



Friday Round Up

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

News

Faith in our Future - Diocesan Conference 2021

Our Diocesan Conference this year looked at what 'Faith in our Future' means to us.

During the Presidential Address, Bishop Cherry encouraged us to share our thoughts and ideas, our hopes and dreams to help shape our future.

Focusing on five key themes – discipleship; stewardship; environmental issues; social justice and diversity and equality, the conference brought all these elements together under our new diocesan branding – 'Faith in our Future'.

Acknowledging the uncertainty and unpredictability of these challenging times, Bishop Cherry reminded us of Isaiah (ch12). She said: "Isaiah holds out a truth for us to grasp in these troubling times. 'I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might.' Trust in God forms the bedrock of our Christian faith."

Bishop Cherry commended our new 'Faith in our Future' strapline and encouraged us to use it, along with its colourful tree image, as a 'backcloth' to frame our life over the coming years.

She explained: "It's simple and yet it says some fundamental things about what the Church as the people of God, and therefore we as the Diocese of Monmouth, are about.

"The words, Faith in our Future, proclaim that fundamental trust in the grace and mercy of God. Christians are called to have faith, not because of ourselves or anything we can do, but because of God and all that God has already done for us."

Following on from the Conference business of Thursday evening, Saturday morning was dedicated to visioning and engagement.

A very powerful Opening Worship from students at St Teilo's High School set the tone for the morning, which included challenging discussions around our five themes, and also an imagination exercise which encouraged us to think about our hopes for the future and the steps needed to get there.

All the Conference Resources are available on the [Diocesan Website](#) and Bishop Cherry's address is available [here](#).



Ministry Areas



Ministry Area Development Fund

The DBF have agreed to top up the Ministry Area Development Fund with an extra £48,000 to support Ministry Area formation.

£3,000 is available to each Ministry Area and this can be applied for as one lump sum or multiple smaller amounts, as best suits the development of each Ministry Area.

Ministry Areas can use this money for any purpose which they can demonstrate will develop their Ministry Area. As an example, applications might be for:

- Promotional materials, branding and/or websites.
- Equipment for a local office/administrative centre.
- The purchase of administrative/business software.
- Training fees associated with building local capacity.
- Equipment for joint mission initiatives.
- Training or team building.

Applications will be approved by the Standing Committee Grants Sub-Committee on a quarterly basis. Upcoming deadlines are, 17th November, 16th February, 18th May.

Download the application form [here](#).

For more information contact Libby, libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk

The DBF has also approved a scheme to partially fund Ministry Area Administrators in each Ministry Area. Information on this scheme will be sent to directly to Ministry Area Leaders.

Actions in the Run Up to COP26

Wales joins a 24-hour global wave of prayer

People in Wales are being invited to join in a 24-hour global wave of prayer next month.

The Church in Wales is taking part in the Anglican Communion virtual [Day of Prayer](#) on November 30, thought to be the first of its kind. It will bring people together from across the globe to pray for a world suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change, as well as injustice, exploitation and war.

The Church is leading one half-hour session with a film featuring prayers and reflections on the theme of climate change from each of its six dioceses.

Thanks to the wonderful staff and students at Bishop Childs CinW Primary School who braved the rain to film our contribution in their Prayer Garden.

Find or more here:

[Wales joins a 24-hour global wave of prayer - The Church in Wales](#)



Ring out for Climate Justice!

Our churches and Cathedral are being encouraged to join a national campaign to ring out their bells as a voice for climate justice.

As the UK gets ready to welcome COP26 Climate Change Conference to Glasgow, bells across the UK will ring for 30 minutes on Saturday 30th October at 6pm to welcome delegates, but also as a reminder of the urgency of the dangers we now face.

The campaign has been started by Edward Gildea, Climate campaign adviser for Christian Aid.

He explains: “We mostly associate church bells with the call to worship, weddings and very special national celebrations such as the millennium or the ending of the 2nd World War. But they also have another historic function: to ring out warnings.

“Normally those warnings have been local: to warn of fire, floods or shipwrecks. But they were very much on standby to warn of possible invasions by Hitler, Napoleon or the Spanish Armada. Times of real national crisis.

“We believe today is a real time of national crisis. We need to ring out the Code Red Warning to humanity, that God’s creation is at greater risk than ever before and we have a role as stewards of His creation to speak out.”

Join with Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD on the Global Day of Action for climate justice.

What?

On Saturday the 6th of November, mass mobilisations are taking place across the world to demand action on climate change in this critical moment in time as world leaders meet in Glasgow for the COP26 climate conference.

One of these mass mobilisations will take place in Cardiff. Please join Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD at this critical moment in time to join in the call for climate justice, and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sister on the frontline of the climate emergency. They are aiming to draw together as a ‘faith bloc’, so that the faith imperative for action on climate change is visible.

Where and when?

- Saturday 6th November
- 11AM – Join the group at Eglwys Dewi Sant (St Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff CF10 3DD) from 10:45AM for a brief prayer meeting at 11AM. This will be an opportunity to chat, collect placards, and have a moment of reflection before we head over to the march together by 12PM.
- 12PM – Assemble at City Hall before marching through the city towards Cardiff Bay for a rally at the Senedd.

Prayer & Action – Spread the word!

Over the coming weeks, please will you share this invitation with your congregation and community and come as a group to join?

- #PrayForCOP26: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-every-moment-matters>
- Further Information about the Global Day of Action: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-change/cop26-mobilisation>
- You can also share about the Cardiff Day of Action via Facebook here: <https://fb.me/e/1PsRxOoYj>

Please let them know if you are coming! If you have any questions and to RSVP, please contact nmunday@christian-aid.org / 02920844652.

CHRISTIAN AID
JOINS A

**GLOBAL
DAY
OF
ACTION**

CARDIFF - 6 NOVEMBER

11:00 - PRAYER & PREP MEETING

Dewi Sant Church
St Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff, CF10 3DD
For prayer and preparation

12:00 - ASSEMBLE AT CITY HALL

Join other marchers and march towards
the Senedd for the rally

RALLY AT SENEDD

Towards net zero carbon

Each day in October, in the run up to the UN COP26 summit on climate change, the Church in Wales is posting tips on how to get your church on its way to net zero carbon emissions. Follow @ChurchinWales on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to see them.



Training and Events



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 and there is no cost to attend the course.

Please note Module A must be completed first.

PART 1

Thursday 28 October, 10:00

Friday 29 October, 14:00

Tuesday 02 November, 14:00

Thursday 04 November, 14:00

Tuesday 09 November, 10:00

Friday 12 November, 10:00

PART 2

Wednesday 17 November, 10:00

Thursday 18 November, 14:00

Tuesday 23 November, 10:00

Thursday 25 November, 14:00

Monday 29 November, 10:00

Wednesday 01 December, 14:00

To book a place, please contact Sarah via email

on safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.

Wales' Tenth Recovery Sunday on BBC Radio Cymru

Sunday, 31st October, 2021, will be another milestone in the history of the battle against addiction to alcohol, drugs and other harmful behaviours in Wales.

Once again this year, a Sunday has been designated as Recovery Sunday to encourage churches not only to think about those suffering from various dependencies or addictions, to learn more about their situation, their needs and the help available through such centres as Adferiad, the Living Room, Inroads, and other providers, but also to encourage churches to do something practical to help.

A service will be broadcasted on BBC Radio Cymru on the morning of Sunday 31st October – and you can use this service in your churches. It will be available for download from: www.cynnal.wales.

Find out more [here](#).

Life Events Launch



Throughout November, the Church in Wales is holding a series of high-profile events across all 6 dioceses to launch its new 'Life Events' initiative. This exciting project is aimed at supporting local church ministries to individuals and families at key times in their lives such as weddings, christenings and funerals. There are a wide variety of printed materials now available, along with over 100 pages of ideas and practical suggestions available online. Find out more [here](#) and take a look at what's available at www.stpadarns.ac.uk/lifeevents.

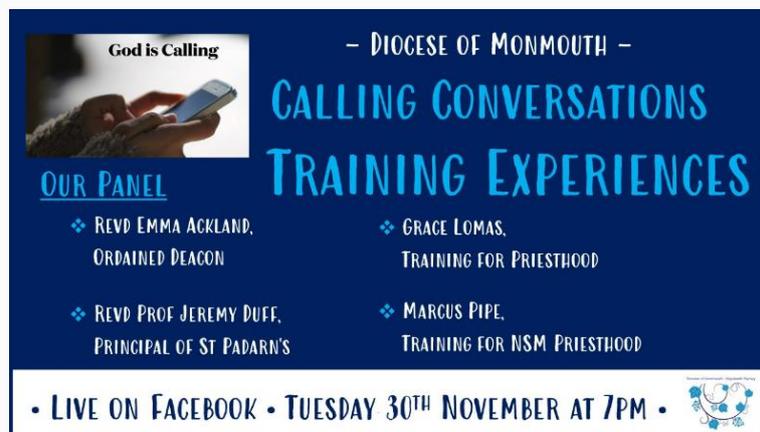
The launch for the Diocese of Monmouth will be held on **November 17th 2021, 10am to 3.30pm at Newport Cathedral**. We would like to encourage as many clergy and LLM/Readers to attend as possible. Further details and registrations can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/life-events-launch-tickets-177318653867>

Calling Conversations - 30th November

Our next "Calling Conversation" is on Training Experiences and our panellists include:

- Revd Emma Ackland, Ordained Deacon
- Grace Lomas, Training for Priesthood
- Revd Prof Jeremy Duff, Principal of St Padarn's Institute
- Marcus Pipe, Training for NSM Priesthood

The conversation will be streamed live on Facebook on Tuesday 30th November at 7pm.



The most important Welsh book and the most famous Welsh woman

The most important book ever to appear in the Welsh language and the world's most famous Welsh woman are the two focal points of an exhibition running at the National Library of Wales between early October 2021 and early April 2022. The **Beibl i Bawb** ('A Bible for All') exhibition outlines the history of translating the Bible into Welsh, together with the efforts down the centuries, by people such as Griffith Jones (Llanddowror), Peter Williams and Thomas Charles of Bala, to produce and disseminate copies and to teach people to read the Bible. There's also a unique opportunity to see Mary Jones's Bibles, as this exhibition brings together four items closely related to Mary Jones which have never before been seen together.

For more details and to read the full press release visit our website: <https://www.library.wales/information-for/press-and-media/press-releases/the-most-important-welsh-book-and-the-most-famous-welsh-woman>

Services and Resources

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

Calling Conversations

Our sixth session in our Calling Conversations series; involving a group of panellists from different ministries having a conversation about vocations.

This "Calling Conversation" is on spiritual directors and our panellists include:

- Constantina Alexander, Third Order Franciscan Area Minister for Wales
- Revd Jane Butler, Spirituality Coordinator for Monmouth
- Revd Martyn Evans, Vicar of Llangynwyd w Maesteg
- Ruth Holgate, Director at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre

If you would like further information on spiritual direction or to request a Spiritual Director - you can contact Revd Jane Butler (Diocesan Spirituality Coordinator) at jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com

2021 VOCATIONS SERIES

God is Calling

JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK

CALLING CONVERSATIONS: SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

10TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

Constantina Alexander, Third Order Franciscan Area Minister for Wales

- ❖ Revd Jane Butler, Spirituality Co-Ordinator for Monmouth
- ❖ Revd Martyn Evans, Vicar of Llangynwyd w Maesteg
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Books Available

Revd David Kellan has a range of books available to anyone's who's interested on a range of topics including,

- Devotional Books inc CS Lewis and Michel Quoist
- Doctrine and Ethics
- Church History
- OT/NT Commentaries inc Peake's Commentary and Catholic Commentary
- Concordance on Holy Scripture
- Dictionary of Christian Ethics/Worship/Theology

If you would be interested in any of them please get in touch with Revd David at, hyweldda1067@gmail.com

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Tachwedd 2021

Tachwedd / November 13th

Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn

9.30am / y.b., St Thomas Monmouth

Eucharist: Remembrance / Ewcharist: Sul y Gofio