



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



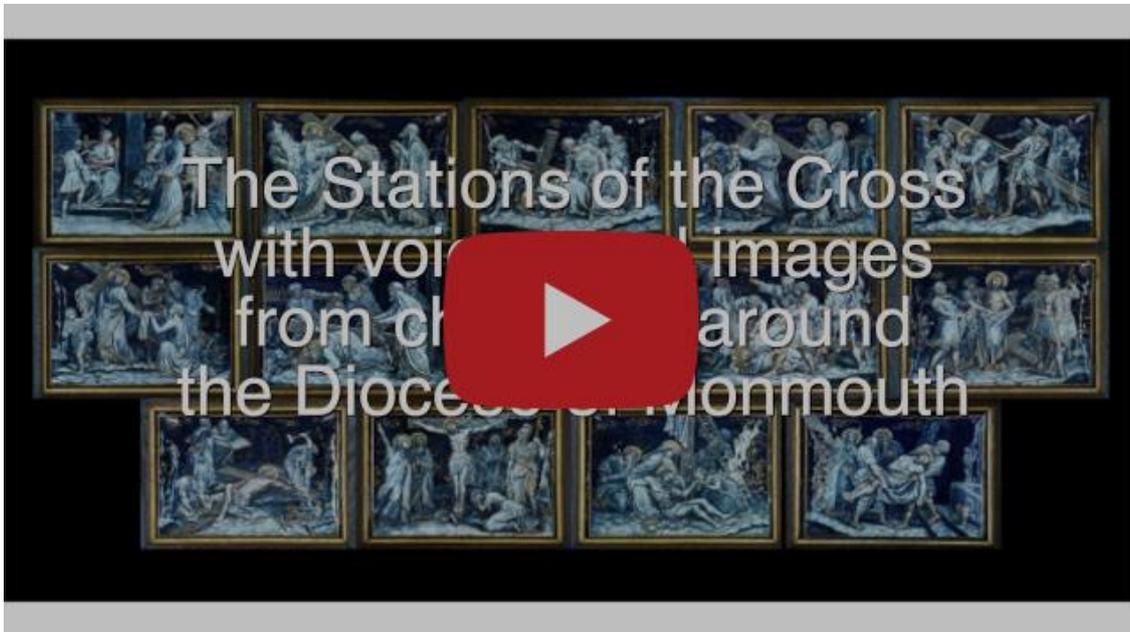
Stewardship

Bishop Cherry Vann is joined by Revd James Henley, who talks about 'faithful generosity.'



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

New Appointment for Islwyn Ministry Area



Welcome to Revd Nicholas Gill who has been appointed as Vicar designate of the newly formed Islwyn Ministry Area.

Excited to begin the next chapter in their lives, Revd Nicholas will be joined by his wife and daughters when he takes up the post later in the Spring.

The Right Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, says, "I am delighted that the Revd Nicholas Gill has accepted the post of Vicar in the newly emerging Islwyn Ministry Area.

"Nicholas comes to us from Llandaff Diocese where he has served his curacy and will be living in Risca with his young family.

"He will bring a freshness of perspective along with energy and gifting that will compliment well those in the ministry team already faithfully serving the churches in Upper and Lower Islwyn."

Read the full announcement [here](#).



May Conference

Following discussion with the Bishop's Staff Team, I have decided to cancel the planned May Conference. We were hoping by now to have held an in-person Vision Day to work on our priorities as a diocese for the coming years. We were also hoping that we would be able to meet in person in May to do some further work on this with Conference. The continuing restrictions mean these are not possible. Instead, we will look to meet in person later in the year and use our October Conference to finalise our Vision.

A Lockdown Passion Play



Riding Lights Theatre Company have produced a virtual Passion Play which is available to church groups from 15th March to 15th April. Entitled 'Breaking Day', the play was filmed remotely and looks at the events which led up to the Crucifixion from the perspective of Pilate's household.

Riding Lights has a great reputation for innovative and creative drama. This play gives church members and groups of churches a wonderful opportunity, at significantly reduced prices, to come together and share in a unique experience as we journey towards Holy Week and beyond to Easter.

Further information including a trailer and how to book can be found at <https://ridinglights.org/breaking-day/>

Chrism Mass

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,



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.

MOULD ALERT

We have been alerted to a case where an outbreak of **black mould** has suddenly appeared covering the interior walls of a church over the course of just one weekend. This has also happened at several other historic buildings in the Diocese.

During the Covid-19 outbreak many church buildings have been locked-up and infrequently visited. As churches begin to open again and you get your buildings ready to open their doors you may find some evidence of mould deposits on the interior surfaces. This is most likely due to the **restricted air flow** within the building and the cold, damp environmental conditions present from Autumn and Winter which can result in condensation forming on the interior surfaces.

Our advice is:

1. Check on your buildings and **inspect the interior surfaces** of the church to determine if any mould is present.
2. Church buildings with solid masonry walls which suffer from condensation and damp issues should be **ventilated** as much as possible. This is sometimes difficult to do if windows do not open, so when someone is at the church keep doors open to aid cross ventilation to help dry out the building fabric.
3. In some cases, it may be that your church walls will require **redcoration**. It is recommended that you **consult your architect** on the most appropriate specification for this work.

Fundraising Vicar Embarks on "Great British Bike Off" Challenge



A Newport vicar and his wife have embarked on a very special fundraising challenge for Lent – “A Great British Bike Off!”

Revd Justin Groves and his wife Lucy are raising money to refurbish St Stephens Church in Pill, by completing a virtual tour of Great Britain - all 2828 miles of it!

Using a borrowed exercise bike, the couple is visiting 18 different ‘foodie’ locations on the way and then taking on the extra challenge of making the local speciality dish from that region!

They explained: “We are raising money for the refurbishment of St Stephens Church in Pill to make it into a modern warm and welcoming church and community outreach hub.

"We are both exhausted and excited by this challenge so far. We want to see our church building become a key place in our community, open every day as we engage in serving and working alongside others to make Jesus known."

Read more [here](#).

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 100th 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.

For details of how to donate please contact Libby by calling 07508 801511.



New Grange University Hospital Chaplaincy Team Contact

The contact number for the Chaplaincy team at the Grange University Hospital is 01633 493402.

Messages can be left and will be picked up remotely.

Training/Events



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).



Webinar: Community Responses To Homelessness

Tuesday March 23rd, 10:00-11:00am

Recent policy changes in Wales have meant we have a golden opportunity to ensure homelessness is always a rare, brief and unrepeated experience.

To achieve this, we must ensure our activities are conducive to *ending* homelessness and are aligned with the progressive Welsh Homelessness Plan.

In this webinar, key figures from the sector will cover the latest policy changes, the Welsh Homelessness Plan, what these changes mean for you as a charity/voluntary group responding to homelessness (including what funding and support is available), and how you can ensure that your efforts are helping to solve and end homelessness in Wales.

Confirmed speakers include: Julie James MS (the Minister for Housing and Local Government), Ruth Marks (CEO of WCVA) and Bonnie Navarra (Director of Housing Justice Cymru).

Register [here](#).



April Safeguarding Training Dates

Part	Date	Time
Part 1	Thursday 8 April (PTO specific)	14.00pm
	Tuesday 13 April	10.00 am
	Thursday 15 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 16 April	10.00 am
	Tuesday 20 April	18.00 pm
Part 2	Thursday 22 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 23 April (PTO specific)	10.00 am
	Tuesday 27 April	18.00 pm
	Thursday 29 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 30 April	10.00 am

Email safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk to book.

God is Calling



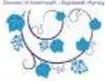
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OUR PANEL

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CHAPLAIN – HMP LEYHILL
- ❖ REVD RACHEL LEWIS – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
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• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 27TH APRIL AT 7PM •



Resources

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



Tuesday Reflection
with Bishop Cherry Vann
Tuesday 9th March

Diocese of Monmouth
Esgobaeth Mynwy



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

PRAYER FOR EASTER

A prayer for Easter from Cynnal, the counselling service available throughout Wales for Clergy, Ministers of religion, Christian workers, and their families.

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendour of achievement;
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well-lived makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
have granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might
who through your great power
have granted us new strength
to endure all things through faith in
Christ our risen King. Hold close to
your sacred heart all those who suffer
from addiction and Mental Health
Issues, all those who feel weighed down
by this earthly world, and those who
minister to them in word and deed.
For we praise your wonderful name and give thanks!



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Our Schools



Prayer Spaces and Recovery by Prayer Spaces in Schools

Monday 22nd March at 7:30pm

With schools reopening, the opportunity and the need for prayer spaces is going to increase rapidly. This Prayer Spaces Session, themed around 'Recovery', will include interviews with prayer space practitioners, some new 'wellbeing' prayer activities, and more time to meet and swap ideas with others.

Book your place [here](#).

Spiritual Faith Challenge Week 4

