



Friday Round Up

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

News

Installation of the Dean



The former Vicar of Peterborough, Ian Black, was installed as the new Dean of Newport in a special service held at Newport Cathedral on Saturday (22 May).

A 'socially-distanced' congregation, including clergy and civic dignitaries, gathered to offer their well-wishes during a joyous service. The Cathedral rang with applause as the Bishop of Monmouth, Cherry Vann, presented the new Dean – there were even party poppers fired thanks to choristers!

Speaking after the service, Dean Ian, said: "It's a great honour to become Dean of Newport Cathedral. My wife Susan and I have been made extremely welcome since moving to Newport and into the Diocese at the end of April. The installation service was a very special occasion, with moments of joy and fun, not least when the three senior choristers fired party poppers as part of the welcome. I look forward to working with the cathedral community, the city and diocese in the years to come."

The service included readings by Diocesan Secretary, Isabel Thompson and Dean Ian's wife, Susan. The new Dean was also welcomed on behalf of the city by the Mayor of Newport.

In a very special moment, a hymn, written by Dean Ian himself, was sung at the beginning of the service as symbols of the church's mission and ministry were brought forward by members of the Cathedral congregation.

During his sermon, Dean Ian reflected on the tough year we have had and talked of a 'reboot' - 'a chance to take a fresh look at who we are, where we are and how we are.'

He said: "When we look at a reboot as an opportunity to look at who we are, where we are and how we are, our foundation is built on a vision of God's presence blessing and assuring. 'Who we are' is beloved and called by God in Jesus Christ to be his agents of faith, hope and love. 'Where we are' is standing on the threshold of a renewed beginning, where we are being challenged to not just build back but build back fairer. 'How we are', well let's take time to ask one another that one."

On announcing his appointment in January, Bishop Cherry spoke of Dean Ian's "wealth of experience from a wide range of contexts that will enrich the life of the diocese as well as the Cathedral."

You can watch the service here,



Read The Very Reverend Ian Black's Installation Sermon [here](#).



Ministry Areas: Rural Ministry

We are delighted to introduce Revd Canon Tim Clement as our Diocesan Rural Life Adviser.

Many of you will know Tim as Ministry Area Leader in Raglan until he retired from full-time ministry in 2019.

As Rural Life Adviser Tim is here to support and encourage Mission and Ministry in our rural area throughout the diocese and is looking for others to support him in this rewarding ministry.

Revd Tim says: "With the amalgamation of groups of parishes, virtually every Ministry Area will now include a connection to rural life. Rural ministry has many aspects similar to other forms of ministry, but it is also has a number of differences. Just one of those differences is that smaller and dispersed communities have far less facilities close at hand, and the Church could help by offering support in fulfilling their needs."

Tim has a long-term love of the countryside and agriculture which started as a youngster. He worked Saturdays and school holidays on a Market Garden growing vegetables at the age of 12, then changed to working full-time on a dairy farm for a year after doing A levels.

He attended Usk Agricultural College between 1973-1976 and milked cows for about another four years until he changed to selling feed and seed to farmers.

In 1992 he attended Trinity Theological College, was ordained in 1994, and began full-time ministry in Chepstow. In 1997 moved to the Bettws Newydd Group as Rector, and a few years later took on the role of Rural Life Advisor. One of the first cohort to study as a Ministry Area Leader, and in 2014 became the Ministry Area Leader for the Raglan MA.

Tim is excited to be developing this ministry which is so close to his heart and building on what is already taking place in rural parishes.

He would like to hear from anyone interested in joining this ministry, so if you would like to be involved, please contact Revd Tim at rlamonmouth@cinw.org.uk

Find out more about Revd Tim and rural ministry here,



Treasurers Meeting

Our apologies again to treasurers that we had to cancel Wednesday's meeting due to staff illness.

We will be in touch with a new date very soon.

Annual Returns Reminder - **31st May deadline**

Your **Finance Return and a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts** for 2020 (including a balance sheet) are due by the **31st of May**, so there's just a few days left to submit them.

Thank-you to the churches who have already submitted.

The finance return can be submitted online or by post, you should have already received forms for this, and a copy of the accounts should be sent to Libby via email (libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk) or post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ).

If you need any help in completing the forms please contact Libby (07508 801511)

Training/Events

Diocesan Healing Service – 3rd June - Next week!



Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith. 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 June 3rd. 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.

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-healing-service-registration-154811247609>



Next week is volunteers' week, keep your eyes peeled for something special we have been working on!

Faithful Stewards in a Changing Church

The third video of the series exploring essays 9 and 10 is now available.

It features the Bishop of St. Asaph, Revd Canon Dr Rhiannon Johnson and Revd Dr Manon Ceridwen James.

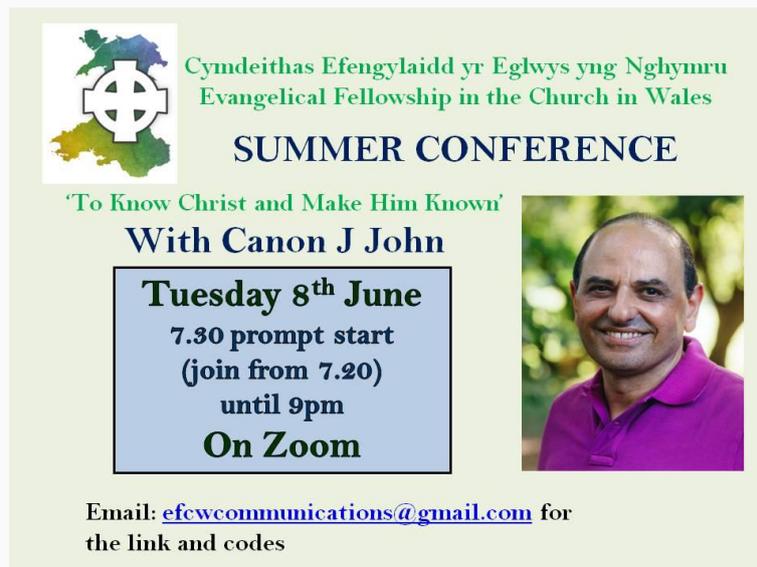


The online discussion to follow this video takes place on Monday at 7pm. You can register for the session [here](#).

To Know Christ and Make Him Known: An evening with J John

EFCW (Evangelical Fellowship in the Church in Wales) are holding their Summer conference on Zoom on Tuesday 8 June at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Canon J John: the topic is “To Know Christ and Make Him Known.”

All are welcome to come to this evening: to receive the Zoom code please email efcwcommunications@gmail.com



The poster is for a Summer Conference by the Evangelical Fellowship in the Church in Wales (EFCW). It features a logo with a cross and a map of Wales. The text includes the Welsh name 'Cymdeithas Efengylaidd yr Eglwys yng Nghymru' and the English name 'Evangelical Fellowship in the Church in Wales'. The main title is 'SUMMER CONFERENCE' followed by the theme '‘To Know Christ and Make Him Known’ With Canon J John'. A central box provides the date and time: 'Tuesday 8th June, 7.30 prompt start (join from 7.20) until 9pm, On Zoom'. A photo of Canon J John is on the right. At the bottom, it says 'Email: efcwcommunications@gmail.com for the link and codes'.

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Calling Conversations

Our second session in the Calling Conversations series focused on pioneer ministry. You can watch the video here,



The video thumbnail features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. It includes a red play button icon in the center. The text reads: '2021 VOCATIONS SERIES', 'God is Calling', 'CALLING CONVERSATIONS: PIONEERS', 'MAY AT 7PM', and 'JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK'. At the bottom, it lists three speakers: 'DEBBIE PECK, PIONEER YOUTH WORKER, DIOCESE OF BANGOR', 'JON PRICE, PIONEER, DIOCESE OF BANGOR', and 'SUSIE TEMPELTON, ASSISTANT PIONEER CURATE, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WOODLEY'.

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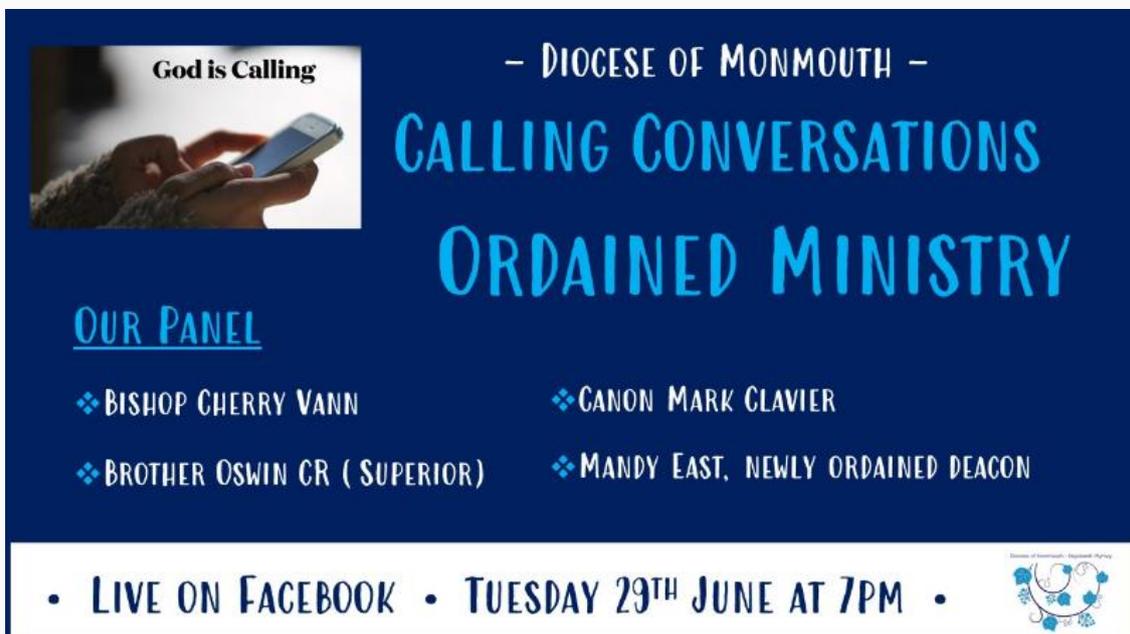
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Find out more about our past and upcoming sessions

here: https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/prayer_and_spirituality/vocations/calling-conversations/

Including the next session on the 29th of June on Ordained Ministry



The poster features a dark blue background. At the top left, there is a small image of hands holding a smartphone with the text "God is Calling" above it. To the right, the text reads: "– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –" followed by "CALLING CONVERSATIONS" and "ORDAINED MINISTRY" in large, light blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the section "OUR PANEL" is underlined. The panel members are listed in two columns: "BISHOP CHERRY VANN" and "BROTHER OSWIN CR (SUPERIOR)" on the left; "CANON MARK CLAVIER" and "MANDY EAST, NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON" on the right. At the bottom, it says "• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 29TH JUNE AT 7PM •" with a small circular logo on the right.

BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021 Award



For the second year running Songs of Praise and Radio 2 are joining together to celebrate the contribution made by young people to choirs and music groups across the UK and find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021.

Applications are open until the 14th of June, find out more [here](#).

Young Christian Climate Network - Relay to COP26



WALK WITH US TO GLASGOW

Head to yccn.uk to sign up!

This November, world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for important climate negotiations. YCCN believe it's time to make decisions which protect people not bank balances, to decide that no country will go into debt tackling climate change. It's a decade-defining opportunity to make a stand.

They are organising a relay from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June to COP26 in Glasgow. The route passes through our Diocese from the 8th - 11th of July stopping in Newport, Magor and Chepstow and you can take part.

Would you like to sign up to walk part of the route?

Are you more experienced and could sign up to be a Lead Walker?

Could you provide on-call support for walkers on the day?

You can find out more about the roles and sign up [here](#).

Training and support will be provided by YCCN.

Or maybe you'd like to be involved in the local events happening in the Diocese, look out for more information coming soon about these or contact Libby (libbymorgan-owen@churcheinwales.org.uk)

Climate change is one of the most significant obstacles of our time. We hope you will join us in stepping forward to help safeguard God's gift of creation. Please encourage your friends and family to take part too. Every voice matters.



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 7 June	14:00
Friday 11 June	10:00
Tuesday 15 June	14:00
Thursday 17 June	14:00

PART 2

Friday 18 June	10:00
Wednesday 23 June	10:00
Friday 25 June	10:00
Tuesday 29 June	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.

World Refugee Day: Churches are invited to commemorate the lost lives of refugees

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) together with the [Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe \(CCME\)](#) is inviting churches to commemorate the lives of thousands of migrants and refugees, who lost their lives in the Mediterranean, seeking safety on their way to Europe.

CEC and CCME are encouraging churches to hold online commemoration services, prayers or vigils around [World Refugee Day on 20 June 2021](#), in line with the COVID-19 measures.

CCME has published [resource materials](#) on its website, which can be used for worship or intercessions during a service.

Read more [here](#).



Srebrenica Memorial Week

Srebrenica Memorial Week will be taking place 4th – 11th July. Communities across the UK will commemorate the 26th anniversary of the genocide, where over 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys lost their lives.

[Remembering Srebrenica](#) is a charity dedicated to creating a safe society for all. They express that the lesson learned from the genocide in Srebrenica is no society is invulnerable to prejudice and intolerance. We must all remain vigilant against these forces, and take positive action to build stronger, more resilient communities. If you would like to commemorate Srebrenica during the memorial week, Remembering Srebrenica offers the following suggestions:

- Holding a virtual Sunday service on either the 4th or 11th of July. Template programmes are available on their website.
- Posting our “Statement of Commemoration” on your website or social media to show your solidarity with the survivors of the Bosnian genocide.
- Lighting a candle in remembrance of the victims of genocide.
- Connecting with other faith groups to organise an interfaith event online or in-person, for reflection or prayers.

A range of resources to support acts of commemoration, including a statement to mark the anniversary, speeches, interfaith prayers which can be found [here](#).

Services and Resources

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



Would you like to make your church more accessible to people with sight loss?

Is your church interested in receiving a free awareness-raising session?

Sight Cymru can tailor the training to meet the needs of your church, but the training session may cover aspects such as:

- Identifying sight loss
- Impact of sight loss
- Common sight conditions
- Medical and social model
- Barriers to accessibility for people with sight loss
- Breaking down the barriers
- Covid-19 and sight loss
- Helping your church to become accessible for people with sight loss

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Esther Weller, Awareness Officer, on 07592383130 or esther.weller@sightcymru.org.uk

Our Schools



Using some of the resources available from Christian Aid, the Church in Wales has produced a new project. This one is called Ffrindiau'r Byd and blends Religious Education with the Eco aspect of the curriculum. Resources for this project are available through our Diocesan website:

[Resources - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

The project can be run at any time of the year. Creationtide may be an ideal occasion.

Climate Emergency Competition

Following the Church in Wales calling a Climate Emergency the Education Teams thought it important to ask the views of the children and young people in our schools about these matters. Therefore, they are asking: If they could say something to the people in charge, the leaders of our governments and communities about looking after our planet, what would they say?

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



Refugee Week - 14th - 21st June

Our Education Team have put together some resources for Refugee Week, you can find them [here](#).

There will be more resources added to this page in the next few weeks, including some specifically for Sunday Schools.
