



Friday Round Up

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

Establishing Ministry Areas



Discussion meetings around the re-shaping of our Ministry Areas are in full swing!

Five of the 16 meetings have already taken place and the focus of each meeting has been very different – with all being well-attended and interactive.

Bishop Cherry, who opens each meeting with an introduction to Ministry Areas says, “I am immensely encouraged by the Ministry Area meetings that we have held so far. We have had an excellent number of people attending, some really pertinent and helpful questions, and a genuine sense of engagement from the local churches.

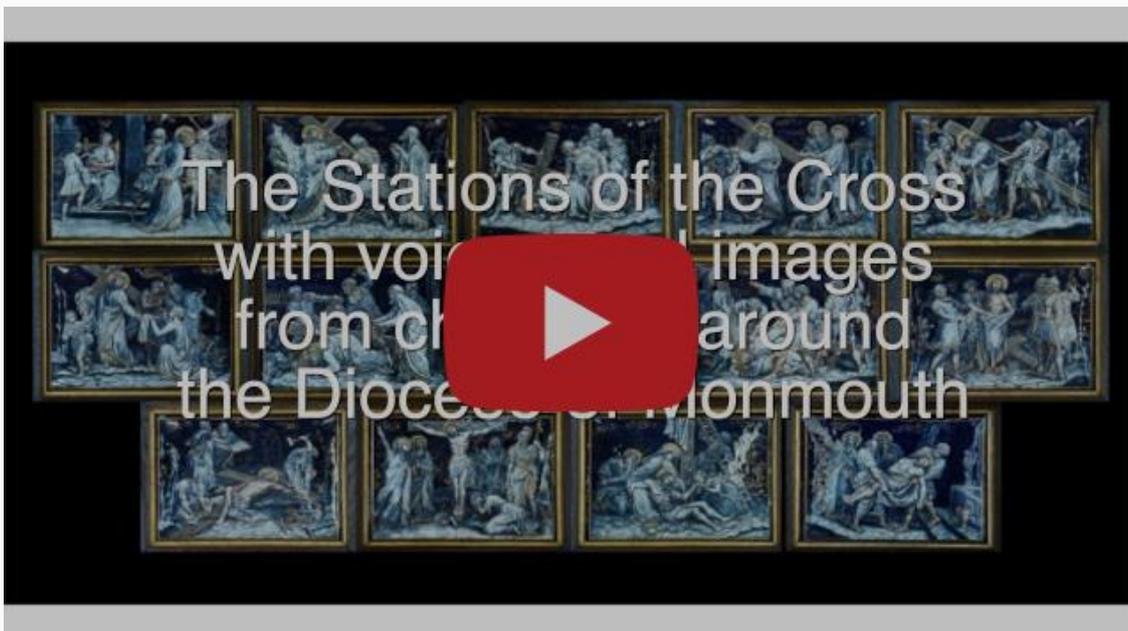
“It is wonderful to see people getting so energised and excited about the future God is leading us into and the possibilities that God is holding before us.”

Read the full article [here](#).



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to everyone who took part in this project – we hope you like the end result? The video is available for you to use. We will also be sharing the video on our social media platforms so please re-post/re-tweet!



News



I am delighted that we are able to hold the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral this year, especially after missing it last year due to the first lockdown. It will take place on **Tuesday 30th March 2021** and begin at **11am**. This will be my first Chrism Mass as Bishop and I am looking forward to welcoming a good number of you to our Cathedral Church for this key moment in our life together.

The Chrism Mass is an opportunity to draw near to Christ in the sacrament as we journey with him through Holy Week to Easter. Ordained and licensed ministers renew our vows together and re-commit ourselves to the ministry entrusted to us; a ministry that we share with Christ himself. Our three newly ordained deacons will be taking part in the liturgy and I hope that there will be a good representation of all other categories of ministry in the congregation; stipendiary and self-supporting clerics as well as licensed lay ministers. All those attending will be invited to robe for the occasion: clerics in alb and white stole, LLMs in their Reader robes. The service will also be live-streamed so that those who cannot be present in person can join in online.

We are asking those clergy, PTOs & LLMs who wish to be present to book a place by contacting my PA, Vicki (monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk or 01633 263510) as soon as possible and no later than Friday 19th March 2021.

As numbers have to be limited, we will be confirming bookings on a first come, first served basis.

We pray that God will continue to bless and guide us as we seek to live out our ministries faithfully, in his name and for his sake.

Prayers and best wishes in this Lenten season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', with a long horizontal line underneath.

Please note, due to restrictions attendance at the service is limited to clergy, PTOs, and LLMs.

The livestream will be available [here](#) to watch from home.

Upcoming Changes to Marriage Law

On 4 May 2021 and 1 July 2021 two important sets of changes to Marriage Law come into force. These changes effect all clergy of the Church in Wales.

The Church in Wales Legal Department have put together a document providing details of the changes and indicating where further information is available.

Click [here](#) to read it.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

It's been announced this week that this grant which allows churches to reclaim the VAT on eligible repairs has been extended until March 2022.

Find out more about the scheme [here](#).

Diocesan Badge

You may remember last week that we asked for help identifying this badge. Thanks to Canon Arthur Edwards who contacted us to let us know that it was made in 1951 for Bishop Edwin Morris' Diocesan Mission and Evangelism campaign. How interesting! Does anyone know anything more about the 1951 Diocesan Mission and Evangelism campaign? If you do, then get in touch by replying to this email, we'd love to know more!



Training/Events

The Revd Professor John Barton - Lecture 9th March

The Revd Professor John Barton was the Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford between 1991-2014 and is a Fellow of the British Academy. He published the book "A History of the Bible: The Book and Its Faiths" last year and this was recently adapted for BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week. He is will be presenting a lecture on 9th March at the Severn Theological Forum entitled: ***Using the Bible Constructively***. Not one to be missed see the flyer for details.



Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation: March 11th at 1.30pm

Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith, not least in this season of Lent as we reflect on the salvation and healing wrought for us through the cross. As Christian people we journey together as we live out our daily lives. In the current Ministry Area of Cyncoed, there is a regular service of Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation led by the Revd Beverley Smith which is being opened up to the whole of the diocese on March 11th. Bishop Cherry will be giving a homily and, whilst anointing and the laying on of hands will not be possible, there will be opportunities for each person present to be prayed for in small break-out rooms as part of the service. This is an invitation for us to draw nearer to Christ and open ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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**DIOCESAN SERVICE FOR
HEALING, WHOLENESS
AND RECONCILIATION**

LED BY REVD BEVERLEY SMITH


THURSDAY 11TH MARCH
AT 1.30PM

• HELD VIA ZOOM • REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE • 

[Click here to register.](#)



WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER
MARCH 21ST - 27TH 2021



Last day to book: Saturday 13th March
Only a few spaces remaining

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).



God is Calling

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CALLING CONVERSATIONS CHAPLAINCY

OUR PANEL

- ❖ REVD ANDREW WEBSTER – ST DAVID'S HOSPICE
- ❖ REVD BRYONY DAVIS – CHURCH OF ENGLAND
CHAPLAIN – HMP LEYHILL
- ❖ REVD DELYTH LIDDELL – CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
- ❖ REVD RACHEL LEWIS – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES HOSPITAL

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 27TH APRIL AT 7PM •



Resources

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



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

Our Schools



Lent 2021 Mini Missions

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 3

