

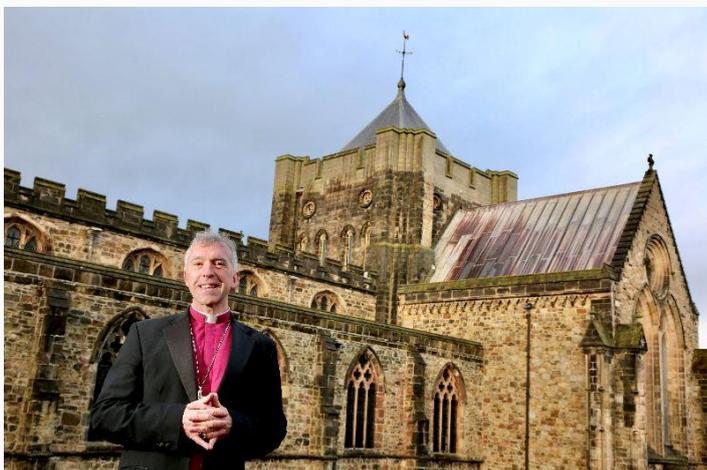


This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.

News



Archbishop of Wales to be enthroned



The new Archbishop of Wales will be enthroned at a special service at the end of April.

Andrew John, who is also the Bishop of Bangor, will be enthroned as the 14th Archbishop of Wales in a national service at St Deiniol's Cathedral, Bangor, on Saturday, April 30. It follows his election as Archbishop in December, having served as Bishop of Bangor since 2008.

During the service the Archbishop and fellow Bishops will be greeted by young people from across Wales who will bring their words of encouragement and prayers for the ministry of the Archbishop and the whole of the Church in Wales.



At the culmination of the service Archbishop Andrew will be enthroned in the Archiepiscopal Chair in front of the High Altar at the east end of the cathedral. The Archiepiscopal Chair (photo attached) is a wooden replica of the Chair of St Augustine in Canterbury Cathedral, and was a gift from the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1920 when, at its disestablishment, the Church in Wales became a separate Province of the Anglican Communion.

The Chair will remain at Bangor Cathedral throughout Archbishop Andrew's tenure of office as Archbishop.

Throughout the service, the cathedral will be filled with the sound of music, hymns and anthems, including a new setting of medieval Welsh poetry and words from the Bible composed by the Welsh composer Paul Mealor.

Representatives from across Welsh churches and the Anglican Communion will be joined at the service by guests from Wales' political, cultural and civic life.

The service will begin at 2.30pm and, in a first for an Archbishop of Wales' enthronement, will be live-streamed on social media and the Church in Wales' website: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/> to enable everyone to join in.

Highlights of the service will be broadcast on Sunday, May 1, on BBC Radio Wales' Celebration programme at 7.30am (and repeated at 7.30pm) and BBC Radio Cymru's Oedfa at 12.02pm.



Covid 19 Guidance

Welsh Government has announced that as from 18 April 2022, legal restrictions under The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 will be removed (except for the requirement to wear face coverings in health and care settings).

The main impact of this for local churches is that a Covid risk assessment will no longer be a specific legal requirement. However, the risk of transmitting Coronavirus will need to be considered as part of your church's general health and safety and risk assessment process. It is a legal duty for all organisations to plan their activities and manage hazards by assessing the risk of them causing harm. Therefore, it is recommended that you maintain a risk assessment to manage the transmission of Coronavirus (as an obvious hazard at the current time) as part of your Health and Safety management arrangements.

It is no longer a legal duty to record people attending services and other activities but organisations can consider doing so to aid contact tracing (which continues until June).

We will be issuing revised guidance in the light of these legislative changes shortly to help you consider the appropriate measures to keep people safe. Good ventilation, hygiene, premises cleaning and, where possible, social distancing remain the most effective ways to control the spread of Coronavirus (and, indeed, some other transmissible diseases).

New guidance will continue to be added to the website [here](#).



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a horizontal line underneath.

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 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](#).

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 has been updated to state that climate action events and community projects from faith groups are eligible.

WWF have said “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.”

Download: [WWF - Small Grants - Eligibility Criteria \(WORD\)](#)

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

The application deadline has been extended to 13th May.



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.



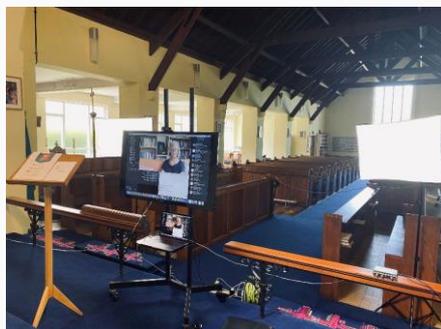
Zimbabwe is the focus country of Christian Aid this week. Christian Aid partners have been working there to help people adapt their farming methods. Janet Zirugo (pictured) is a 70 year old grandmother and she has seen her life transformed by these new techniques.

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 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

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.

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).

Training and Events

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=eHlhMC8vZnlDOTFzdnhmd3R0aEVsdz09>

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.



The flyer is a blue rectangular graphic with white and green text. It features logos for Prifysgol Cymru (University of Wales) and Athrofa Padarn Sant (St Padarn's Institute). The main heading is 'Would you like to....' followed by two bullet points about learning the Bible and church teachings, and studying for a diploma or degree in Theology. A green box contains details about a free online taster course, including session dates and topics. A photograph of hands holding a small green plant in soil is on the right. A green button at the bottom right says 'Book your place now'. The website 'www.stpadarns.ac.uk/TFL' and email 'enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk' are also provided.

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University of Wales
Trinity Saint David

ATHROFA PADARN SANT
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Would you like to....

- learn more about the Bible and the teachings of the church, and deepen your discipleship?
- study towards a diploma or a degree in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission?

We are offering a convenient FREE online taster course with accessible readings, lectures, and discussions to give you an insight into our Theology for Life programme and to help you decide if it is right for you:

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

Validated by University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSO)

Book your place now

enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk

View this flyer in Welsh [here](#).

Find out more [here](#).

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



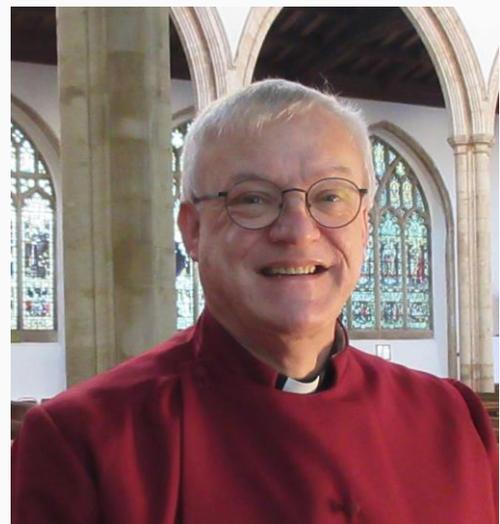
Have you ever wondered what really goes on in Parliament? Well, this is your opportunity to find out! Lt Gen David Leakey was Black Rod between 2011 and 2017 and he is this year's Friends Lecturer. A distinguished soldier, David Leakey is in demand as a public speaker and his lecture will reveal what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

Training for Intercessors

Following the success of the training evenings in leading intercessions in church, held earlier this year, Cathedral Dean the Very Revd Ian Black will be leading a Saturday morning session at **St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny, on May 14 at 10am.**

It is open to both those who currently exercise this ministry and anyone who would like to start leading these.



During the morning we will reflect on what it is we are doing and what we are not, look at some resources available to help and explore some pointers. There will be a small bookstall with some resources to buy. Dean Ian has published a number of books of intercessions and prayers, which are used widely.

St Mary's holds two regular Saturday morning services – we pray the Rosary at 8.45am followed by Eucharist at 9.15am – why not join us for those before the training session. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-intercessions-training-session-with-very-revd-ian-black-tickets-321238150957>

Desert Island Hymns



Cardiff **East**
Churches in Partnership

DESERT ISLAND HYMNS

Songs of Praise Service

**Supporting
christian
aid**

Sunday 15th May
4pm
Christchurch, Llanedeyrn Drive

With Guest Speaker from
Christian Aid Cymru

Optional: Fancy Dress for
the occasion!

Jubilee Concert - 21st May

A concert to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with the combined choirs of the Unicorn Singers and the Welsh Camerata, comprising a programme of music with Royal connections including Tallis's awe-inspiring 40-part motet

Spem in Alium

and Britten's Choral Dances from Gloriana as well as anthems sung at the Coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.



21st May 2022
7pm • St Woolos Cathedral • Newport

Tickets £12 available at www.unicornsingers.co.uk

Proceeds to:



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

National LLM Conference

Our diocese have up to **6** places available on the Church in Wales Annual LLM conference. This year it will be held in the **Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod from September 23rd to 25th** and the theme is Healing, Well-being and Reconciliation. Food and accommodation is paid for but you will need to arrange your own transport to and from Llandrindod.

Places need to be booked by **May 9th** - if you'd like to attend please **contact The Ven Ian Rees** (Archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

NATIONAL LLM CONFERENCE 2022

23-25TH SEPTEMBER

HEALING, WELLBEING AND RECONCILIATION

How we might live in harmony and
be at peace with ourselves, with
God, and with one another

Metropole Hotel and Spa
Llandrindod Wells



Book a place through your Warden of Readers/LLMs.

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



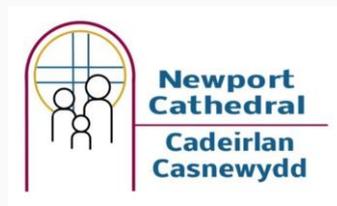
Bishop Dominic Walker and the Very Revd Lister Tonge hope to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **23rd November - 2nd December**. They would like to invite you to join them as they visit the biblical sites associated with the life of Jesus. This pilgrimage has an amazing way of bringing the Bible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