



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

News

'The world has the power to forge a better future', says new Archbishop



The world is facing a fragile time but the power to forge a better future is within our grasp, said the new Archbishop of Wales at his Enthronement on Saturday (April 30).

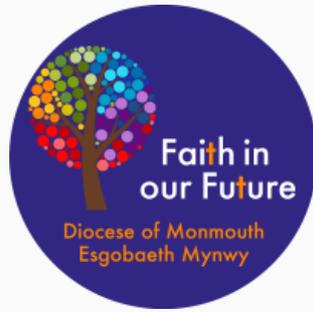
In his address at his enthronement as the 14th Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, said we were facing “new and demanding challenges”, including the war in Ukraine, the soaring cost of living and climate change. They were challenges which needed to be met with a different type of power – one of love, service, honesty and forgiveness, as exemplified by Christ.

Archbishop Andrew said, “When we resist evil and injustice (as we must) we also need something which takes us beyond the missiles, beyond conflict to a place where there can be reconciliation and a restoration of peace. We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, not to take terrible revenge on those who laid hands on him but, extraordinarily, to offer forgiveness. God does not crush or brutalize but offers hope for all people.”

Expressing concern for the mental health of young people in particular, the Archbishop stressed a better future meant more than just economic prosperity. “I’ve been conscious of the strain presented today by social media pressures and perfectionism stress with its attendant effects on mental health of young people especially. The echo chambers which reverberate with unkindness do us no good at all. It is not easy to build resilience when pressure levels are unremittingly high. Values and securities which foster spiritual and emotional well-being are as essential to any society as are sound economic policies.”

You can read the full address and watch the service back [here](#).





Our Five Branches

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newest Diocesan small groups course. The post-Easter course '**Our Five Branches**' looks at the 5 main themes from our Diocesan Vision.

Download: [Our Five Branches \(PDF\)](#)

Download: [Our Five Branches \(WORD\)](#)

This course was written by Archdeacon Ian Rees, Revd Rebecca Stevens, Revd James Henley, Revd Canon Jeremy Harris, Revd Sally Ingle-Gillis, Revd Will Ingle-Gillis, and Revd Philip Averay.

Our sincere thanks for all their hard work in putting it together.

We hope you enjoy the course!

Our Five Branches
2022 post-Easter Course

We are pleased to announce that in early May we will be launching a new course for small groups; looking at the main themes from our Diocesan Vision – look out for more details and start planning your small groups now !

Discipleship • Equality & Diversity • Environment • Social Justice • Stewardship

Contact Details for Orthodox Churches in Wales

You will be aware that via different schemes within the UK, numbers of refugees from Ukraine will settle in Wales. We have been asked to make contact with you regarding the presence of Orthodox churches in your area. The hope is that refugees will be able, if from an Orthodox background, to worship in these communities and our churches may have a role in facilitating this. We have been asked to simply make contact with these Orthodox churches, if this seems appropriate. Attached is a poster which lists five Orthodox churches which are most closely connected to the Ukrainian community, but there will be others as well. We hope you find this useful.

Helping Ukrainians

The Orthodox Churches in Wales

For many Ukrainians, religious practice plays a more significant part in daily life than it does here in Britain, and the religion of most of those who practice is Orthodox Christianity.

Consequently, if we are to care for Ukrainians who are coming to live amongst us, it is worth asking them if they wish to be connected with a nearby Orthodox Church – especially as most of our churches are already home to Ukrainian- and Russian-speakers who will be pleased to welcome those fleeing war.

To this end, there are *five parish communities across Wales that are especially prepared to welcome Ukrainians, and we would ask you to get in touch if you know of anyone who would like to be connected to one of these parishes, or if you would at least let them know we are here so that they can make contact with us themselves.

CARDIFF
Kazan Icon of the Mother of God
meeting @ St John the Evangelist Church, CF5 1NX
every **Sunday at 11:00**
Priest: Father Mark
Phone: 07593 239 947

CARDIFF
St Theodore & St Teilo Orthodox Church
meeting @ Conway Road Methodist, CF11 9NT
every **Sunday at 15:00**
Priest: Father Jacob
Phone: 07305 802 705

LLANELLI
St David & St Nicholas
meeting @ Vivian Hall, Swansea, SA3 5AS
every **Sunday at 10:30**
Priest: Father Luke
Phone: 01554 755 690

LAMPETER
Three Hierarchs and St Cybi
meeting @ Soar Chapel Hall, SA48 7DF
every **Sunday at 10:30**
Priest: Father Timothy
Contact: frtim@hotmail.co.uk

BLAENAU FFESTINIOG
All Saints of Wales
meeting @ Church of All Saints of Wales, LL41 4AF
every **Sunday at 10:00**
Priest: Father Deiniol
Phone: 01766 831 272

*There are many others as well, and you are encouraged to look them up. It is just that the five listed here are the most connected to the Ukrainian community.

Vocations Sunday - 8th May

In preparation for Vocations Sunday (8th May), Revd Becca Stevens, Diocesan Director of Vocations, is pleased to announce that new vocations resources, including prayers and reflections will soon be available on the diocesan website.

The first of these is a reflection from Bishop Cherry which you can watch below.



We will be sending out the rest of the resources by email later this week.

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, helencifford@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



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



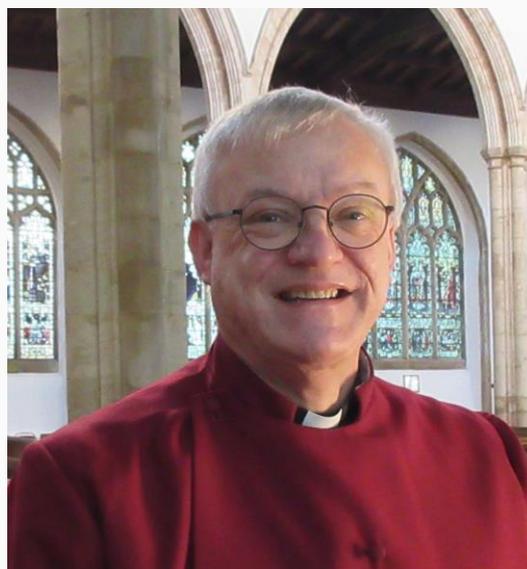
Have you ever wondered what really goes on in Parliament? Well, this is your opportunity to find out! Lt Gen David Leakey was Black Rod between 2011 and 2017 and he is this year's Friends Lecturer. A distinguished soldier, David Leakey is in demand as a public speaker and his lecture will reveal what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

Concert and Compline in Aid of Ukraine at St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny

Fr John Connell, Rector of Abergavenny writes... 'One of our choristers here at St Mary's has close family living in Ukraine and the choir decided to organise a concert in aid of the Christian Aid Ukraine Appeal to show our support and solidarity for their fellow choir member and her family. Do come along, bring your friends and help us support our sisters and brothers in such great need at this time.



THE PRIORY CHURCH
OF ST MARY
ABERGAVENNY

An Evening of Music

*in aid of the Christian Aid
Ukraine appeal*

FEATURING
The Choir of
St Mary's Priory,
Abergavenny

Friday 13th May 7.00pm
St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny

There will be special items in the concert which
reference Ukraine, her people, her faith and her
culture.
The evening will end with the short night service of
Compline by candlelight.

Retiring Collection.

Desert Island Hymns



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!*



Bereavement Training for Children & Young People – 18th May

Would you like to know more about how young people manage loss? We have the opportunity to host an online training session on handling bereavement with children and young people. Pete English from Ataloss.org has over 25 years of experience working with young people through counselling in schools and leading church-based youth work.

The diocese has been able to fund 15 places to attend this course on **Wednesday 18th May from 7-9pm via Zoom** – only a few places are remaining. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rachel Nelmes as soon as possible:

Email rachelnelmes@churchinwales.org.uk

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 are available here.](#)

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



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 shortly.

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

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022



LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022
GŴYL WEDDI



SATURDAY 9th JULY 2022
10:00AM to 4.30 PM
A DAY TO EXPLORE
SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER
www.festivalofprayer.live

EXPLORE	ENERGISE	ENJOY
ABOUT THE DAY: The Festival of Prayer Day began in 2016 and until the Pandemic went from strength to strength. The Festival will be held in St Teilo's Church in Wales High School, Circle Way East, Cardiff CF23 9PD		
The day begins with the Eucharist and Address at 10am.		
This will be followed by three sessions throughout the day.		
The Llandaff & Monmouth Festival of Prayer provides 'taster' workshops in many different prayer techniques and spiritual traditions, and sessions that go deeper. The breadth of content will be delivered in a gentle pace with lots of renowned Welsh hospitality making the day suitable for beginners and the more experienced alike.		
Among the riches on offer are different ways of praying, 'Your Will be Done', 'God's Amazing Plan', 'To Hell's Mouth', 'Does God Love Sport?', 'Icon of Annunciation and Pentecost', 'Music and Faith', 'Julian of Norwich', 'The Compassionate heart', 'Poetry and Prayer', 'What does God need with a Starship? Encountering the Divine in Star Trek', to name but a few.		
There are lots of workshops to choose from, each standing alone and lasting an hour, with most offering a time of prayer in the appropriate style except the Islamic one which will not include sharing in prayer.		
To help you choose the details of each session, and information about their leaders, are much more detailed online at www.festivalofprayer.live		
There will also be an opportunity to experience personal time of prayer at lunchtime by either walking the Labyrinth or walking in the school grounds.		
The cost for the three Workshops, teas, coffees, and lunch, is £25 per person, or £20 per person for Group Bookings of 5 or more. St Teilo's School is wheelchair accessible and an excellent venue.		
If you are unable to access the internet please contact Rev Moira Spence on 01656 881960 for further details, any queries about the Festival, and to book.		

Places are still available for the 2022 Festival of Prayer - held on 9th July 2022 from 10am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

This will be 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.

Bishop Cherry will be presiding at the opening Eucharist and giving this year's Address.

To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

National LLM Conference

Our diocese has 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.

Services and Resources



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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mai 2022

Mai 14 / May 14

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday

9:30 yb / 9:30 am

Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Church,

Sgwâr Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Square,

Overmonnow,

Trefynwy / Monmouth,

NP25 4ES

Ewcharist / 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.

Newport Cathedral – OPEN for visiting, prayer, and reflection



After 2 years of restrictions and limited opening - even being shut - the Cathedral is now open most days for visiting, prayer and reflection. Open from Morning Prayer (10am on Saturdays) until Evening Prayer at 5pm. Please

check the [website](#) for occasions when access is restricted.



National Churches Trust - Maintenance Booker

Recommended by Jonathan Perons, Churches and Property Officer

The National Churches Trust's Maintenance Booker is a helpful tool for any church team looking to help preserve their historic building. The website is designed to simplify the process of finding specialist contractors to carry out jobs for all areas of your church building, such as gutter clearance, repointing, and tree surveys. The website also helps to signpost where grant funding can be found for the work involved, from smaller preventative maintenance jobs to larger restoration projects.

Visit their website: <https://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/>

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 \(WORD\)](#)

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

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.