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

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## News

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Two of our longstanding Readers have recently decided to step back from their formal public ministries.

- Graham Davies served as a Reader in the diocese for a total of 48 years; exercising a faithful ministry at St Cadoc's Caerleon since 1984.
- June Powell exercised most of her Reader ministry in Tredegar at both St James and St George's. For the last three years, she has served at St John the Baptist, Penhow.

We thank God for all that Graham and June have given to the life of the Church in this diocese and pray for them as they retire from their public roles.



## RSCM Platinum Project: 'In Our Service'

The Royal School of Church Music announces the 'Platinum Project', a special commission from award-winning British composer Thomas Hewitt Jones to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. 'In our Service' is a 4-minute anthem with themes of service and dedication, celebrating the RSCM's Royal Patron, HM The Queen. The text has a deliberately a wide appeal to ensure it has a lasting value beyond the Jubilee itself.

Find out more [here](#) and get involved [here](#).

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## Gift Direct Resources

Gift Direct is a quick and easy way for people to support the work of their church as it serves the whole community. People can sign up and manage their donation online or print out a form to complete on paper. A poster to advertise Gift Direct is now available to display in churches. There is also a new Gift Direct brochure which includes a form for givers who don't want to sign up online.

You can download the poster and the brochure (available in English and Welsh) at:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/gift-direct/>

You can also order hard copies of the brochure if you would prefer. Please email: [libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Save a life Cymru- Defibruary

I wonder if you know where your nearest defibrillator is situated in your community? Is it near enough that one of your number could run to collect it? (500 metres, which is the suggested nearest location, is a long way to run, there and back!). And would you know how to keep a person's heart pumping oxygen around their body while you waited for the defibrillator to appear?

Churches are often situated in the heart of their communities (see what I did there?) and so are ideally placed to hold an external defibrillator unit.



It is important that defibrillators are placed on a defibrillator register so the Emergency Services can direct anyone to its location and provide the necessary unlocking combination.

And we often hold group events, including our church services, which means we should seriously consider getting some training either by watching the Save a Life Cymru video at <https://youtu.be/xOxhbGYRVK8>, or hosting a CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) training event.

In May 2021, the [Church in Wales partnered with Save a Life Cymru](#) and are supporting the [Touch Someone's Life campaign](#). The aim is to encourage people to learn the basics of resuscitation so they can help in an emergency.

Churches across Wales have been asked to participate in this initiative and consider installing a defibrillator or donating one to the local community, or to complete basic first aid training.

Fr David Morris of Llandaff Diocese, who is also Dean and a Trustee of St John's Cymru says, "Save a Life Cymru is a campaign funded by the Welsh Government to increase the survival rate in Wales of those who experience a cardiac arrest, by creating awareness of the basic steps of CPR and the chain of survival, as well as making defibrillators more widely available." He also recounts how a local family, who had lost two members through heart attack decided to purchase a defibrillator for their parish church in their memory.

“It’s a brilliant practical memorial to a loved parishioner and a wonderful example of how something life-giving can emerge out of an experience of grief and loss”, he says.

Rev Gilly Hubbard

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## Training and Events

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### **Open Table Network - last chance to book!**

We are inviting anyone who is interested in establishing a worshipping community that is part of the [Open Table Network](#) (OTN) to a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St Christopher’s Chepstow. OTN is a growing partnership of worshipping communities which welcome and affirm people who are LGBTQIA+. The Network Co-ordinator, Keiran Bohan, will be with us to talk about OTN and to discuss with us the possibilities of starting up an OT worshipping community within our diocese.

The meeting is for clergy and laity alike. We can host 30 people so if you would like to come, please contact Bishop Cherry’s PA (01633 263510, [monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk)) to register your interest. The address is 2 Pembroke Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5AF. There is limited parking at St Christopher’s so car sharing is encouraged where possible.

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## Sight Loss Friendly Church Taster Sessions

Every six minutes someone in the UK starts losing their sight.

Christian charity Torch Trust are pleased to announce further dates of our popular Tasters.

These 30 minutes zoom sessions will give you the opportunity to learn about the benefits of being a Sight Loss Friendly Church as well as meeting the SLFC team and an opportunity to ask questions.

Tasters are easy to sign up to and held on the following dates:

Thursday 17th February 7pm

Monday 14th March 2pm

Wednesday 23rd March 2pm

To book your place visit <https://torchtrust.org/sight-loss-friendly-church/taster/>

**Every 6 minutes,**  
someone in the UK starts  
to lose their sight.\*

**What does it mean to be a  
Sight Loss Friendly Church?**  
Join a free, 30-minute online Taster session to find out more.

The Torch Trust for the Blind. A company limited by Guarantee.  
Registered in England number: 4616526 Registered Charity number: 1095904

\*RNIB

# Safeguarding Training



## 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 22nd February	10:00
Wednesday 02nd March	10:00
Thursday 03rd March	14:00
Wednesday 09th March	14:00

### PART 2

Thursday 10th March	14:00
Monday 14th March	14:00
Friday 18th March	10:00
Thursday 24th March	10:00

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.

To book a place, email [safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk)

## World Day of Prayer

The Newport Committee for the World Day of Prayer would be very grateful if the following poster could be displayed and a note placed in the pew sheets regarding the service to be held at **2pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stow Hill, Newport.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**

**FRIDAY 4 MARCH**

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

Praying for England, Wales and Northern Ireland

**St Mary's Roman Catholic Church**

9 Stow Hill · Newport · NP20 1TP

**Friday 4th March**

**2pm**

*Subject to Government COVID restrictions on the day  
Numbers attending may be Restricted*

**I know the plans I have for you**

Informed Prayer · Prayerful Action  
Ecumenical · Global · Women-led · 365 days a year  
24-7 · Prayerful Action · Prayer Movement · Ecumenical · Global  
Women-led · 365 days a year · Women-led · Prayerful Action

[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) · Ecumenical · Global · Registered Charity Number 233242

Please check the World Day of Prayer website [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) for a service that may be nearer to where you live.

For further information, please contact Jen Robinson (Secretary for the Newport Branch of the World Day of Prayer) by email on [cameldrom13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cameldrom13@hotmail.co.uk)

Download a copy of the poster [here](#).

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## Faith in the Future Webinars

National Churches Trust and the Welsh Historic Places of Worship Forum are holding their next series of webinars over February and March.

These will take place on:

8th March: Innovative ways to raise funds and income

29th March: Rising to the climate change challenge

Each event starts at 1.30pm for about two hours and will involve hearing from interesting case studies with some presentations from key speakers.

Book your place [here](#).

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# Provincial LLM Day

**YOU ARE INVITED**



**Speakers**

Dr Elizabeth Corsar

Bishop Cherry Vann

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ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

**The Church in Wales  
Provincial LLM Day**

Saturday, 5th March, 10:00-15:15  
ONLINE

The event is supported by all six of our dioceses, and provides a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate lay ministry in all of its richness and diversity.

The day will feature worship, study, debate, and small group discussion around lay ministry, and will include:

- Bible study led by Dr Elizabeth Corsar
- A Vision for lay ministry in the Church in Wales led by Bishop Cherry
- A facilitated discussion entitled 'What would you like to say to your Bishop?'
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Pre-booking is required so please book your place before the 1st March by clicking the link in the description. You will automatically receive a meeting link once you have registered.

Please contact the CMD Team at St Padarn's on 02920 563 379 with any queries.

To sign up go to : <https://bit.ly/3gearxG>

# Caring for God's Acre's



**Online Day Conference**  
**Tuesday 15th March, 10am - 5pm**

**The Beautiful  
Burial Ground Conference**

Online booking: <https://tinyurl.com/godsacre>\*

**£15 non-members, £12 members**

Concessionary places available if required

Join us for an inspiring day discovering how to transform burial grounds into havens for people, wildlife and heritage.

Hear from experts in the field and attend workshops of your choice.

There will be plenty of time for asking questions and networking.

Our Patron, Chris Baines, independent environmentalist with an international reputation as a landscape communicator, an award-winning writer and broadcaster will be launching the conference.



\*Payment by Cheque, BACS and PO also available

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)  
Charity reg no. 1155536

Details and booking here:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/beautiful-burial-ground-conference-2022/>

## New Discovery Pack for Children

A downloadable resource with inspiring seasonal activities to help you to explore churchyards and other burial grounds with young children.

From simple tree and bird id, to reflective prompts and quiz sheets. Take a look here.

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Burial-Ground-Discovery-Pack-FINAL.pdf>



Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start?  
Or would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent?  
Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the **Week of Guided Prayer Online 2022** is for you.

This **Week of Guided Prayer Online** is suitable for everybody.

You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer and meditation, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

Previous participants told us:

*'It's been a thought provoking, reassuring and challenging week'*

*'It was good ... to have fellow travellers and to share some of our experiences; and wonderful to have guides prepared to give of their time, knowledge and experience to support us.'*

*'My guide was amazing. I felt he had God's ear to guide me'*

The **Week of Guided Prayer Online** starts with an introductory meeting on Zoom for all the participants and guides. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The retreat ends with a closing session online.

### **Register your place**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/week-of-guided-prayer-2022-registration-256051746667>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so that we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev Jane Butler: [jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com) (01495 249021).

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## **Services and Resources**

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### **Diocesan Lent Resources**

We've added some extra resources to our Diocesan Recommended Lent Courses list. Find out more about the brand new Lent Resources from Church Army!

**[DOWNLOAD: Lent 2022 - Course Recommendations \(PDF\)](#)**



Archdeacon Ian Rees has drafted the attached list of suggested course options as well as written a wonderful set of Lent Reflections for us to use as a diocese.

[DOWNLOAD: Lent 2022 - Daily Reflections \(PDF\)](#)

If you are planning to host an online Lent course which is open for others to join, please let us know by emailing [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk). We hope to list any open groups with a group contact on the Diocesan website.



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

## Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mawrth 2022

Mawrth / March 12th  
Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn  
10:30am / y.b.

Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Church, Overmonnow, NP26 3EP  
Ewcharist / Eucharist

You may notice we are starting to add some more Welsh words and phrases to our diocesan communications!

Staff in the diocese office will soon be answering the phone with a 'Bore da' or ending an email with 'cofion cynnes' as we continue our journey to become a bilingual diocese.

Welsh language services that are held regularly across our diocese are a great way to embrace the Welsh identity of our diocese.

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