



Friday Round Up

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

Highlights

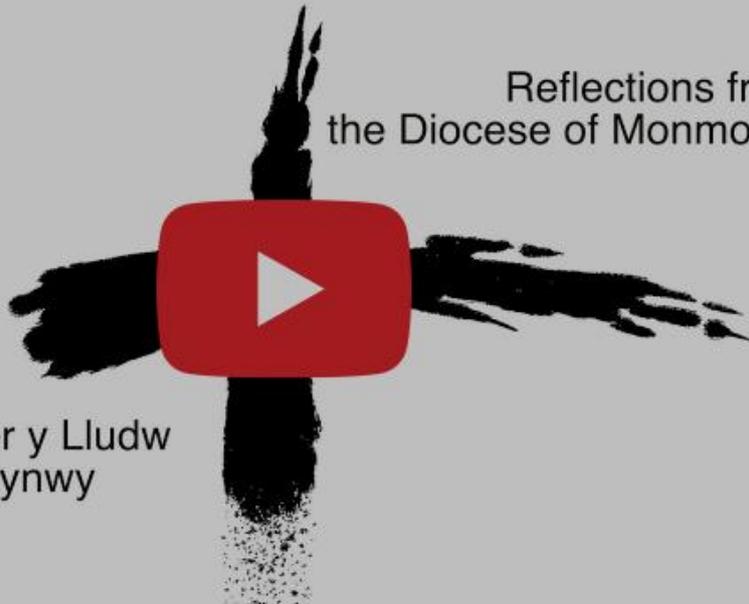


Ash Wednesday

Bishop Cherry is joined by others from across the diocese to share what Ash Wednesday means to them.



Reflections from
the Diocese of Monmouth



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THE CHURCH
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Covid-19 Guidance - Latest Update 17th February

Please note: this revised guidance replaces earlier versions of the advice. Specifically, this document changes advice given in Version 2 (2 February) concerning the distribution of palm crosses (item 5) and of individual candles at the Easter Vigil (item 16).

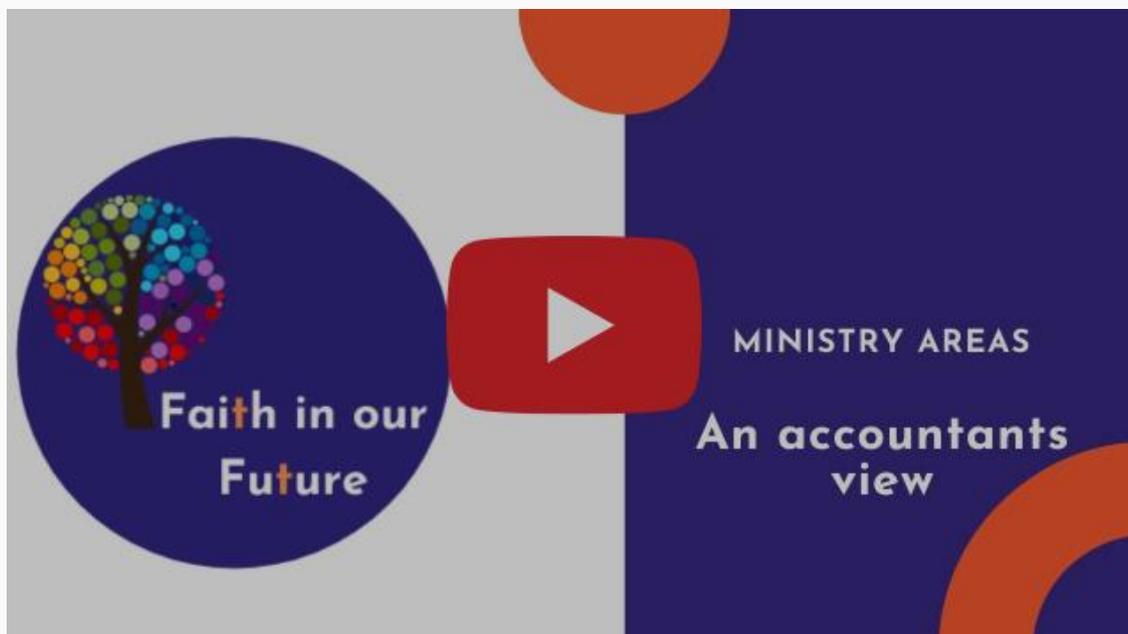
View the latest guidance [here](#).

Establishing Ministry Areas



Ministry Areas

Accountant Sarah Case, shares her expertise to explain how the work being done around reshaping our Ministry Areas will benefit the sustainability of our churches and also how new opportunities for working together and sharing will have a positive impact.



View the video transcript [here](#).

The ways in which finances and other assets are to be managed in the newly established Ministry Areas have, understandably, generated a lot of questions since the release of the Ministry Area Toolkits last week. As well as the online meetings with each of the new Ministry Areas, specific Treasurer sessions are being arranged. We will be in touch with all Treasurers directly when dates have been confirmed.

In addition, the DBF are meeting next week and will be discussing in more detail what resources can be offered to support the formation of Ministry Areas following all the questions and comments that we have received. We will continue this dialogue over the next few weeks and months, through these meetings and, later, with each of the new Ministry Area Transition Teams so that the right support can be provided.

Ministry Area Prayer Resources

Throughout Lent we encourage you to pray for the formation of our new Ministry Areas. You can view all our prayer resources [here](#).



View the video transcript [here](#).

News



Bishop of Monmouth partners with Christian Aid to encourage people to give thanks after a Covid jab

The Bishop of Monmouth is supporting aid and development charity Christian Aid to give people an opportunity to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world.

Recognising the deep sense of relief and gratitude experienced by many people after being vaccinated, Christian Aid has enabled people to pass the blessing on by making a donation to help its work supporting vulnerable people in some of the world's poorest communities.

Funds from the appeal are helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap,

water, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic. Many communities around the world face an uncertain wait for a vaccine as questions remain around the cost and timing of a global vaccine programme.

The Bishop of Monmouth, the Right Revd Cherry Vann, who is still to have her own vaccination, said, “The vaccine is bringing with it a deep sense of relief and hope for families across the UK and we saw that many people wanted to express their gratitude by reaching out to others.

“While the pandemic affects all of us, it has highlighted the deep disparities in how communities and families are able to protect themselves both within our country and around the world.

“My hope is that people will give generously to the work of Christian Aid from a place of thanksgiving and a desire to see all people being able to live safely. Whether people can give just a few pounds or a much larger sum, it will be an opportunity to share hope and love with our brothers and sisters across the world who do not have the benefits we have.”

Christian Aid partners have so far directly helped over half a million people in 27 countries including distributing food packages to nearly 60,000 people struggling to feed their families after losing work during lockdown and the economic downturn.

Going forwards, Christian Aid will support vaccination programmes in communities by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by working with trusted community figures to challenge misleading information about the virus and vaccination as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.

Cynan Llwyd, Acting Head of Christian Aid in Wales said: “The coronavirus pandemic has shown us that none of us are safe, until all of us are safe. It has been amazing to see the speed at which the vaccines have been rolled out in the UK – every jab in someone’s arm brings us closer to the end of Covid-19.

“But the reality is that richer countries like ours are getting more access to vaccines, while the poorer countries in which Christian Aid works are left at the back of the queue. As a Christian organisation, we believe that every person is equal in the sight of God and worthy of living lives with dignity, equality and justice.

“We’re delighted to receive the support of the Bishop of Monmouth as we give people an opportunity to say thanks and help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach.”

The appeal launch comes after nearly two thirds of people asked in a UK poll agreed that a

global COVID-19 vaccine programme should be created which does not prioritise richer countries over poorer ones.

Sixty-three per cent of respondents to the survey commissioned by Christian Aid said they wanted to see countries working together to create a global COVID-19 vaccine programme that would not prioritise developed countries over developing countries. Only 11% disagreed.

You can donate to Christian Aid's appeal by visiting this website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

The Changemakers Conference

22-26 February 2021

Can you help change the world in 2021? Find out how you can be a changemaker and hear directly from our partners in Kenya who are making lasting change. Real people, real change.

If you support Christian Aid or volunteer to encourage others to give, act and pray during Christian Aid Week, then sign up for our virtual conference. This is an exciting opportunity to be inspired by stories for Christian Aid Week 2021, which focuses on the impact of the climate crisis in Kenya. You'll also be able to hear and share ideas around fundraising, campaigning and prayer.

Whether you join us for one session or for all of the conference, we hope you'll feel equipped to be a changemaker in 2021 and join us in a movement for change this year's Christian Aid Week.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference>

Stations of the Cross Project

Our communications team is working with Archdeacon Sue to produce a Stations of the Cross video for Holy Week.

We will be featuring 14 Stations – which will be voiced by those from within our parishes.

Does your church have notable 'stations' and would you like to part of the project?

If you would like to be involved, could you please get in touch with debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk as soon as possible (maybe with a few photos of

your Stations as examples)?

Thank-you to those who have already sent them in.

Training/Events



Experiencing Sacred Wales Trainings

Open Churches, the Ecclesiastical Insurance perspective

Monday 22nd February 2pm for 35 minutes (with 30 minutes questions at the end)

Delivered by Chris Brudenell, Ecclesiastical Insurance

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-churches-by-ecclesiastical-insurance-church-tourism-workshop-wales-tickets-141050631235>

Social media, an introduction to social for your church

Tuesday 23rd February 2pm for 45 minutes (with 30 mins questions at the end)

Delivered by Sarah Crossland, National Churches Trust

Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-media-making-it-work-for-churches-church-tourism-workshop-wales-tickets-141022942417>

What's so special about burial grounds?

Wednesday 24th February at 1pm for 30 minutes (with 30 minutes questions at the end)

A virtual saunter discovering the wonders to be found in these unique places followed by chat/questions/discussion with [Caring for God's Acre](#)

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/whats-so-special-about-burial-grounds-church-tourism-workshop-wales-tickets-141139121913>

Footfalls (things you might need to think about related to the impact of visitors)

Thursday 25th February 2pm for 45 minutes (with 30 mins questions at the end)

Delivered by Sarah Crossland, National Churches Trust

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/footfalls-exploring-the-effects-of-visitors-church-tourism-workshop-tickets-141010661685>

Upcoming Webinars



St Padarn's Easter Webinar Series

St Padarn's is holding a series of webinars in the run up to Holy Week and Easter offering ideas and resources to help churches plan their services and outreach during this key season. The webinars will take place from **2:00pm – 3:15pm** on the following dates:

Webinar

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2:00pm
Easter Resources, Ideas and Help: Sharing ideas, resources and good practice (Part 1)

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/3rlHmDE>

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2:00pm
Easter Resources, Ideas and Help: Sharing ideas, resources and good practice (Part 2)

<https://bit.ly/2YDLRgy>



Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start? Or would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent? Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the ***Week of Guided Prayer*** online is for you.

Leading into Holy Week this ***Week of Guided Prayer*** is individually tailored to your experience. It is suitable for everybody - beginners in prayer, those whose want to renew their prayer-life and those who are experienced in prayer. You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer and meditation, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

The ***Week of Guided Prayer*** starts with an introductory meeting on Zoom for all the participants and guides. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The retreat ends with a closing session online.

Register your place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137910888179>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so that we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev Jane Butler: jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com (01495 231241).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Online via Zoom

These sessions are for all who hold an ecclesiastical office, or who hold licence/PTO/commission from the Diocesan Bishop (whether lay or ordained), for those who run Sunday School or Youth clubs, Organists/Directors of Music for whom an enhanced DBS is required.

The training is presented in two parts, Part 1 & Part 2, to complete the course both parts must be attended. The course lasts for approximately 2-2.5 hours. There is no cost to attend the course.

PART 1

Monday 8th March	10:00
Wednesday 10th March	10:00
Thursday 11th March	14:00
Monday 15th March	14:00
Wednesday 17th March	10:00

PART 2

Friday 19th March	14:00
Monday 22nd March	14:00
Wednesday 24th March	10:00
Monday 29th March	14:00
Wednesday 31st March	10:00

To book a place, please contact **Helen** via email on safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.



Email safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk to book.

My Favourite Hymn

Calling all hymn lovers! We may not be allowed to sing in church as yet but we all have our favourite hymns – whether it's belting out classics such as Calon Lân or something more modern like Shine Jesus Shine. BBC Radio Wales is looking for people to take part in its weekly Celebration worship programme to talk about their favourite hymn – why they like it and what it means to them.

If you would like to take part, please contact Georgie.Sullivan@bbc.co.uk or call 07384456219

Resources

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



Hear Bishop Cherry talk about the Lent Mini Missions Project in her Tuesday Reflection

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



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 is now available on our [Diocesan website](#) or you can download a copy below.

Download: [LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE](#)

If you are planning to lead a small group, please complete our group registration form: <https://forms.gle/979J2dw5GSYi63Lk7>

Printed copies can be requested from the Diocesan Office.

Please email admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk to request one.

The Wisdom's Table Podcast



Episode links:

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-evelyn-underhill-with-liz-watson/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-jesus-john-paul-with-stefan-reynolds/>

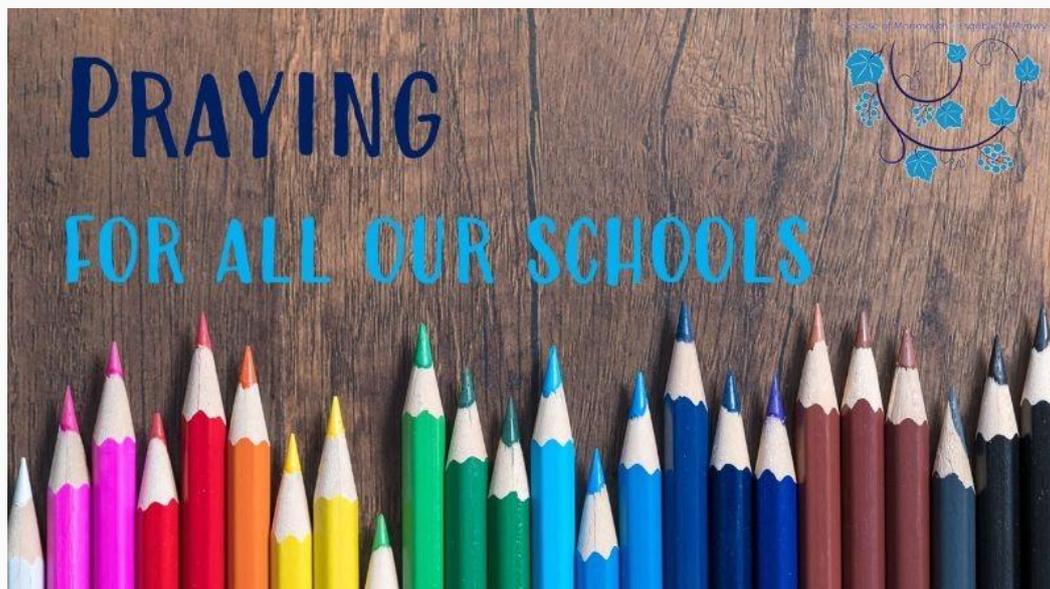
<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-evagrius-with-kim-natajara/>

Other Resources for Lent and Mothering Sunday

View resources for Lent from The Bible Society [here](#).

View resources for Lent and Mothering Sunday from The Children's Society [here](#).

Our Schools



Lent 2021 Mini Missions

This week's home learning resources focus on Lent and include a pancake recipe for Shrove Tuesday. If you give it a try, please send us a photo on Twitter @MonFaithFamily

We're also excited to introduce our Lent Mini Missions Project. While this set of challenges was designed with our schools in mind, we'd like to encourage all our children and families to participate.

On the project [resource page](#), you will find a PowerPoint with a voice over to explain the project. This PowerPoint will be most useful to parents and group leaders and is not intended as a resource for the children. However, there will be an introduction video from Reverend Becca Stevens posted on the first Monday of half-term. We will also be uploading weekly worship videos throughout Lent.

As a note to our churches, one of the daily challenges includes finding your local church on a map and searching for details of upcoming services; such as Easter. If you are planning a service, please do send details to your local church school(s) so that they can help pass them on to students and families.

Find the resources [here](#).

Spiritual Faith Challenge Week: 1 Getting Ready

