



Friday Round Up

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

Memorial Service for Archdeacon Sue

Watch the Memorial Service to remember and celebrate the extraordinary life and ministry of Archdeacon Sue here.



News

Bishops “deeply concerned” about Ghana’s anti-LGBT Bill



The Church in Wales bishops are expressing their deep concern about a proposed law in Ghana which would penalise homosexual people.

In a statement issued this week, they urge the bishops of the Anglican Church in Ghana to protect and cherish the LGBT+ community and warn that their support of the Bill may undermine a partnership link with the Church in Wales.

Bishops’ statement on Ghana Bill

The Church in Wales bishops are saddened and dismayed that it is reported our brother bishops in the Anglican Church in Ghana have signalled their intent to support their government’s Promotion of Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values’ Bill.

We are deeply concerned about this Bill, believing that the consequences of it for members of the LGBT+ community run contrary to Christ’s call to love one another as he loves us. We assure our LGBT+ brothers and sisters of our solidarity, our support and our prayers, and call on the country’s Anglican bishops to protect and cherish them as beloved children of God.

We are aware that one of our Church in Wales dioceses, the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, has a partnership link with the Diocese of Asante Mampong in Ghana and we wish to see this strengthened, not least as we prepare to welcome a new bishop for Swansea and Brecon. Sadly, we see our brother bishops’ support for this Bill only undermining this valued link.

We join our voices with others who are urging our Ghanaian brother bishops to uphold their pastoral duty to protect and care for all God's children, in line with the consistent statements by the Anglican Communion down through the years, such as the Primates' Communique of 2005 which states that:

"The victimisation or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us. We assure homosexual people that they are children of God, loved and valued by him, and deserving of the best we can give of pastoral care and friendship." (Primates' Communique, Dromantine, 2005)

The Bishop of Bangor, the Rt Revd Andy John

The Bishop of St Asaph, the Rt Revd Gregory Cameron

The Bishop of St Davids, the Rt Revd Joanna Penberthy

The Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt Revd June Osborne

The Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt Revd Cherry Vann



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."

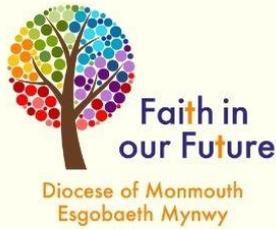
You can download the report, access the consultation, watch the video from Michael Palin and take part in the consultation [here](#).

Ffrindiau'r Byd Climate Emergency Competition

This year the Church in Wales has called a Climate Emergency. Our church schools joined this debate by discussing - 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?

We set a competition and asked pupils to paint, draw or design a piece of 2D art that depicts how they would like our planet to look in the future.

We are delighted to share the winners of that competition, congratulations Ava and Isabel, and thank you everyone for taking part!



Ffrindiau'r Byd Climate Emergency Competition Winners

Foundation Phase
Ava
Bishop Childs CIW School



"In the future I would like to see the water shine bright and clean and glorious"

KS2
Isabel
St David's CIW Primary School



"In the future I want the world to have peace with anyone or everything no matter the religion, the colour of skin or their belief."

Help Needed

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 or francis.richley@edengate.org.uk (07557 911680)

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.

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Actions for COP26

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](#).

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 later this 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](#)



Training and Events

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:

- **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.

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

[Welcoming Volunteers](#)

Anti Bullying Week - 15th November

This year Anti Bullying Week takes place from Monday 15th – Friday 19th November. The theme is 'One Kind Word'. The [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#), which is based at children's charity the National Children's Bureau have designed a range of resources that can be delivered online, in smaller groups or as whole assembly groups. Packs are available in English and Welsh on their [website](#). The packs are written for schools but could be easily adapted for a kids club or youth group.

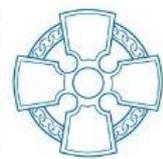
"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."
Ephesians 4:29

Find out more [here](#).



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

Life Events Launch

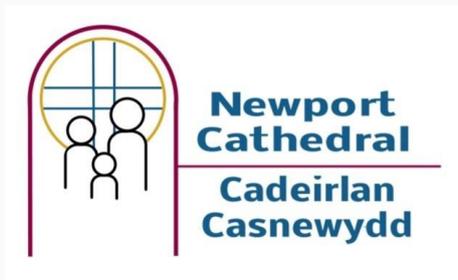


This exciting project from the Church in Wales is aimed at supporting local church ministries to individuals and families at key times in their lives such as weddings, christenings and funerals. Find out more [here](#) and take a look at what's available at www.stpadarns.ac.uk/lifeevents.

Our launch is being held on **Wednesday 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. There is still time to book your place: <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,





Friends of the Cathedral AGM and Annual Lecture

Saturday November 20th 11 am in the Nave.

After the formal business of the AGM, the Annual Lecture will be given by the Very Revd Michael Tavinor, former Dean of Hereford.

His title is: *Our English Neighbour: An illustrated and lighthearted canter through the 106 bishops of Hereford.*

All are welcome; you do not have to be a Friend to attend the Lecture.

Calling Conversations - 23rd 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 23rd November at 7pm.

God is Calling

— DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH —

CALLING CONVERSATIONS TRAINING EXPERIENCES

OUR PANEL

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• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT 7PM • 

Christ's Healing Light in Advent



Liturgy and Prayers for Healing,
Wholeness and Reconciliation

1.30pm Thursday 2nd 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>

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022

Bookings are now open for the 2022 Festival of Prayer. A day of varied and stimulating lectures, discussions and different opportunities for prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to select 3 workshops to attend out of the 19 topics available.



The day also includes a welcome address Bishop Cherry. To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Services and Resources

Join a Remembrance Sunday Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [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

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/1fLgdogrcN7cpxcAA>

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



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 \(ecclesiastical.com\)](#)

Vacancies

Church Administrator for Mid Torfaen Ministry Area

Summary

Mid Torfaen Ministry Area is looking for someone to provide support to their team of Clergy and 'lay' people who manage the day to day running of their Churches. This is an opportunity to join a warm and friendly team, to manage and develop our office volunteers and to set up the office. This post is key in supporting us as we develop the vision and mission for this area. We are open to flexible working hours to fit with your circumstances. Would you like to join our creative and lively team? Would you like a new challenge?

Overview

Mid Torfaen Ministry Area covers most of Pontypool and outlying area. We are a new ministry area and have 7 very varied churches. You will be line managed by the Ministry Area Leader and will largely manage your own workload.

For an informal chat please contact: Revd Kate O'Sullivan, Ministry Area Leader for Mid Torfaen on 07854 598269

For job description and person specification, please email: revdkateosullivan@gmail.com

To apply, send you CV to revdkateosullivan67@gmail.com

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 mattdavis@ciw.org.uk

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](#).