



Friday Round Up

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

News



Moving from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3 A Practical Advice Update

Wales remains at Alert Level 4 but Welsh Government has set out the next anticipated steps of relaxing restrictions towards Alert Level 3.

It is anticipated that from 26 April, if public health conditions permit, the following relaxations will go ahead:

- organised outdoor activities will be permitted for up to 30 people
- outdoor wedding receptions will be permitted for up to 30 people
- outdoor hospitality can open
- outdoor visitor attractions can open

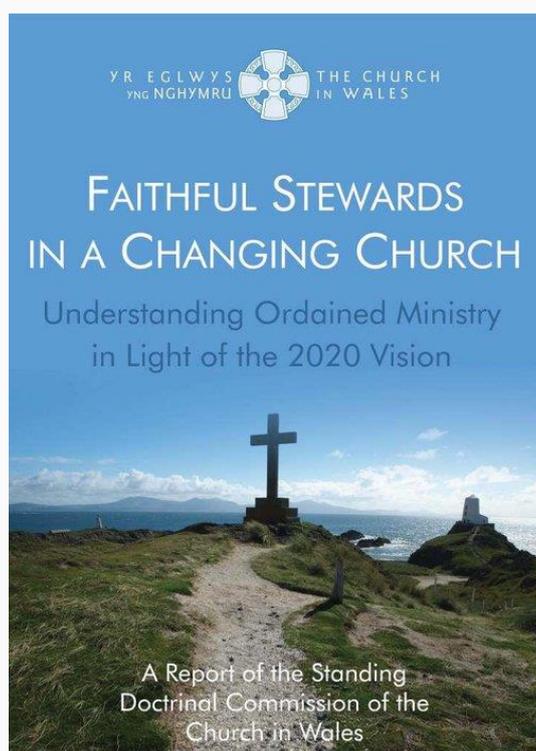
Precise details of what this will mean are awaited and Church in Wales guidance will be updated as soon as possible after details are published.

We are clear that organized outdoor activities includes worship. The key point is that such activities are organised i.e planned and controlled by a recognisable body such as the PCC/MAC/LMAC. Such activities should be accompanied by a risk assessment to decide the right risk mitigation measures for the activity. Social distancing of two metres must be observed at all times for such activities. Welsh Government guidance should be consulted for specific limitations on permitted activities.

Welsh Government are indicating that other relaxations should follow leading to the re-opening, in a limited way, of community centres and other indoor activities on the 17th May. At this point, Wales will be in Alert Level 3.

Read the full update [here](#).

Faithful Stewards in a Changing Church



In last week's Friday Round-up, Bishop Cherry told us about the presentation at Governing Body of '*Faithful Stewards in a Changing Church*'.

The product of more than five years of work, *Faithful Stewards in a Changing Church: Understanding Ordained Ministry the Light of the 2020 Vision* offers a series of essays to help the Church reflect theologically about the ordained ministry since the development of ministry areas. You can read the full report [here](#).

Bishop Cherry, who is the lead bishop for ministry, says, "At a time when we are welcoming an increasing number and diversity of lay ministries across the Province, this report gives rich and ample material for reflection on the role and nature of ordained ministry in the Church of today."

Over the coming weeks, to support the report, the Commission will release five interviews with the authors of the essays. The first video is out and features Bishop Cherry.

Following the release of each video, there will be a live Zoom call where you can put your questions and comments to the authors. The first in on Monday 26th April at 7pm and you can register [here](#).



Watch out for the next video, which features Revd. Becca Stevens, Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Monmouth and Ministry Area Leader in Newport North. We'll keep you updated in our Friday Round-up!



Ministry Areas

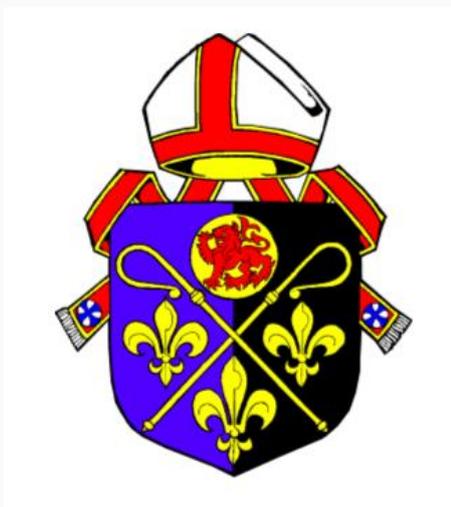
All of our Ministry Areas have now had their initial meetings and we are beginning the next stage of work - thank-you to all those who attended the meetings and submitted their questions.

In many areas of the diocese, the Ministry Area Transition Teams have been set-up and we are grateful for all the work that has begun to enable us to work better together. We will give you regular updates on progress from around the diocese in the Friday Round-up and one of our new Ministry Areas are even making a video that you can hopefully watch next week.

We have already held two meetings for treasurers, with another planned for next week. Next week's session is fully booked because we are keen to the groups small enough for everyone to be involved. These meetings are opportunities for treasurers to ask questions and learn more about how the finances will work.

As long as there is demand for a **meeting with treasurers** to learn more about financial arrangements in a Ministry Area, we will continue to add new dates – with some meetings during the day and some in the evening. There next new date for a meeting with treasurers is **Monday the 10th of May at 2pm**, if you would like to attend please [click here to book](#).

For more information please contact Libby
(libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk, 07508 801511)



Make your vote count – Bishops' statement

Voting is a hard won right and our responsibility, say the Church in Wales bishops in a statement ahead of the Welsh Senedd elections on May 6 .

They urge everyone, and particularly 16 and 17-year-olds who are able to vote for the first time in Wales, to vote on May 6 and to do so in an informed way.

Read the full statement [here](#).



Earth Day

In last week's Friday Round-up we reported that The Church in Wales declared a climate emergency at the Governing Body meeting - agreeing to have net zero carbon emissions, ideally by 2030, and to divest funds from fossil fuels.

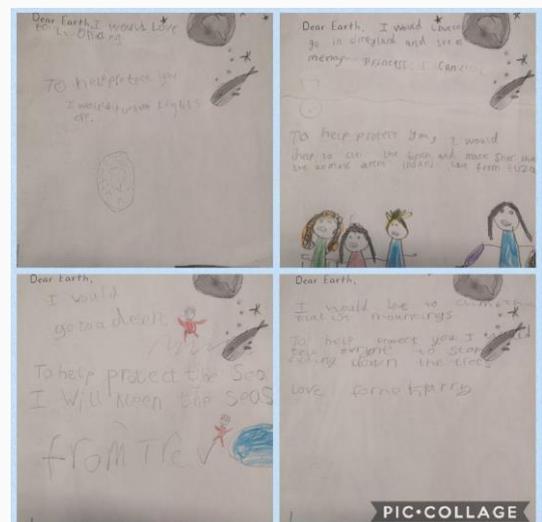
Climate change is a key issue for us all and Governing Body agreed that an "urgent and rapid global response" was needed.

You'll be hearing a lot more about what we can do as a CinW, a diocese, a Ministry Area, a church and an individual over the few months.

This week, Earth Day was marked around the world on the 22nd April as a global effort to tackle climate change. The movement has been around since 1970, and this year's theme was to Restore the Earth. We used #EarthDay to highlight the work being done across and to encourage others to join us in our strive to become better stewards of God's creation. Our church schools also got involved.....

Usk CiW Primary School

Pupils wrote letters to the Earth about how they'll protect it and where they'd love to explore.



Becoming Better Stewards of God's Creation

Bishop Cherry spoke about the need for action following the declaration of a climate emergency at Governing Body last week. The motion was seconded by Revd Becca Stevens, you can read more about it [here](#).

Eco Church

Is your church registered? If not, why not do it this week to celebrate Earth Day, you can find out more [here](#).



Lent Appeal

Just a reminder that there is still time to give to the Diocesan Lent Appeal, which this year is supporting the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal. Find out more [here](#).

Please could all payment be made by the end of May.

For details of how to donate, please contact Libby on 07508 801511.

Donations for the Highveld

If you have any donations for the Highveld, please also contact Libby (07508 801511). A transfer will be made later this month.

Training/Events

Next Week - 27th April!



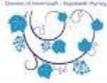
God is Calling

– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –

CALLING CONVERSATIONS CHAPLAINCY

OUR PANEL

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

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

This panel will be streamed to [Facebook LIVE](#) for all to watch.

You can submit a question for the panel [here](#).

Upcoming sessions in our series:

- Pioneers - 25th May
- Ordained Ministry - 29th June
- Licensed Lay Ministry - 27th July
- Secular Vocations - 28th September
- Spiritual Directors - 19th October
- Training Experiences - 30th November

Services and Resources

Vocations Sunday - 25th April

You can find resources for Vocations Sunday including prayers, school assemblies and a Bible Study [here](#).

Meet the Vocations team in this video -



Join an Easter 4 Eucharist from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Books Available

Have you thought of setting up a spirituality library in your church?

Fr Colin Sutton is downsizing his large book collection and has many books on prayer and spirituality all in good condition he's happy to donate as a starter for a church library.

He also has some books on pastoral care and on liturgy as well as organ music suitable for services, some easy church choral music and a set of 'Classical', an educational highly illustrated periodical introduction to music for 11 plus to adult.

An excellent resource for someone keen on classical music.

Please email frcolinsutton@gmail.com if you're interested.

Our Schools

Our education team have been putting together a range of great resources for our church schools to support them, 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, this term focusing on Islam.

