



Friday Round Up

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

Establishing Ministry Areas



This week we held our first Treasurers meetings for those Ministry Areas who have already had their initial discussion meetings. Don't worry, if you are a Treasurer and you didn't make it to either of these meetings, we will be holding more after Easter. The purpose of the meetings was to give Treasurers the opportunity to discuss the financial arrangements in more detail and we are really grateful to all those who attended.

As Bishop Cherry has already explained, we are not forming Ministry Areas just to make changes to the finance and governance structures. The changes we are making here simply allow us to work better together. They will enable bigger, stronger teams and will help us to support more churches to become more sustainable. We really are better together. However,

the changes we are making to the finance and governance arrangements are important and we want everyone to have as much information as they need.

We were very fortunate that Owain Pritchard, Director of Systems and Stewardship in the Diocese of Bangor, was able to join us for the Treasurers' meeting this week and he will be guiding our treasurers through the transition to the new finance system. He has already rolled out the system to Ministry Areas in the Diocese of Bangor 6 years ago, and the Diocese of St Asaph 4 years ago, so he has a wealth of experience in all things finance and Ministry Areas!

If you want to know more, here is a short video of our Diocesan Secretary, Isabel Thompson, asking Owain a few questions about the new finance software, MyFundAccounting, and how it will make the Ministry Area finances more straightforward and ensure transparency.



Following on from the meetings - we thought it was a good time to recap on some of the most frequently asked questions. Our Diocesan Secretary, Isabel Thompson, has answered some of these common questions in the document below. Please read them if you can, we have tried to keep it short! It may go some way to dispel the current fears that are understandably causing concern for some of you. Please feel free to share with others who you know do not receive this mailing.

[Click here to read.](#)

News

Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidance Alert Level 4 Lockdown

As Easter approaches – A Practical Advice Update

We are starting to see a cautious relaxation of restrictions across Wales, however, the country remains at Alert Level 4.

Vaccination

We celebrate the fact that well over 1 million vaccination doses have been administered in Wales. It is important to remember that although vaccination greatly reduces the risk of severe COVID-19, Public Health Wales is still learning about how the vaccine affects transmission of the virus and someone could still pass it on even after being vaccinated.

However, even if someone has received their vaccine doses, they should still follow the same steps to keep themselves and Wales safe; wearing a mask, keeping a 2m distance, washing their hands regularly and keeping rooms as well ventilated as possible.

Even where a whole congregation has been vaccinated, there should be no relaxation of risk mitigation measures. Vaccination is not a cure but is likely to significantly reduce the impact of the virus on those vaccinated.

Opening Churches for Worship

We can understand that many churches are looking forward to the celebration of Easter, and very much hoping that some sort of in-person celebration will be possible.

Whilst places of worship can, by law, be open for worship, funerals and weddings, Welsh Government continues to advise, in Alert Level 4, that:

"those who are responsible for places of worship should consider whether there are alternative ways of holding worship services."

Easter is the most significant season for Christians and the Bishops appreciate some churches will want to provide carefully prepared and moderated in-person services of celebration for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We have developed specific guidance on worship at this time available on the website [here](#).



An Invitation

Next Tuesday (30th March) at 11am, we will be celebrating our annual Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral. For Clerics and Licensed Lay Ministers, it is an opportunity to reaffirm the vows we made at our ordination and commissioning, and for us to gather together around the altar as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of the gospel. It is also an opportunity for us all to recommit ourselves to following Jesus in the various ways that he has called us as we journey with him through Holy Week. At this service, the oils will be blessed and then distributed for use throughout the year at baptisms, confirmations and with those who are sick.

There are limited places at the Cathedral if you feel able to come in person. Please contact my PA, Vicki, if you would like to be present. But the service will be live-streamed so please do join us if you are able for this important moment in our life together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Owen', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Contact Vicki by emailing monbishpa@churcheinwales.org.uk or calling 01633 263510

Watch the Chrism Mass live stream [here](#).

Lent Appeal

Our Lent Appeal this year will go towards supporting the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal which was launched at a meeting of the Governing Body in 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Church in Wales coming into existence. The Centenary Appeal aims to raise £100,000 for the work of Housing Justice Cymru and for Christian Aid's work in supporting peace-building in the war-torn country of South Sudan.

Sadly, but perhaps inevitably, the appeal has been severely compromised because of the pandemic and the drop in giving that most charities have suffered as a result. The current total stands at £10,878 and our contribution from the Diocese of Monmouth to this fund should give it a boost in what are very challenging circumstances.

For details of how to donate please contact Libby by calling 07508 801511.



Training/Events



April Safeguarding Training Dates

Part	Date	Time
Part 1	Thursday 8 April (PTO specific)	14.00pm
	Tuesday 13 April	10.00 am
	Thursday 15 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 16 April	10.00 am
	Tuesday 20 April	18.00 pm
Part 2	Thursday 22 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 23 April (PTO specific)	10.00 am
	Tuesday 27 April	18.00 pm


Thursday 29 April

14.00 pm

Friday 30 April

10.00 am

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Help Needed



ORGANIST needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk for Sunday services, where a mix of traditional and modern hymns are sung and the Malcom Archer Mass setting is used.

The role would also involve accompanying the church choir.

For further details please contact Judith Lee (Choir Director) on 01291 675404 or musicallee@aol.com

Resources

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



Holy Week and Easter Services and Reflections from the Cathedral

Join a Palm Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 28th at 10:30am [here](#).

Join a Holy Week Reflection on Monday 29th at 3pm [here](#).

Join the Chrism Mass on Tuesday 30th at 11am [here](#).

Join a Holy Week Reflection on Tuesday 30th at 3pm [here](#).

Join a Holy Week Reflection on Wednesday 31st at 3pm [here](#).

Join a Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday 1st at 7pm [here](#).

Join a Good Friday Service on Friday 2nd at 2pm [here](#).

Join a Easter Vigil on Saturday 3rd at 8pm [here](#).

Join an Easter Day Eucharist on Sunday 4th at 10:30am [here](#).

Join an Easter 2 Eucharist on Sunday 11th at 10:30am [here](#).

The Wisdom's Table Podcast



<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-issac-the-syrian-with-dr-sebastian-brock/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-fr-thomas-keating-with-marie-anne-best/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-christian-mysticism-with-carl-mccolman/>



During 2020 and even now, households are enjoying time together, in their homes, exploring who Jesus is, journeying together, learning through reading the Bible and connecting.

With this in mind, Mainly Ministries have created an Easter resource for you to use in your church - encouraging families to enjoy time together, around the table, in the lead up to or over the weekend of Easter.

Each activity has been designed to create interaction, conversation and reflection about Easter for households in your church family. They have been pitched for households with children age 5-11 but are likely to be appreciated by all, regardless.

Each prompt is linked to a food item or in one instance, washing hands. This will help make the reflection and interaction a richer experience.

[Find out more at mainlyMinistries.org.uk](https://www.mainlyministries.org.uk)

Our Schools



Our education team have been putting together a range of great resources for our church schools to support them, if you would like to access these resources they're available [here](#).

There are resources for FP and for KS2 which will be available each week on the website, this term focusing on Islam.

Spiritual Faith Challenge Week 6



We would really appreciate some feedback on this series.

Please contact Rachel: rachelnelmes@churchinwales.org.uk with your thoughts and comments. Thank you.