



Friday Round Up

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



Dear Friends,

October 25th has been designated 'Link Sunday' this year; the day when the Dioceses of The Highveld and Monmouth celebrate the formal Companion Link that was created in 2003. The aims of the link include strengthening the mission and evangelism of both dioceses, increasing awareness of our solidarity in the cause of Christ, and respecting and learning of and from each other's cultural heritage. It was an enormous privilege to meet Bishop Charles the day after my consecration at the end of January this year and to learn something of the Church in South Africa. It had been my hope to go out to The Highveld sometime early next year, but of course that is not going to be possible for a while yet. Nevertheless, I am aware that there are churches across our diocese who maintain strong links with parishes in The Highveld and we hope that it won't be too long before the visits and exchanges can begin again.

We will be celebrating the Companion Link at the Cathedral on the 25th and I hope that you will be able to include prayers and thanksgivings in your own services. There are some ideas, including readings, in a suggested service [here](#), some intercessions sent to us from The Highveld [here](#) and some videos [here](#).

It is with some sadness that I pass on the news that Archdeacon Ambrose will be retiring later this year. Ambrose has served this diocese faithfully since 2006 and has been Archdeacon of Monmouth for the last seven years. We will be saying farewell to Ambrose and giving thanks for his ministry at a service on December 6th in the Cathedral at 5pm. We hope that we will be able to invite at least some people to join us on that occasion but, in any case, the service will be live-streamed for those who wish to join us on-line. Please keep Ambrose and Pixie in your prayers as they prepare to leave Monmouth and move to a new life in Brecon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

Watch Bishop Cherry's Tuesday reflection [here](#).

Join a Sunday Eucharist from the Cathedral [here](#).



Church in Wales Guidance

Guidance from the Church in Wales, including information about Test, Trace and Protect can be found [here](#).



9am - Saturday 17th October - Via Zoom

This year's Diocesan Conference will be a bit different but you can still take part.

Please note all conference members must register [here](#) to get the link to attend.

If you are unable to attend please send your apologies to monmouthadministration@churcinwales.org.uk so they can be formally noted.

Re-opening Buildings Grant

There is still money available through our re-opening grant scheme. You could be awarded up to £100 towards the cost of making your church buildings safe to re-open.

Please contact Libby for more information

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IN THE NEW NORMAL**

AN AUTUMN SERIES OF WEBINARS

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LOCKDOWN PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY – 6TH / 8TH OCTOBER
SPEAKER: JANE BUTLER

SOCIAL & POLITICAL ACTIVISM – 20TH / 22ND OCTOBER
SPEAKERS: BECCA STEVENS & PHILIP AVERY

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND ONLINE PRESIDENCY – 3RD / 5TH NOVEMBER
SPEAKER: JAMES HENLEY

HOSTED VIA ZOOM

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Being Ministers in the New Normal

An Autumn series of webinars from Diocese of Monmouth, for clergy, lay ministers and any others involved in ministry.

None of us could have predicted the impact of Covid-19 on our world, as well as our churches and Ministry Areas. In the midst of an already changing landscape, living in lockdown has also brought challenges and changes to our own identity and calling as Christian ministers.

This series of webinars is an opportunity to reflect more deeply on all the past six months has brought, bringing our varied experiences into conversation with one another, and with our theology of different aspects of ministry.

Each webinar will be repeated on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm-3pm, and on Thursday evenings 7.30pm-8.30pm. They will only last an hour, but include reflections from speakers within the Diocese, the opportunity for small group discussion, and to bring together feedback and ideas with the Diocesan Team.

Social & Political Activism — 20th / 22nd October

Speakers: Becca Stevens & Philip Avery

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-social-political-activism-registration-120526737717>

Virtual worship and online presidency — 3rd / 5th November

Speaker: James Henley

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-virtual-worship-and-online-presidency-registration-120527287361>

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Spotlight

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



Digital Harvest!

Harvest here in the Magor Ministry Area is always one of the highlights of the year with our church buildings beautifully decorated, filled with people singing well known Harvest hymns and giving thanks to God for the gifts of creation.

Services are often followed by wonderful harvest suppers and the opportunity to raise money or donate food and produce to our local foodbanks or charities. But this year nearly all of those things were going to be impossible due to ongoing restrictions.

So, we decided our main harvest service would be recorded and made available online to our wider communities. On a beautiful sunny afternoon Samuel our curate and I met on a hill near to Wilcrick church to record our service. Wilcrick is one of our remoter churches, surrounded by farmland and with spectacular views to far distant hills. The service all recorded outside was a simple liturgy of thanksgiving, hymns were produced by our newly formed digital worship band and Archdeacon Sue Pinnington kindly agreed to be our guest preacher. Archdeacon Sue joined in the spirit of the occasion recording her sermon in her amazing garden and showing us the fruits of her own harvest.

We kept the length of the service to just half an hour and made it readily available online and through our various social media platforms. We've discovered that all of our local communities have their own local Facebook pages which have thousands of followers. We've developed good relationships with these groups and on special occasions share our services widely with them. We've been amazed by the response we've had and it's an excellent way to engage with a greater number of people.

If you'd like to watch our service you'll find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqQ3LpP61mU>

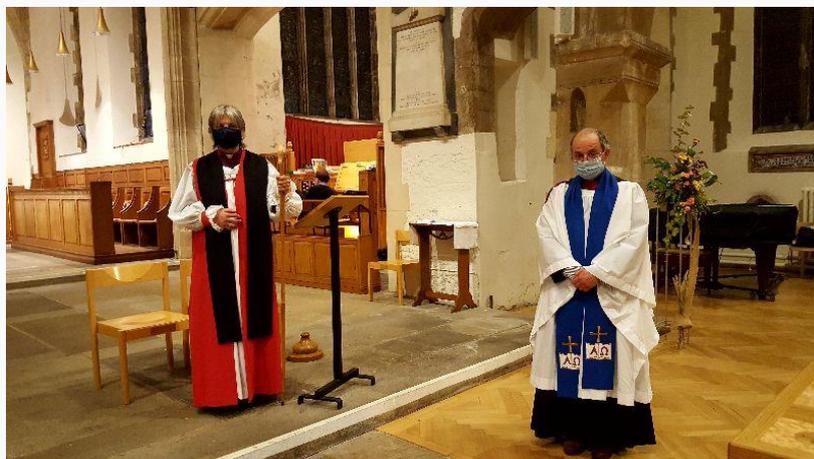
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Magor Ministry Area.



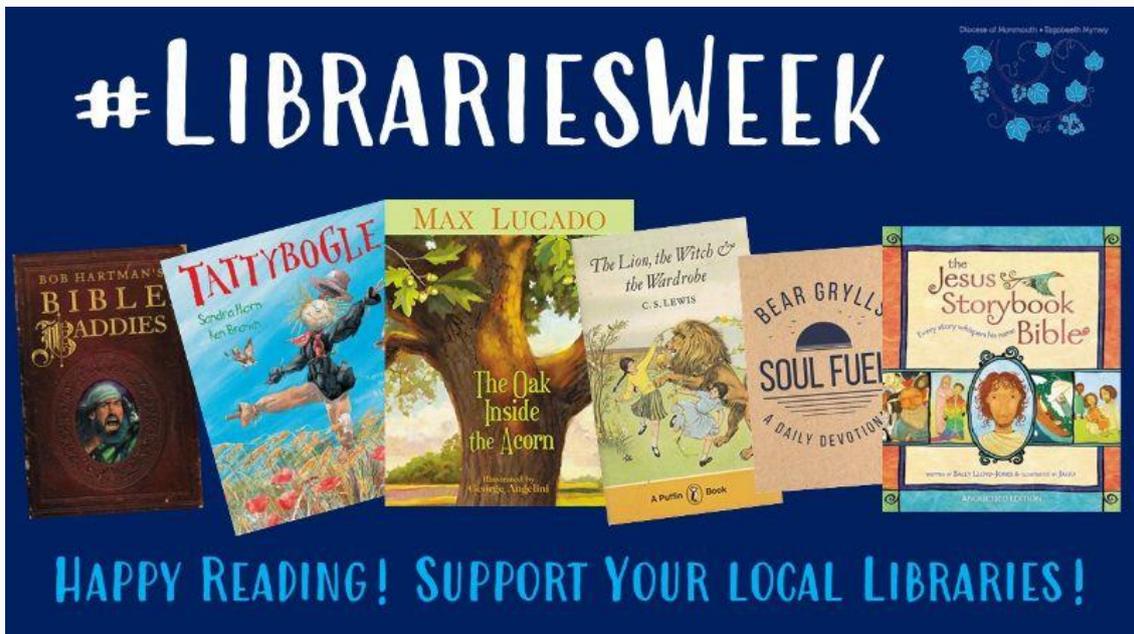
Ordinations and Licensing



Watch the ordination of Deacons and Priests [here](#).



Watch the licensing of Paul Stafford as a Reader [here](#).



**We want to hear about all the good things you are doing
#goodnewsworthsharing**

Share your Harvest celebrations with us!

Please send anything to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk or share on social media with #goodnewsworthsharing

Annual Returns

The final deadline for Annual Returns is now the 30th of November.

This includes,

Membership Return

Finance Return

Churchwardens Fabric Report

A copy of your independently examined/audited 2019 Accounts

Diocesan Database Return

Although the official deadline has been delayed we would appreciate having the data as soon as possible.

Please do not take any unnecessary health risks when completing the returns.

Please contact Libby if you have any questions or require any assistance.

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Thank-you to all the churches who have already completed their returns.



Homeless Sunday - 11th October

You can find resources for Homeless Sunday from Housing Justice, including prayers and scripture passages at

<https://housingjustice.org.uk/homeless-sunday-2020>

And a short film about their work in Wales [here](#).



Ecclesiastical Grant Reporting Webinar

Monday, 20th October 4pm

This webinar will share insights into why measuring and reporting success is so important to grant funders, and how best your church can approach this and will include:

- the language of 'impact reporting' and what funders are looking for
- real-life examples of how you can decide what success looks like for your project
- how you can measure success effectively and report on it in a way that will make funders want to fund your next project too!

Register online [here](#).

- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 11 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **In What Do We Trust? Autumn Lecture Series:** Monday 12 October, 19:00, lecturer: Neal McGregor, [register here](#).
- **Being Interrupted: Reimagining the Church's Mission from the Outside, In –** Friday 16 October, 14:00-15.30, [book here](#).
- **Let's Talk about Death: Practical Steps for Churches:** Friday 16 October, 16:30-18:00, [book here](#).
- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 18 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Death and Money: Thinking practically about Legacies in a Pandemic:** Friday 23 October, 16:30, [book here](#).
- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 25 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Learning a Missional Practice: Dwelling in the Word:** Wednesday 28th October, 14:00-15:30, [book here](#).

Children, Families & Young Peoples Resources



Cyncoed Ministry Area have Sunday School activities available [here](#).



St Teilo's
Church-in-Wales High School

St Teilo's 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](#).



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](#).