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

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## News



Let's celebrate Volunteers Week (1-7 June) by saying a big 'thankyou' to all our wonderful volunteers.

Volunteering makes a fantastic contribution to our communities and to church-life.- particularly in the exceptionally difficult year we've all had!

Join Bishop Cherry and some familiar faces from across the diocese as we showcase and celebrate volunteers and the amazing contribution volunteering makes.



Read Bishop Cherry's transcript [here](#).



## Treasurers Meeting

Our apologies again to treasurers that we had to cancel the last meeting due to staff illness. We will be in touch with a new date next week.

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## Annual Returns - **deadline passed**

Thank-you to everyone who has submitted their annual finance return and a copy of the independently examined accounts (including balance sheet).

Treasurers/clergy have been contacted for churches with things outstanding, if there are any problems or you need any assistance please let Libby know asap (07508 801511, [libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk))

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## Ecclesiastical Competition



After a year marked by extraordinary changes, limitations and isolation, we've seen church communities going through incredibly challenging times. But, as is so often the case, times of difficulty can bring out the best in people and pull communities together.

We have seen how good news and good ideas have the power to redefine how we all experience life, community and the church; with this in mind we wanted to find a way to share your good news stories.

Share your Good News for a chance to win £1,500 for your church plus £6,000 if you win the national prize.

Has something been done in your church community that made life that little bit better, or easier for others?

It could be a project that actively engaged with younger or older members of the local community; or a digital initiative – like a WhatsApp group – that kept people connected. Maybe you have managed to carry out a successful fundraising campaign. Or maybe you've done really well in building your links to your local community, despite all the hurdles COVID-19 has put in your way.

Find out more [here](#).

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## Training/Events

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### 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](#).

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## ReSource Surveys

ReSource is an organisation that ‘helps churches and church leaders to keep the person and work of God the Holy Spirit at the forefront of their discipleship and their mission, with a particular heart for little, local and ordinary churches.’ Please read the message in the link from two of its supporters and consider completing the surveys they have produced for their sabbatical research projects on faith-sharing and on the presence of Jesus among his people.

[Find out more.](#)



## Trussell Trust’s ‘Big Church Leaders’ Breakfast’ – 8<sup>th</sup> June

The Trussell Trust is inviting all church leaders in Wales to join them for an online breakfast on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The event will open at 8:10am, with the start of the session beginning at 8:30am. As the event will take place online, participants will have to provide their own breakfast. However, there will be the opportunity to mingle with other attendees before and after the main event at virtual ‘tables’.

The breakfast is open to all church leaders, whether their congregations are involved in supporting food banks in our network or whether they are just interested to hear a bit more about our work. Churches from all denominations play a vital role in supporting the food bank network providing volunteers, venues, leadership, and donations. Over the last year, many

churches have stepped up their support to keep food banks operating during the pandemic. With over 140,000 emergency parcels given out by food banks in our network in Wales during 2020-2021, we really want to express our thanks for the crucial support that churches provide.

This virtual event will bring together church leaders to network, pray, and reflect together. Emma Revie, Chief Executive of the Trussell Trust, will share more about the charity's vision and work to build a hunger free future in partnership with churches, charities, and others. There will be a live Q&A with input from local church leaders and food bank teams. The charity have also developed a variety of church resources including a video and small group studies available on their [church support](#) webpage.

You can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/church-leaders-breakfast-wales-registration-145556121277?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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## 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](mailto:efcwcommunications@gmail.com)



Cymdeithas Efengylaidd yr Eglwys yng Nghymru  
Evangelical Fellowship in the Church in Wales

### SUMMER CONFERENCE

'To Know Christ and Make Him Known'  
With Canon J John

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
7.30 prompt start  
(join from 7.20)  
until 9pm  
**On Zoom**



Email: [efcwcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:efcwcommunications@gmail.com) for  
the link and codes

## 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](#).

## Calling Conversations

Find out more about our past and upcoming sessions

here: [https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/prayer\\_and\\_spirituality/vocations/calling-conversations/](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 image is a promotional banner for a Facebook Live event. It has a dark blue background. In the top left corner, there is a small image of hands holding a smartphone with the text 'God is Calling' above it. To the right of this image, the text reads '- DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH -' in white, followed by 'CALLING CONVERSATIONS' and 'ORDAINED MINISTRY' in large, light blue, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the text 'OUR PANEL' is written in light blue, underlined. Underneath, there are four names of panel members, each preceded by a small white diamond symbol: 'BISHOP CHERRY VANN', 'CANON MARK CLAVIER', 'BROTHER OSWIN CR ( SUPERIOR)', and 'MANDY EAST, NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON'. At the bottom of the banner, there is a white bar containing the text '• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 7PM •' in dark blue. In the bottom right corner of the banner, there is a small logo for the Diocese of Monmouth.

## Young Christian Climate Network - Relay to COP26



Has volunteers week inspired you to want to volunteer? Why not get involved in YCCN's Relay to COP26...

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@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

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## 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](#).

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## Services and Resources

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Join a Trinity 1 Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

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# Our Schools

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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](#).

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## **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.