



## 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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# Memorial Service for Archdeacon Sue



## Memorial Service for Archdeacon Sue Pinnington

Join us as we remember and celebrate the extraordinary life and ministry of Archdeacon Sue.

4pm, Sunday 7th November  
at Newport Cathedral

This service will be livestreamed.

Join the livestream of the service [here](#).

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# News

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## Former Navy aircraft engineer appointed Bishop



The Archdeacon of Wrexham, John Lomas, an aircraft engineer, who served in the Royal Navy during the Falklands War, has been chosen as the 10th Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. The announcement was made on the 4th of November at Brecon Cathedral by Senior Bishop, Andy John. You can watch the announcement below.



Find out more about the appointment and Archdeacon John [here](#).

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# Diocesan Conference Election Results

Please find below the results of the 2021 Conference Elections, congratulations to all those elected.

[Election Results - Monmouth Diocesan Conference 2021](#)

If you'd like to access any of the discussion videos, the Bishop's address or any other resources from Conference they are available on our website [here](#).



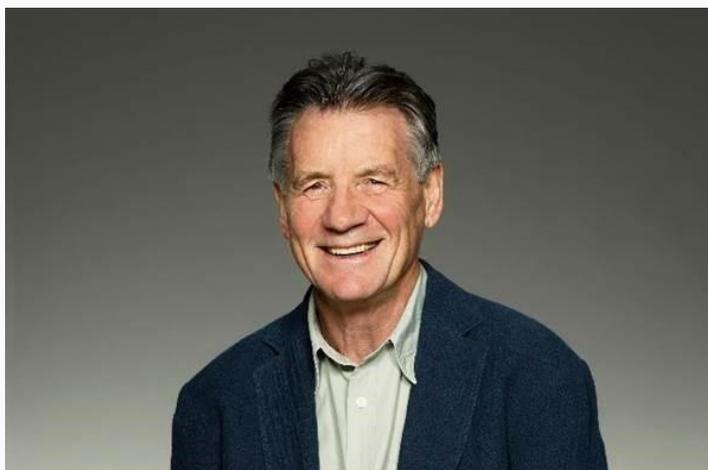
## The future of the UK's church buildings

This week National Churches Trust have launched a national debate looking at The Future of the UK's Church Buildings.

With an increasing number of churches and chapels facing closure, the debate highlights the community, economic, heritage and spiritual benefits of churches.

This is a chance for churches to say how their local church can be saved for future generations.

The Future of the UK's Church Buildings debate is backed by Michael Palin, Vice President of the National Churches Trust. He said:



*"The UK has over 39,000 church buildings. The restrictions of COVID-19, resulting in reduced funding and fewer worshippers, has clouded the future for many of them. Yet churches remain a vital and much-loved part of*

*the UK's history and heritage and we can't let them fall into neglect and disuse. There is hope. More and more churches are adapting to the modern world and the needs of their communities, providing not just spiritual comforts but a range of valuable services to local people such as foodbanks and youth clubs. If you care as much as I do about the future of these much loved buildings, do get involved with the National Churches Trust debate about 'The Future of Churches' and help shape their future."*

You can download the report, access the consultation, watch the video from Michael Palin and take part in the consultation [here](#).

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## Help Needed

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### **Night Shelters at Newport Churches – An urgent question from Eden Gate**

Newport City Council has identified a growing need to offer additional provision to the increasing numbers of people sleeping rough on the city streets. Unless something is done, they are likely to be there in below-freezing temperatures over the coming months.

Despite best efforts to secure and retain everyone in temporary accommodation, some do not engage with such an approach for various reasons. In addition, the ability to secure such accommodation is becoming more difficult.

With a desire to address this, Eden Gate are working closely with Newport City Council to develop a short-term solution for the coldest, winter months. Off The Streets (colloquially referred to as OTC), is our answer to the problem and, hopefully, with the assistance of local churches and volunteers, will run in a similar way to the old style Nightshelter. We are seeking urgent contact with all Newport churches to establish whether there is a heart to run OTC together.

Some churches have already confirmed a willingness and ability to get involved but we really need to identify more. If your church is able to help, please get in touch

with [zena.setterlund@edengate.org.uk](mailto:zena.setterlund@edengate.org.uk) or [francis.richley@edengate.org.uk](mailto:francis.richley@edengate.org.uk) (07557 911680)

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## A note from the Revd Henry Davies: Food Banks

I was involved for many years with Raven House Trust and currently we run one in Bettws where I am a PTO priest.

In view of the difficulties some people in our communities will be facing, we anticipate that the coming months will see a greater demand on Food Bank resources. It occurred to me that it would be helpful if the Diocese knew what items food banks needed so lists could be kept at the Diocesan Office. Would you be kind enough to let me know contact details of food banks in your area so that I could find out, or if you already know their "wants list" that would be helpful.

I am aware of contact details for Newport, of course.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note

In Christ.

Henry Davies

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## Actions for COP26

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Join with Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD on  
the Global Day of Action for climate justice - **this  
Saturday!**

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](mailto:nmunday@christian-aid.org) / 02920844652.

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## Climate champion joins faith reps at COP26



Climate Change Champion, Julia Edwards, is representing the Church in Wales at the COP26 summit in Glasgow this week. Accountability and hope are the two key messages Christians have for world leaders, she says.

The two-week long COP26, the UN climate talks being held in Glasgow, is a strange beast; it divides a small section of the city into two coloured zones – blue for the UN negotiations north of the River Clyde and on the southern banks, green for ‘ticketed’ civil society and the public. Additionally, there is a plethora of other climate events dotted around the city. If you have ever visited Edinburgh during the Fringe, you may have a sense of the range of activities on offer. But this time they are focused on the Climate Challenge, although the actual event, COP26, is largely being ignored by the locals, who may be wondering what all the fuss is about. You too might be wondering that and also what is the Church in Wales’ rep. actually doing north of the border.

Faith groups feature highly in the ‘other activities’ agenda and also, accredited faith representatives can effectively lobby and influence world leaders and negotiators. Accountability and hope are key Christian messages.

Read more from Julia [here](#).

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## 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](#)



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## School in the Spotlight

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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](#).

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# Training and Events

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## **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 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk)

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

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## 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:

- **9<sup>th</sup> November:** Writing Funding Bids – The Do's and Don'ts of Successful Funding Applications.
- **24<sup>th</sup> November:** Community Consultation 'what is it'?
- **30<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

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## Anti Bullying Week - 15th November

*"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."*  
Ephesians 4:29



**Let's celebrate our individuality by wearing  
odd socks on  
Monday 15th November  
Tag us on twitter @MonFaithFamily  
@MonmouthDCO**

## 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](http://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>

St Padarn's have also put together a series of short, uplifting videos offering a wide range of easy and very practical suggestions about how individuals and their churches can get more involved. You can see the whole series [here](#), and watch the 'Everyone's Ministry' video below,



## 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 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7PM •



## Christ's Healing Light in Advent



Liturgy and Prayers for Healing,  
Wholeness and Reconciliation

1.30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2021

Via Zoom

Led by Reverend Beverley Smith

As we enter Advent you are invited to join the Diocesan Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation Group for a service celebrating Christ's Healing Light, during which we are invited by Christ to receive his healing touch through prayer.

There will be an opportunity for each person to be prayed with in break-out groups, but this is not essential. No-one is expected to share personal information. If you wish to join in the liturgy but not the prayers and have a time of quiet, you are welcome.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christs-healing-light-in-advent-registration-205773763867>

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## Services and Resources

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

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### 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

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### Advent Course 2021



**Wait,  
Trust,  
Commit**

We're pleased to announce the 2021 Diocesan Advent Course is now available. This year's course has been drafted by Archdeacon Ian Rees and Revd Becca Stevens.

'Wait, Trust, Commit' explores the themes of anticipation and hope as we examine our relationship with and commitment to Jesus.

This 3-session course includes prayers, readings, commentary, and questions to enable discussion in your groups.

We hope you will find this a valuable resource.

[DOWNLOAD - ADVENT 2021: WAIT, TRUST, COMMIT \(PDF\)](#)

This course is also available on our [Diocesan website](#).

If you are planning to use this course to lead a group and are open to receiving additional members, please let us know: <https://forms.gle/1fLqdogrcN7cpxcAA>  
If you would like to participate in this course, but do not have a local group, please contact the Diocesan Office at [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)



## **Ecclesiastical Insurance: Winter Weather Advice**

Ecclesiastical have a range of guidance available to help with preparing your churches for Christmas.

Practical advice: [Churches at Christmas | Risk Management \(ecclesiastical.com\)](#)

More general advice on dealing with the winter weather: [Cold Weather Advice | Risk Management \(ecclesiastical.com\)](#)

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## **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](#).

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## Clerical Cloak Available

Revd David Kellan has a clerical cloak in good condition available to fit someone approx. 5'5". He also still has some books available.

If you are interested please email him at [hyweldda1067@gmail.com](mailto:hyweldda1067@gmail.com)

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## Vacancies

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### 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](http://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](mailto:newportnorthma@outlook.com)

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## 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](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 10th December.

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

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## 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 [mattdavis@ciw.org.uk](mailto:mattdavis@ciw.org.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 10th December

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

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## 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](mailto:jeremydharris@hotmail.co.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 10th December

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