



## Friday Round Up

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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

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## Coronavirus Guidance

**Update: 15th July 2021**

Welsh Government has announced the main changes in Covid regulations. These can be seen at

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Topic | GOV.WALES](#)

Please monitor the Welsh Government page, particularly the FAQ section, which sets out the main restrictions. We will seek to update this guidance accordingly.

The changes from Saturday 17th July will mean the following for churches and church halls:

- There is now a limit of 1000 people (seated) and 200 people (standing) gathering indoors. However, **the requirement to maintain two-metre social distancing is still in place** so the capacity of buildings will still be reduced. However, for community activity, there should now be greater flexibility.
- The wearing of face coverings indoors remains a requirement.
- The need to provide for hand sanitising and premises cleaning remains.

- We have received clarification that the serving of tea and coffee etc after services can now take place. You should update your risk assessment to allow for people to sit in groups of six with social distance between groups for this activity.
- There remains some confusion over whether groups of six from six different households can be permitted to sit together for worship. Welsh Government guidance for Places of Worship at [Guidance on reopening places of worship: coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#) does not allow for the 'rule of 6' but in other settings this is now possible. We are seeking further guidance on the point and will confirm as soon as possible.
- It is important to emphasise to congregations and attendees that the restrictions in Wales have not yet been relaxed as much as in England.
- Generally, we support a cautious approach. Maintaining existing precautions and service arrangements seems a sensible approach at this time.
- Our detailed guidance will be updated in the next few days and republished to reflect the changes on 17th July.

There are clearly more changes planned on the 7th August. We hope to learn more details in advance of that date from Welsh Government and will update guidance accordingly. It is clear that there will be much greater onus on local decision making and assessment of risk in each setting. There will be much less prescribed precautions going forward.

Read this update on the website [here](#).

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## **ABUHB Chaplaincy**

The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is recruiting bank chaplains to work with the team.

The commitment is not great and bank chaplains can choose whether to take up the offer of a shift or part shift.

The work will be centred in the RGH and the new Grange University hospital. Work will include pastoral visiting of patients, sharing the on-call emergency response duties and leading Sunday bedside prayers and Communions.

This is either a good taster opportunity for anyone considering healthcare chaplaincy as a future part of their ministry or can be a small development of an existing ministry.

For more information check out the job advert or call Alan Tyler (01633 234263).

[Job vacancy: Bank Chaplain, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Various sites across the healthboard | trac.jobs \(wales.nhs.uk\)](#)

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## Charity Marks 90 years by Thanking Widows



All widows of Church in Wales clergy are being thanked for their contribution to church life to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of a charity today (July 16).

They will each receive a card thanking them for both their own ministry and for that of their late husband's from the trustees of the Widows, Orphans and Dependants Society.

The charity was set up by the Church in Wales on July 16 1931 to provide assistance for the families of deceased clergy facing financial hardship. It pays out around £100k in grants each year and also organises pastoral support in each of the Church's six dioceses.

To mark its birthday, WODS has also pledged £500 to each diocese to fund a get-together, once it is safe to do so.

The Archdeacon of Margam, Peggy Jackson, who is the vice-chair of WODS, says, "WODS is one of the most unsung, but valuable areas of work within the Church in Wales – honouring the commitment and dedication of past generations of clergy, by offering particular care to those who had supported their ministry over the years, often at considerable cost. It is very rewarding for the trustees to receive, as we frequently do, letters of thanks and appreciation from widows and widowers receiving our support, and to know that they continue to be engaged with the ongoing life of the Church in Wales. The grants we offer make a significant difference to the recipient's finances and makes their lives a little bit easier."

"We are particularly pleased to mark this big birthday with a big thank-you to them."

If you would like to donate to WODS or seek assistance, please contact Louise Davies [louisedavies@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:louisedavies@churchinwales.org.uk)

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# Our Schools

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## Year Six Leavers

Bishop Cherry shares a message with the Year 6 children of our diocese as they finish their final year and prepare for secondary school.



[Read the transcript here.](#)

We hope all pupils and staff from schools across our diocese have a restful summer after all their hard work this year.



# Training/Events

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## Ecclesiastical Webinar



**20th July, 10am-11:30am**

This session will explore some key points you need to consider when approaching funders and writing/pitching to them including some good guidance and practice for writing funding applications.

Find out more and register for a place [here](#).

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## Diocesan Healing Service



We're pleased to announce the next Diocesan Healing Services on **Thursday 22nd July**. Attendees will have the choice of an afternoon service beginning at **1.30pm** and an evening service beginning at **7.30pm**. You are most welcome to attend both if you wish. Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith and we invite you to join us in drawing nearer to Christ and opening ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Book you place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-healing-service-registration-162046323917>

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## Training Workshops from National Churches Trust

Discover how your place of worship can benefit from tourism, encourage visitors and raise funds.

### **Wednesday, 21 July 2.30pm. Funding regular maintenance and urgent repairs -**

**Training Workshop:** An introduction to the National Churches Trust grants programmes for places of worship.

### **Wednesday, 28 July 10.30am. Making publicity work for your church:**

A FREE church tourism workshop offering guidance on how to promote your church or chapel to visitors.

**Further information:** <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/events>

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## Services and Resources

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Join a Trinity 7 Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Join a Trinity 7 Choral Evensong from the Cathedral on Sunday at 3pm [here](#).

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## Older People's Commissioner: Get Help Stay Safe

The Older People's Commissioner is circulating as widely as possible leaflets about warning signs of elder abuse.

You can download the leaflet [here](#).

Order hard copies by emailing [kay.hennessy@olderpeoplewales.com](mailto:kay.hennessy@olderpeoplewales.com)

Audio and BSL versions are available [here](#).