



# Friday Round Up

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

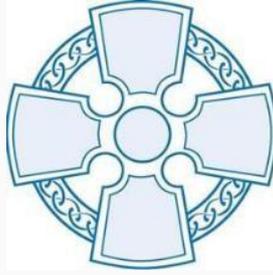
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**WELCOME BACK!**  
**HAPPY**  
**NEW YEAR!**



MAY THIS YEAR BE FILLED WITH  
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. STAY SAFE!





## **The Church in Wales**

### **News Release**

**January 8 2021**

### **Archbishop of Wales to retire in May**



The Archbishop of Wales, John Davies, is to retire in May after four years as leader of the Church in Wales.

Archbishop John, who will shortly celebrate his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday, has also served as Bishop of Swansea and Brecon for the past 13 years. The 13<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Wales, he was also the first Bishop of Swansea and Brecon to be elected as Archbishop. He will retire from both roles on May 2.

Click [here](#) to read the full announcement.

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I am delighted to announce that the Venerable Jonathan Williams, Archdeacon of Newport is, in addition to his current role, to become Bishop's Chaplain. Jonathan is a highly respected and experienced priest both here in Monmouth and across the Province. His knowledge of the Church in Wales is extensive and he will bring a huge amount to the role of Chaplain, working in the office alongside myself and my PA, Vicki.

Jonathan has, for many years now, exercised a valued ministry as Precentor at the Cathedral and, since the retirement of the previous Dean, has ensured the continuing life and ministry of the Cathedral in extremely challenging circumstances, not least in the provision of liturgies and the organisation of online worship. I am grateful to him for his willingness to continue in this regard until the new Dean is in post. After which, as Archdeacon of Newport and a named Trustee of the Cathedral, he will continue his ministry at the Cathedral in that capacity. His ministry as Bishop's Chaplain will start with immediate effect but within the time and energy available, given his other present roles.

Please pray for Jonathan in what is an important transition period for him as he prepares to hand over the reins of the Cathedral to the new Dean and take on a new ministry in the diocese.



**Covid-19 Updated Guidance - last update 21st December**

View the latest guidance [here](#).

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## Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



Join a Sunday Eucharist from the Cathedral at 10:30am [here](#).

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## Lent Appeal

Our Lent Appeal this year will go towards supporting the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal which was launched at a meeting of the Governing Body in 2019 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church in Wales coming into existence. The Centenary Appeal aims to raise £100,000 for the work of Housing Justice Cymru and for Christian Aid's work in supporting peace-building in the war-torn country of South Sudan.

Sadly, but perhaps inevitably, the appeal has been severely compromised because of the pandemic and the drop in giving that most charities have suffered as a result. The current total stands at £10,878 and our contribution from the Diocese of Monmouth to this fund should give it a boost in what are very challenging circumstances.



### **Housing Justice Cymru**

The original aim was to support the HJC's night shelter projects but, because of the pandemic, the charity is now focussing on more preventative support in conjunction with Local Authorities and partner organisations. It has launched the Citadel project to support vulnerable people who need help obtaining and sustaining tenancies. A short film explaining this work can be found on the [CinW website](#).



### **Christian Aid**

South Sudan is one of the youngest and poorest countries in the world, having been established in 2011 and then spiralling into conflict in 2013. The money raised will go towards Christian Aid's work with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan in trauma healing, advocacy, workshops and peace prayer vigils as well as training for community leaders. Again, more information, including a short video, can be found on the [CinW website](#).

These are challenging times for all of us and money is tight for many. But I do hope and pray that we in the Diocese of Monmouth can make a particular point of supporting this Lent Appeal which will go directly towards helping some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people both in the communities of South Wales and those of South Sudan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Cherry", with a small cross symbol to its left. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

# LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE

Whether you are a lay leader, a licensed minister or a member of clergy, we'd love to invite you to join in with our plans for this year's Diocesan Lent Course 'Dying to Live'.

## The Course: Key Information

The purpose of the Lent Course is to help us explore together what it means to be a life-long disciple of Jesus Christ. We'd love to see small groups across the Diocese taking this opportunity to meet virtually using Zoom (or similar platforms) and explore discipleship together.

Bishop Cherry hopes that there will be at least one group in each of our Ministry Areas, working through the six sessions on:

- Lamentation
- Forgiveness
- Prayer
- Generosity
- Solidarity
- Calling

The course will be released on **Friday 29th January as a free downloadable PDF**, with everything you'll need to make your Lent group a success! You will also be able to request printed copies from the Diocesan office, if you prefer.

Please email [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk) to request one.



### **The Webinars: Get Prepared!**

We're offering two webinars to help you to explore how you can make best use of this opportunity locally, and to help you reflect on your ongoing plans to nurture discipleship where you are.

*26th/27th Jan: Leading an online small group*

A step by step guide to running an online small group using Zoom, or a similar platform, and facilitating group discussions. Including a preview of the 'Dying to Live' material!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-an-online-small-group-registration-133325864249>

*9th/10th Feb: Small groups, belonging and lifelong discipleship*

A chance to discuss in more depth the role that small groups and discipleship courses can play in the life of our Ministry Areas. How can small groups encourage belonging, facilitate pastoral care and enable lifelong discipleship?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cmd-small-groups-belonging-and-lifelong-discipleship-registration-133330738829>

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## **Save the Date!**



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## The Wisdom's Table Podcast with Rev Philip Averay



Listen to the latest episode, an interview with Kim Natajara on the Desert Father and Mystic Evagrius, [here](#).

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## Safeguarding Training

Please see below the January dates for Safeguarding Training on zoom. Places can be booked by emailing [safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk)

15 January 10.00 - Part 1 - **Limited Spaces**

19 January 14.00 - Part 1

22 January 14.00 - Part 2 - **Limited Spaces**

27 January 10.00 - Part 2 - **Limited Spaces**

29 January 10.00 - Part 2

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## 2021 Top Tips to deal with Risks - January

To help you with the regular programme of care and maintenance that church buildings need Ecclesiastical Insurance has produced a Risk Calendar with tips on what to do each month.

This month - **Water pipes and heating**

1. Check that your water pipes are lagged
2. Do you know where your stopcock is? Is it clearly labelled?
3. Has your heating system has been serviced by an engineer registered with Gas Safe or, for oil systems, OFTEC?

More info here: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/church-heating-systems/>

Video here: <https://youtu.be/mSzSZUIIW6I>

Any questions? Just contact Jonathan Perons, DAC Secretary.

[JonathanPerons@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:JonathanPerons@churchinwales.org.uk)



You can look at Ecclesiastical's Risk Calendar [here](#).

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Our education team will be putting together a range of great resources for our church schools to support them with home learning, if you would like to access these resources they're available [here](#).

There are resources for FP and for KS2 which will be available each week on the website with the following themes,

Week 1	Epiphany
Week 2	Judaism
Week 3	Judaism
Week 4	Judaism
Week 5	Candlemas
Week 6	Ash Wednesday