



Friday Round Up

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

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

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

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

Join an All Souls Requiem Eucharist from the Cathedral on Monday the 23rd at 7pm [here](#).



Ministry Areas Update

At the centre of all our work is a vision to share our resources and harness them to best effect as we seek to be faithful to Christ and serve the world he came to save.

Our diocese has been on the journey towards establishing Ministry Areas for at least five years and the time has come to complete the work. We must trust God to lead us into the new and shape us for the mission and ministry to which we are called.

These last few months have highlighted what we have already known for some time, that we need to discover new ways of 'being church'. In order to do this effectively as possible, we need clear structures in place, and we need to work together.

In his letter to the Church in Ephesus, St Paul writes:

'we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped as each part is working properly promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.' (Eph 4: 15b – 16)

Several key meetings will be held over the coming weeks to discuss the future of Ministry Areas in our diocese, starting with Standing Committee on the 23rd November and discussions with the clergy whose posts are affected by proposed changes on the 24th and 25th November.

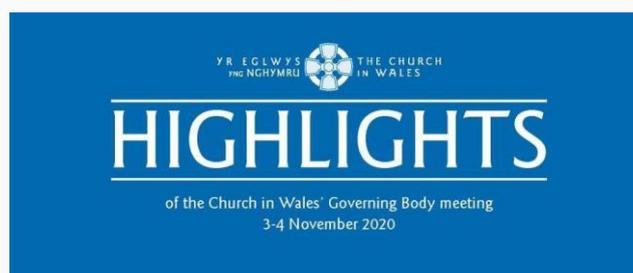
We will keep you posted on the outcome of these meetings.



We're committed to being a Safe Church.

Find out more [here](#).

Download the policy [here](#).



Read the highlight from the Governing Body Highlights meeting [here](#).

Annual Returns

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

The final deadline is the **30th of November, just over a week away.**

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

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Calling All Amateur Photographers

We know you are out there..... we've seen your work on social media over the last couple of months and it's been fantastic! Lockdown has given us all a different perspective on things - nature, wealth, health, family, freedom - what really matters to us! This new perspective has made us all better photographers!

A few months ago, Bishop Cherry announced that her three key areas of focus were around eco church and environmental issues; diversity and inclusion and social justice. We are encouraging you to share your interpretation of what this means in your church or parish in the form of a photograph. We will then use this imagery to in promotional material for the Diocese.

We would welcome entries from all age groups (we know children are great eco campaigners!), we just ask that you are happy for us to share your photographs to reflect a true picture of our diocese from those who live and worship here!

Photographs maybe used on our website/social media campaigns and many other promotional and informative material.

Entries should be sent to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk

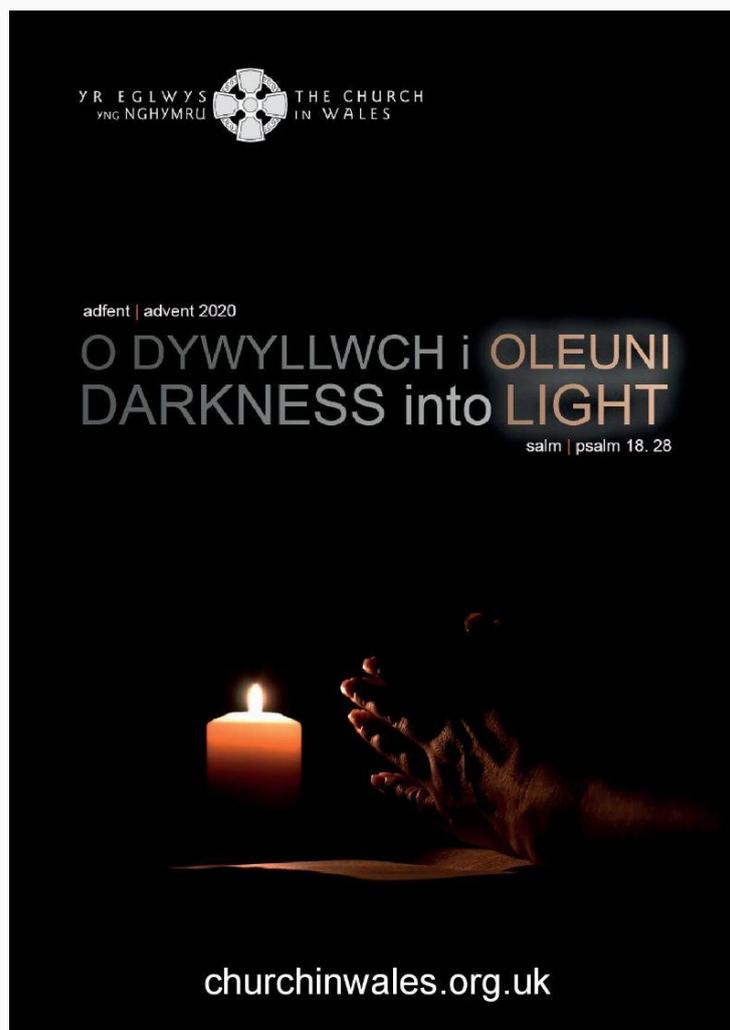
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Autumn CMD - Being Ministers in the New Normal



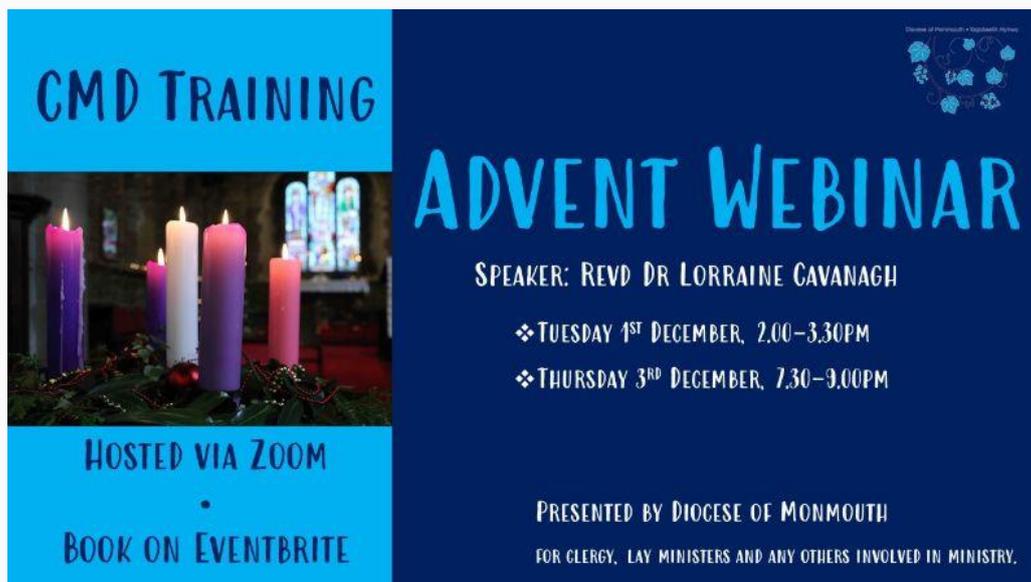
If you missed any of the sessions you can watch them back [here](#).

Darkness Into Light



Find out about the advent campaign [here](#).

CMD: Advent Webinar



The poster features a central image of four lit Advent candles (purple, white, purple, red) on a greenery base. The text is arranged around this image. At the top left, 'CMD TRAINING' is written in white on a blue background. The main title 'ADVENT WEBINAR' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the speaker's name 'SPEAKER: REVD DR LORRAINE CAVANAGH' is listed. Two dates and times are provided: '❖ TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2.00-3.30PM' and '❖ THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7.30-9.00PM'. At the bottom left, it says 'HOSTED VIA ZOOM' and 'BOOK ON EVENTBRITE'. At the bottom right, it says 'PRESENTED BY DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH' and 'FOR CLERGY, LAY MINISTERS AND ANY OTHERS INVOLVED IN MINISTRY.' A small logo of the Diocese of Monmouth is in the top right corner.

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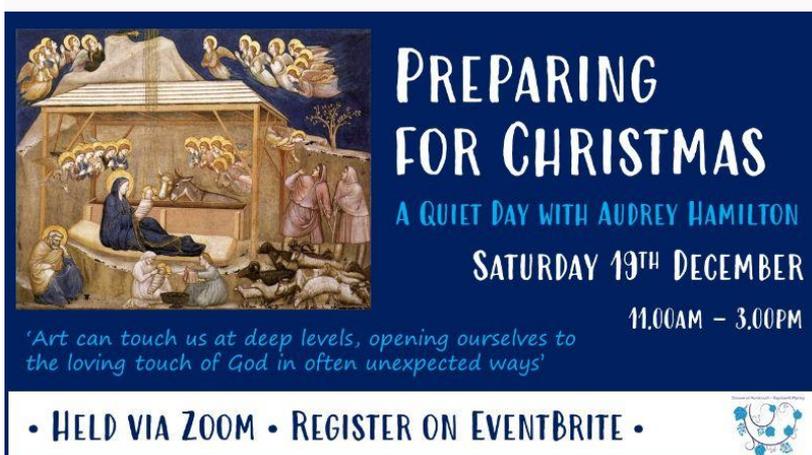
How can we sustain our own spiritual lives as ministers, as we begin an Advent season which will be so different to previous years? What does it mean to wait in anticipation of Christ's coming, when at the moment even the nature of our Christmas celebrations is so uncertain, let alone the next year or beyond?

Join us for this CMD Advent Webinar, with our speaker the Revd Dr Lorraine Cavanagh, to explore the great themes of Advent, and discuss what they might mean for us as ministers today. A webinar from the Diocese of Monmouth, for clergy, lay ministers and any others involved in ministry.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cmd-advent-webinar-registration-129895570147>

Preparing for Christmas - a quiet day with Audrey Hamilton

Presented by the Diocese of Monmouth, hosted by Bishop Cherry



The poster features a central image of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, surrounded by animals and shepherds. The text is arranged around this image. The main title 'PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the subtitle 'A QUIET DAY WITH AUDREY HAMILTON' is in smaller white letters. The date 'SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER' and time '11.00AM - 3.00PM' are listed. At the bottom left, a quote reads: '*Art can touch us at deep levels, opening ourselves to the loving touch of God in often unexpected ways*'. At the bottom, it says '• HELD VIA ZOOM • REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE •'. A small logo of the Diocese of Monmouth is in the bottom right corner.

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'Art can touch us at deep levels, opening ourselves to the loving touch of God in often unexpected ways'

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Everyone welcome!

A firm believer that works of art can touch us at deep levels, opening ourselves to the loving touch of God in often unexpected ways, Audrey offers this Quiet Day in preparation for Christmas. Using a variety of images, we will be invited to pause and rest, allowing the Word that we long for to speak to our hearts.

No knowledge of art is required – just a heart open to the God who has fashioned you as his own work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it (Eph 2:10).

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-christmas-a-quiet-day-with-audrey-hamilton-registration-129934207713>



About Audrey Hamilton

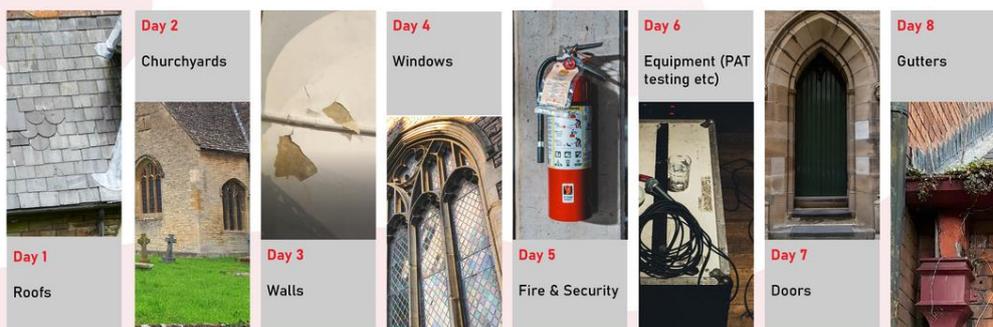
Formed in the Ignatian tradition, and currently studying with the Carmelites in Boars Hill near Oxford, Audrey has spent many years offering spiritual accompaniment, courses on prayer and retreat days / workshops in parishes and other venues. Her most recent role was in spirituality outreach for the London Jesuit Centre, where, amongst a variety of offerings, she developed sessions on praying with art.

She holds a Masters Degree in Christian Spirituality from Heythrop College (University of London).

She lives in Middlesex with her husband and cat, and in joyful babysitting distance of her two gorgeous granddaughters.

#MinistryMaintenance

National Maintenance Week, 20 - 27 Nov



For every day of National Maintenance Week (20th-27th November) we're publishing videos and resources on our social media accounts on one aspect of church maintenance under the hashtag #MinistryMaintenance"

Go to our [website](#) to find out more!

#GoodNewsWorthSharing



Even in these difficult times St Teilo's Church, Llantilio Pertholey has donated 39 shoe boxes to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. This has been a wonderful response and shows that, even in the middle of a pandemic, there is compassion for those who are less fortunate.

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

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

Advent Resource - Jesse Tree Family Pack

Newport North Ministry Area have created an amazing Jesse Tree Family pack to give out which they're happy to share.

Download it [here](#).

Memory Trees



These memory or celebration trees were made by patients in St.Cadoc's as part of a rehab and occupational therapy programme. A huge number of trees were made earlier this year and used at different hospital sites for staff to write messages or hang things that symbolised hope. Rev Alan Tyler has a spare tree available for any parish who may like it, please email him at Alan.Tyler@wales.nhs.uk if you'd be interested.



Collection for Archdeacon Ambrose

Archdeacon Ambrose's final service will be on the 6th of December.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Ambrose, please call Libby on 07508 801511 for bank details.

Donations need to be received by the 1st of December.