uk or join on Facebook [here](#) at 2pm on Sunday.



St Teilos High School are providing weekly services for young people, you can catch up with previous services and watch this week's [here](#).



Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School have lots of child friendly services available [here](#).



Mainly Music

This session is all about driving. Bring a plate for your steering wheel and if you have a transport costume, wear that too!

VIMEO: <https://vimeo.com/434573164/a8ecf07aff>

YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/X4migaiMcTk>

And for this session you'll need some blocks.

VIMEO: <https://vimeo.com/436646519/2765041b1a>

YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/xm4IB1ICC08>



Care for the Family

Care for the Family's Kitchen Table Project is supporting churches and their work with families, watch their video [here](#).

And find more of their resources [here](#).



Scripture Union

Scripture Union have a variety of resources available for children and young people, including daily craft and prayer activities and mental health resources. Check them out [here](#).

There are lots more amazing resources for children and families available on our website [here](#).