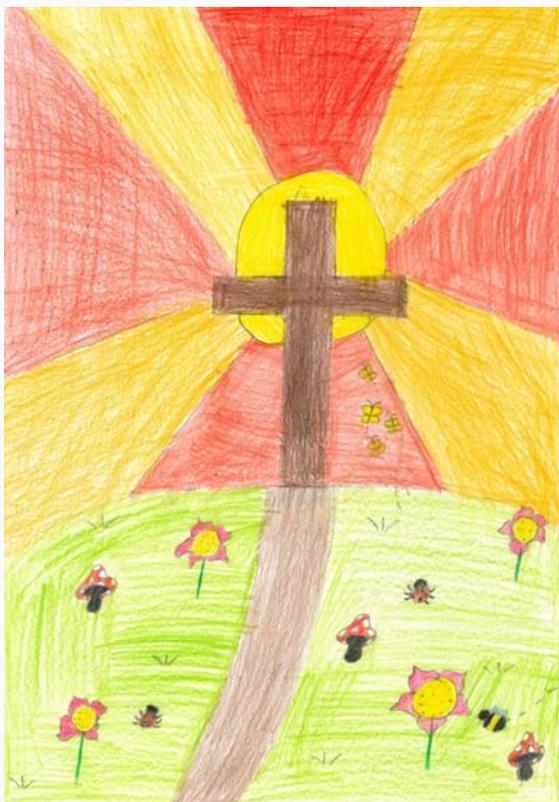


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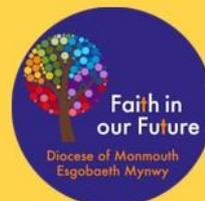
This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.

Holy Week and Easter



Pasg Hapus Happy Easter

Crist a orchfygodd **Thine be the glory,**
fore'r trydydd dydd, **risen conquering Son,**
Cododd ein Gwardwr, **Endless is the victory**
daeth o'r rhwymau'n rhydd. **thou o'er death has won.**



Artwork by Beth Rees, Age 11, Bishop Childs CIW Primary School



Be a sign of resurrection to those most in need – Easter message, the Bishop of Monmouth

In her Easter message, the Bishop of Monmouth, Cherry Vann, reflects on the importance of faith to the Ukrainian people and their need for spiritual and religious support as they re-settle in the UK.



You can read and download a copy of Bishop Cherry's Easter message [here](#).

Archbishop of Wales' Easter Message



We need only turn on our televisions, our radios, any media outlet to see the very real suffering in the world; Afghanistan, Myanmar, Yemen and Ukraine are just some of those war-torn places. It's an impossible task at the moment to look at the world, and not feel a sense of dread, of hurt, of chaos, of loss. Again, this last year COVID has played a huge part in these feelings both at home and all across the world; we still find ourselves asking if things will ever return to the way they were before the pandemic.

These feelings aren't strange or alien to us at this time of year. During Holy Week every year we read of the events that lead to Good Friday, where Jesus is nailed to a cross, dies and is buried. Imagine the dread, the hurt, the chaos, the loss those first followers must have felt. They'd followed this man, seen the miracles, heard his teachings, loved him even; only for him to be handed over, beaten, and killed. What an anti-climax.

But this isn't the end of the story. We read in St Luke's Gospel account that on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and some other women went to anoint Jesus' body in the tomb, only to find the stone rolled away and no body to be seen. They're addressed by two angels who say to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." We read that they respond to the message and remember Jesus' words about his death and resurrection. So they go and tell the other apostles.

Read the full message and watch Archbishop Andrew talk about his message with Naomi Wood, Director of Communications for Bangor Diocese, [here](#).

Chrism Eucharist

The Chrism Eucharist was held at the Cathedral yesterday (12th April), the oils used in Sacramental Ministry of the Church were blessed by Bishop Cherry, and ordination and licensing vows reaffirmed.



You can watch the service back below.



Christ's Healing Light in Holy Week

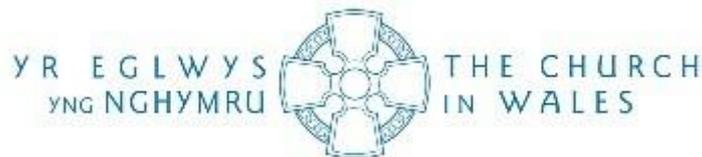
A guided reflection for Holy Week from Revd Mandy East. This reflection was part of this week's diocesan healing service. If you have any questions about the diocesan healing group, please contact Revd Beverley Smith at healing.monmouth@cinw.org.uk



For Your Prayers

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Fr Den Richards on Sunday 24th April at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Caldicot. All are welcome and clergy / lay ministers invited to robe (choir dress).

News



Covid 19 Guidance

The Bench of Bishops has signalled that, subject to local risk assessment, the common cup might be restored from Easter Day. There is no requirement to do so and communion in one kind remains valid. No communicant should feel compelled to take the common cup. Updated guidance for the administration of holy communion has been provided to help you think about how to conduct communion safely and to consider the relative risks of different approaches. You should consider your approach carefully and communicate this to your congregation.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>

We expect updated guidance following the next WG announcement on 18th April.



Social Responsibility Fund

Last month we announced our Social Responsibility Fund which you can read more about [here](#). The fund is now open for donations and applications, find out more below.

How to Donate

Individual donations

If you would like to donate please do so through the Church in Wales Gift Direct Scheme. Your full donation, plus any eligible gift aid, will directly help the Social Responsibility projects being run by our churches and ministry areas across the diocese.

To access the online form go to: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/gift-direct/start-donating-your-church-or-parish/> once you have entered your personal details you will be asked to choose a beneficiary. Please select 'The Bishop of Monmouth's Social Responsibility Fund'. You can then choose the frequency of your donation, by selecting a one-off payment or a regular payment pattern of your choice. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed through the scheme - increasing the value of your donation.

Paper forms are also available to make your donation, these are available to download here: [https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/2063 - Gift Direct 2022 Brochure-CF-DD - English.pdf](https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/2063_-_Gift_Direct_2022_Brochure-CF-DD_-_English.pdf) Alternatively please contact the diocesan office if you would like one sent.

Donations from a Church/Ministry Area

If you are holding a collection or fundraising event for the Social Responsibility Fund as a Church or Ministry Area please send the donation to the diocesan office directly.

As always if you have any further questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. Libby Morgan-Owen 07508 801511 libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Gift Direct scheme can be accessed here [FAQs](#) and Gift Direct queries can be sent to giftdirect@churchinwales.org.uk

How to Apply

Applications will be considered on a monthly basis by the Diocesan Grants Group and reported to Standing Committee each quarter.

Applications will be considered for a range of socially responsibly projects where need has been established within a Ministry Areas. All applications will need to demonstrate that projects or initiatives are –

a) Meeting human need and responding to needs arising in our communities

and/or

b) Tackling the causes of social injustice within our communities.

Projects may be extensions of existing activity or entirely new and may be the delivered by the MA alone or in partnership with another organisation.

More details can be found on the application form [here](#).

Licensing of Revd Peter Letson

The Bishop of Monmouth is delighted to announce that Revd Peter Letson has been appointed as a Vicar in the Netherwent Ministry Area.



Peter was licensed on Monday 4th April 2022 at St Stephen and St Tathan Church in Caerwent.

Peter grew up in various vicarages around Wales, with his father serving as a Vicar.

Following ordination in June 2019, Peter has been serving as Curate in Glan Ithon parish and the West Radnor Ministry Area in Swansea and Brecon Diocese and for the last year has also been based in the Upper Wye parish within that Ministry Area.

Welcome to Peter and his wife Clare.

Mobilising Community Climate Action - £500 Grants Available

Grants of up to £500 are available for climate-related community activities over the

summer.

The grants are for local groups who are participating in or arranging activities. These might include activities around EcoChurch, Churches Count on Nature in June, or locally devised events.

The eligibility criteria says that events must “not include religious content” however WWF have provided further guidance on this saying “We cannot fund religious services or activity where the primary objective is to promote a particular set of beliefs. We welcome applications for climate action events and community projects from faith groups, but activity should benefit and be inclusive of the wider community. Community groups are welcome to discuss nature, climate and the urgency of the challenges we face through their own lenses and in the language they are most comfortable with.”

For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/what-can-i-do/mobilising-community-action/re-granting>

Please note the application deadline of the end of April.



Responding to the world’s complex challenges Christian Aid Week 2022

The challenges faced by our world are numerous and complex. From the Ukrainian conflict, the famine in Afghanistan and the climate emergency’s effects worldwide, it would be so easy to turn inwards and become downhearted. During Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), however, we have an opportunity to respond positively to these challenges. By giving, acting and praying, we can make a real difference.

The conflict in Ukraine has rightly been given the focus in recent months. One consequence of the awful events there, is that grain prices have risen, since Ukraine is a country which grows a significant amount of the world’s grain needs. Of course, richer countries will be able to cope with higher prices, but for those poorer

countries it may well be a very different proposition. A country like Zimbabwe, for example, already struggles to grow its own food because of the changing climate and higher prices may well add to their crisis.



Zimbabwe is the focus country of Christian Aid this week. Christian Aid partners have been working there to help people adapt their farming methods. Janet Zirugo (pictured) is a 70 year old grandmother and she has seen her life transformed by these new techniques.

One particular thing which has helped her is a new seed she now uses. These seeds are very resistant to drought and by using them, Janet can ensure a good crop for her family during the dry seasons which are much worse due to climate change. She has turned her dry and dusty patch of land into a garden full of plenty and colour.

This is what Christian Aid Week can achieve. The funds raised are vitally important to our partners' work in Zimbabwe and around the world.

As ever, there will be many different fundraising events right across Wales during the Christian Aid Week period, including many individuals and groups who will be participating in the 300,000 step challenge. This challenge event has really grabbed the imagination of many since its inception two years ago.

One who is stepping up to meet the challenge is the vicar of Llandudno, Andrew Sully. He has set himself an ambitious target of walking to all of north Wales's 22 castles. He will have completed more than 300,000 steps by the end of May, for sure!

If Andrew's challenge inspires you, why not sign up to do your own? You can ask family and friends to help should you wish, or you could strike out on your own. There will be plenty of other, more traditional, fundraising activities on too. If you'd like more information about how you and your church could help, visit our website at www.caweek.org or please contact our office in Cardiff on 029 2084 4646 or email wales@christian-aid.org

Our world has complex and interconnected needs, but by standing in unity with our brothers and sisters around the globe, we can make a real difference to the lives of many.



Installation of The Revd Stella Bailey

The new Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission, The Revd Stella Bailey will be installed at 4pm on Sunday 19th June 2022, at Newport Cathedral. Invitations to attend the service will be sent out after Easter.

The service will also be live streamed for those unable to attend.

Online worship



We are doing some research about online worship and would be interested to know :

1. Is your church still offering online worship (or other activities such as Bible studies)
2. If so, do you live stream or pre record services
3. Any other things offered online
4. Observations regarding its value/ opportunities for any interaction/ new links developed with people
5. Is it something you intend to continue
6. Any other reflections ?

Please could you send any thoughts to Archdeacon Ian on archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Thank you!

Annual Returns & Accounts

Treasurers should now have received login details to submit the Annual Finance Return online or a copy of the paper form in the post.

If you have not, please contact Helen Clifford, helenc Clifford@churchinwales.org.uk

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts, including a Balance Sheet, should be sent to the diocesan office, this can be via post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ), or email (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk). The Membership and Church Fabric Returns are not required this year.

If you have any questions please contact Libby (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their returns and accounts.

Training and Events

Treasurer Trainings

The next round of training for treasurers for the Ministry Area accounting software MyFundAccounting is currently being arranged. If you are ready to attend a training session please get in touch with Libby, 07508 801511, libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk

Church in Wales Pioneer Forum

26th April 12pm to 1:30pm

Subject: Theology, War and the World Today

As we pioneer, as we share the Gospel, how do we engage and respond to what is happening in the world today?

The Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert, Director of Formulation and Tutor in Doctrine at [St Padarn's Institute](#) has agreed to be interviewed to help us think through key questions in these pressing times.

Do invite others to the discussion.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81292663491?pwd=eHlhMC8vZnIDOTFzdnhmd3R0aEVsdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 9266 3491

Passcode: 996033



The RSCM Director's Road Trip - visit to the RSCM South East Wales Area, Saturday 30th April

You are warmly invited to meet with RSCM Director, Hugh Morris, at the Cloister at St John's Church, St John's Road, Maindee, Newport on Saturday 30th April, 10.00-11.30am, as part of his UK Road Trip.

Hugh Morris will be visiting all 48 of the RSCM Area Teams over the next few months. Come along and meet him, along with the local RSCM Area team, volunteers and supporters. This is an opportunity to hear directly about current and future exciting plans for the RSCM's work, including how we will be more actively supporting all our members. You can also ask any questions you may have. There will be the chance to join in with some straightforward collective singing (following the appropriate guidelines) which we will record and use as part of a specially assembled 'one RSCM family' recording, and to talk more informally with Hugh so that he is able to listen to what you might like to share and ensure your voice is heard.

This event will also be an opportunity to meet with members of the newly commissioned Area Team for South East Wales, and the Area Team Leader, Dr Emma Gibbins (Director of Music, Newport Cathedral).

All are welcome. For details of Hugh's Newport visit, please go to:

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/events/meet-the-director-21/>

Theology for Life Taster Course

St Padarn's are running a taster course for 'Theology for Life'. This is a course for those who are interested in deepening their theological knowledge and offers the chance to gain a Certificate, A Diploma or even a Degree in Theology.

These taster sessions are a really good opportunity to see whether this course might be for you.



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Introductory session: Tuesday 26th April at 6pm
The person of Jesus Christ

Session 1: Tuesday 3rd May at 6pm
The New Testament and the Church

Session 2: Monday 9th May at 6pm
Being a disciple of Christ

Session 3: Monday 16th May at 6pm
Participating in the mission of Christ

For more information regarding Theology for Life (BTh in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission please visit:

www.stpadarns.ac.uk/TFL

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Friends of St Woolos Cathedral Annual Lecture - Behind the Scenes at Westminster



Have you ever wondered what really goes on in Parliament? Well, this is your opportunity to find out! Lt Gen David Leakey was Black Rod between 2011 and 2017 and he is this year's Friends Lecturer. A distinguished soldier, David Leakey is in demand as a public speaker and his lecture will reveal what really goes behind the scenes in the Palace of Westminster.

The lecture will be at 7.30pm May 5th in the Cathedral. It is free and open to all - don't miss it!

Desert Island Hymns



Cardiff East Churches in Partnership

DESERT ISLAND HYMNS

Songs of Praise Service

Supporting
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Sunday 15th May
4pm
Christchurch, Llanedeyrn Drive

With Guest Speaker from
Christian Aid Cymru

Optional: Fancy Dress for
the occasion!



Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk with Newport Cathedral – 28th May



Newport Cathedral is hosting a sponsored pilgrimage walk in order to raise funds for the Bishop of Monmouth's new Social Responsibility Fund.

The walk will begin at Llandaff Cathedral at 9.30am and will then follow along an old pilgrimage route to Newport Cathedral by 3.30pm for a well-earned afternoon tea with cake and refreshments. There will also be a break for prayers for Ukraine at one of the churches on route. The walk is approximately 14 miles in total and should take about 5 hours to complete. Participants are welcome to join in for as much distance as they would like to cover or are welcome to join at one of the meeting points for fellowship if they prefer. More details on how participants can raise funds will be coming soon. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up, please contact Revd Canon Andrew Lightbown at andrewlightbown@cinw.org.uk

Holy Land In Advent - Pilgrimage with The Rt Revd Dominic Walker OGS & The Very Revd Lister Tonge



Bishop Dominic Walker and the Very Revd Lister Tonge hope to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **23rd November - 2nd December**. They would like to invite you to join them as they visit the biblical sites associated with the life of Jesus. This pilgrimage has an amazing way of bringing the Bible to life – allowing us to experience the wonders of the Holy Land and draw more closely to Jesus.

They lead a similar pilgrimage to the Holy Land some years ago with about 30 people from across the diocese – it was a great experience for all who attended.

For more info: <https://www.lightline.org.uk/tour/dominic-walker-lister-tonge/>

Or you can email Bishop Dominic at dwalker.ogs@btinternet.com

Services and Resources



Join the Maundy Thursday Service from the Cathedral on Thursday at 7:30pm [here.](#)

Join the Good Friday Service from the Cathedral on Friday at 2pm [here.](#)

Join the Easter Vigil from the Cathedral on Saturday at 8pm [here.](#)

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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Ebrill 2022

Ebrill 26ain / April 26th

Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday

10:30 yb / 10:30 am

Eglwys Sant Ioan / St John's Church,

Heol St John / St John's Road,

Maendy Casnewydd / Maindee Newport,

NP19 8GR

Pasg Ewcharist / Easter Eucharist

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

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