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News

New Pioneer Evangelist at Gwent Valleys Centre of Mission



We are delighted to announce that Jenny Falcón Otero has been appointed as the new Pioneer Evangelist for our Gwent Valleys Centre of Mission being developed in partnership with Church Army.

Jenny will work alongside Lead Evangelist Hannah Seal in the Centre of Mission, providing Christian love and outreach to those living in the Gwent Valleys and developing fresh expressions of worshipping communities.

Jenny is joining us as a newly Commissioned Church Army Evangelist from the Bristol area, where she has been working with Bridges for Communities, an organisation which connects people of different cultures, races and faiths, enabling them to build friendships and grow in their understanding of one another. Jenny was also a Spiritual Care Volunteer in Royal United Hospitals Bath and a Volunteer Team Leader with The Life Project in Bath, supporting adults with learning disabilities.

Please pray for Jenny and her husband Victor as they move to the Gwent valleys and Jenny takes up this role in mid November.



Link Sunday – 31st October

Our link with the Diocese of The Highveld has for many years been celebrated on the last Sunday of October. It is an opportunity to give thanks for our relationship and for all that we have been able to share with our Christian brothers and sisters through visits and through the relationships that have been nurtured between individuals and churches across the miles. I was particularly moved that Bishop Charles made the long journey to Wales in order to be present at my consecration in January 2020. Sadly, and quite understandably, we have not been able to make the most of our link since then because of the lockdowns and restrictions that were put in place in response to the pandemic. It is even more important, therefore, that we mark our link with The Highveld this year.

Most churches will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, but I hope that alongside that, we will be able to remember in prayer the people of The Highveld and the Province of South Africa and give thanks to God for all that we share in Christ. I commend to you these intercessions which have been written by members of the Link Group and hope that you will be able to use them in worship and make them available for members of your congregations and parishes to use privately over the coming days.

We have much to learn as well as much to share with Christians in other parts of the world. I hope and pray that as we come out of this pandemic we will renew our efforts to strengthen our link that our fellowship in Christ may be deepened and that we may be a blessing to one another.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

[Download the Link Sunday Intercessions here.](#)

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'.

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

Bishops statement on COP26

The Climate Emergency is a profound challenge for humanity and the decisions made at COP26 will affect us all.

Scientists warn that this decade is critical to stave off catastrophic climate change. We are already witnessing extreme weather events. The unprecedented heatwaves, droughts and wildfires in the USA, Canada, Turkey, Greece and Siberia, the catastrophic floods in Germany and our own experience of Storm Dennis in South Wales last year are but a foretaste of what is in store for many more of us if we continue on our current path.

We must act fast to avert disaster. What happens in the next 10 years can change the course of history.

Climate change is also an issue of justice. People who are marginalised, on low incomes and developing countries are most at risk. They have contributed least to the situation and yet they are the least able to adapt to the consequences.

Governments need to be bold, decisive and to act fast so that carbon emissions are cut drastically over the next few years and we have to hold them and ourselves to account.

Each one of us needs to limit our contributions to climate change by moving away from our unsustainable life-styles and consumption.

This year the Church in Wales committed to being Net Zero Carbon ideally by 2030 and by divesting from fossil-fuel companies by the end of 2021.

We are now calling on our political leaders to:

1. Take immediate action to achieve net-zero emissions.
2. Limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C.
3. Hear the voices of people already impacted by climate change and put their needs centre stage
4. Equip those most at risk of climate change with the financial means to tackle climate change.
5. Ensure that wealthier nations take the lead by sharing knowledge and resources with those nations experiencing the inescapable consequences of climate change.
6. Take action to stop the use of fossil fuels and the expansion of fossil-fuel energy and invest in clean energy.

We also encourage people in Wales to take part on the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice on November 6 to make their voices heard.

We all have an obligation to care for God's creation and we pray that COP26 will prove a real turning point in our stewardship of earth's precious resources.

The Bishop of Bangor, Andy John
The Bishop of St Asaph, Gregory Cameron
The Bishop of St Davids, Joanna Penberthy
The Bishop of Llandaff, June Osborne
The Bishop of Monmouth, Cherry Vann

Watch the video message here:



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](#)



This Saturday: 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.

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

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.

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.



School in the Spotlight



Every half term we will be focusing on one of our schools. This gives us a chance to share projects or news and allows us to celebrate all the wonderful things going on across our Diocese.

This half term the School in the Spotlight is Llantillio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary School.

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

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

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.

This Sunday: 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](#).

Church in Wales – Archdiocese of Cardiff Shared Training

The Church in Wales and the Archdiocese of Cardiff have recently begun collaboration on an exciting new partnership offering training to churches to equip them with the skills needed for the post-Lockdown world.

The online events they are currently holding are:

- **9th November:** Writing Funding Bids – The Do's and Don'ts of Successful Funding Applications.
- **24th November:** Community Consultation 'what is it'?
- **30th November:** Welcoming Volunteers

Each session will be run by a specialist consultant in each field and will cover the up-to-date advice for the new environment many places of worship find themselves in when it comes to reaching out to the local community.

For more information, please see the following documents for each session.

[Writing Funding Bids – The Do's and Don'ts of Successful Funding Applications](#)

[Community Consultation 'what is it'?](#)

[Welcoming Volunteers](#)

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 steamed live on Facebook on Tuesday 30th November at 7pm.



God is Calling

– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –

CALLING CONVERSATIONS TRAINING EXPERIENCES

OUR PANEL

- ❖ REVD EMMA ACKLAND,
ORDAINED DEACON
- ❖ GRACE LOMAS,
TRAINING FOR PRIESTHOOD
- ❖ REVD PROF JEREMY DUFF,
PRINCIPAL OF ST PADARN'S
- ❖ MARCUS PIPE,
TRAINING FOR NSM PRIESTHOOD

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM •



Services and Resources

Join an All Saints Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).
The service will include the blessing of candles ready for distribution at
Celebration Sunday on the 21st of November.

Join an All Souls Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 7:30pm [here](#).

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

DAC Archaeology Guidance

Our DAC archaeologists, Peter Webster and Ray Howell, have prepared a revised guidance note on archaeology in churchyards, this is a useful resource for anyone who is preparing faculty applications and in need of guidance. Read the guidance [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.upperiswyn@yahoo.com

2021 VOCATIONS SERIES

God is Calling

JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK

CALLING CONVERSATIONS: SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

10TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

R. 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

✦ RUTH HOLGATE, DIRECTOR AT ST BEUNO'S JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

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

Vacancies

Church Administrative Assistant - St. Mary's, Malpas

Summary

Are you looking for a job offering flexible working to fit as closely as possible with your personal and family circumstances? St Mary's Malpas are looking for someone to provide support to their team of Clergy and 'lay' people who manage the day to day running of their Church. This is an invitation to join them to further our vision and mission. Are you looking for such a challenge? Do you believe you are the right person? Is this the right job for you?

Overview

St. Marys Church in Wales is in Malpas, Newport. It is part of a group of 5 local Churches forming the Newport North West Ministry Area. It is a busy Church both in the number and variety of religious services it provides and the depth of its outreach into the local community. Check out their website at www.stmarysmalpas.org. There is potential for this role to expand in scope and hours.

Job Title: Church Administrative

Reporting to: Ministry Area Leader

Location: St. Mary's Church office, Llanover close, Malpas

Hours: initially 15 hours per week - as 3 hours per day (Monday-Friday) with some flexibility at an hourly rate of £12 per hour.

More details (Job Description & Person Specification) can be found on their website [here](#).

If you're interested, submit a CV to newportnorthma@outlook.com

Ministry Area Leader - Upper Eastern Valleys

The Upper Eastern VALleys MA are looking for a collaborative and creative priest with a genuine passion for mission, to join them in ministry working on the next steps of a new Ministry Area in the South Wales Valleys working around the towns of Ebbw Vale, Abertillery and Blaenavon and the surrounding areas.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help form the new Ministry Area working with lay and ordained colleagues and also working closely with the new Church Army Centre of Mission which will provide some new and exciting opportunities for mission.

For an informal conversation please contact:

The Venerable Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth on

[07983 684151](tel:07983684151) or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing Date: Friday 10th December.

For more details, including the Ministry Area profile, click [here](#).

Team Vicar - Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area

Mynydd Bedwellte MA are looking for an enthusiastic and creative priest to join them in a new Ministry Area in the South Wales valleys, mainly focused on the towns and villages of Bedwellty, New Tredegar and Aberbargoed.

This is a great opportunity to be part of a developing ministry team and work collaboratively across a diverse area. They want you to help build up the local church in its worshipping and spiritual life and be rooted in mission and community ministry.

For an informal conversation please contact:
The Revd Matt Davis, Ministry Area Leader on
[07800 750259](tel:07800750259) or mattdavisci@gmail.com

Closing Date: Friday 10th December

For more details, including the Ministry Area profile, click [here](#).

Team Vicar - Netherwent Ministry Area

Netherwent MA are looking for a collaborative, caring and creative priest with a genuine passion for working with others and for mission to join them as they form a new Ministry Area to serve the communities of this beautiful corner of South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Has a strong faith and a heart for community, for mission and for nurturing disciples?
- Understands and would like to work with rural communities?
- Is able to develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families?
- Is a team player and has the ability to motivate and inspire others?

If so... they would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact:
The Revd Canon Jeremy Harris, Ministry Area Leader on
[01633 882551](tel:01633882551) or jeremydharris@hotmail.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 10th December

For more details, including the Ministry Area profile, click [here](#).
