



## Friday Round Up

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

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### **A message from Peter Lea, Chair of the DBF**

Despite some relaxation in government guidance around the re-opening of churches, these are still hugely challenging and difficult economic times. I am delighted to report that 90% of our parishes and Ministry Areas have paid their share for Quarter Three. This is an incredible achievement and one that I think deserves recognition.

These are uncertain times, especially financially, and it is fantastic to see that everyone is pulling together to maintain the ministry across our diocese.

As many of you will know, the Diocese has received financial support from the RB for Quarters two and three and we, in turn have been able to pass on that help to parishes and Ministry Areas in the form of a 40% rebate. It is encouraging to hear that some parishes have donated their 40% rebate to others in need of extra support at this time. This reflects a deep commitment and desire to share resources to support the life of the wider church.

Now, more than ever, people are turning to 'church' to provide hope - your

contributions and willingness to work together gives me real confidence that we will be strong for the future.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you and your congregations.

Peter Lea

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## **Live-streamed Services & Reflections:**

Watch Bishop Cherry's Tuesday reflection [here](#).

Join a Sunday Eucharist from the Cathedral [here](#).

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## **Church in Wales Guidance**

Guidance from the Church in Wales, including information about Test, Trace and Protect can be found [here](#).

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**9am - Saturday 17th October - Via Zoom**

**This year's Diocesan Conference will be a bit different but you can still take part.**

**Please note all conference members must register [here](#) to get the link to attend.**

**If you are unable to attend please send your apologies to [monmouthadministration@churcinwales.org.uk](mailto:monmouthadministration@churcinwales.org.uk) so they can be formally noted.**

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– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –

# HEALING + RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE

## WORKSHOP OPTIONS

- DELIVERANCE – BISHOP DOMINIC WALKER
- MINDFULNESS – MANDY EAST
- BEREAVEMENT – REV CANON ALAN TYLER
- LIFE OF PRAYER – FR DAVID MATTHEWS
- REBUILDING RELATIONSHIPS – GEORGE RENDELL

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DR GILLIAN STRAINE,  
DIRECTOR OF THE GUILD OF HEALTH AND ST RAPHAEL

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

9.30AM – 12.30PM

• HELD VIA ZOOM • REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE •



Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healing-reconciliation-conference-registration-125542796885>

## St Padarn's Safeguarding Training



ATHROFA PADARN SANT  
ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

The training is in two parts, Part 1 & Part 2, you must attend both parts to complete the course. The sessions last approx. **2-2.5** hours.

There is a new online booking system, to book, click on the relevant link then complete the required details on the registration form. When you have submitted the form and your request has been approved you will receive a confirmation email containing your Zooms links.

## PART 1

Wednesday 4th November - 14:00 - [Click to Register for Part 1 04/11/2020](#)

Friday 6th November - 10:00 - [Click to Register for Part 1 06/11/2020](#)

Wednesday 11th November - 18:00 - [Click to Register for Part 1 11/11/2020](#)

## PART 2

Thursday 19th November - 10:00 - [Click to Register for Part 2 19/11/2020](#)

Wednesday 25th November - 14:00 - [Click to Register for Part 2 25/11/2020](#)

Thursday 26th November - 18:00 - [Click to Register for Part 2 26/11/2020](#)

**CMD TRAINING**

**BEING MINISTERS  
IN THE NEW NORMAL**

Diocese of Hereford & Exeter

**AN AUTUMN SERIES OF WEBINARS**

FOR CLERGY, LAY MINISTERS AND ANY OTHERS INVOLVED IN MINISTRY.

MINISTERS IN A VIRTUAL WORLD – 22ND / 24TH SEPTEMBER  
SPEAKER: LORRAINE CAVANAGH

LOCKDOWN PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY – 6TH / 8TH OCTOBER  
SPEAKER: JANE BUTLER

SOCIAL & POLITICAL ACTIVISM – 20TH / 22ND OCTOBER  
SPEAKERS: BECCA STEVENS & PHILIP AVERY

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND ONLINE PRESIDENCY – 3RD / 5TH NOVEMBER  
SPEAKER: JAMES HENLEY

**HOSTED VIA ZOOM**

*Please click on the image to enlarge*

## Being Ministers in the New Normal

*An Autumn series of webinars from Diocese of Monmouth, for clergy, lay ministers and any others involved in ministry.*

None of us could have predicted the impact of Covid-19 on our world, as well as our churches and Ministry Areas. In the midst of an already changing landscape, living in lockdown has also brought challenges and changes to our own identity and calling as Christian ministers.

This series of webinars is an opportunity to reflect more deeply on all the past six months has brought, bringing our varied experiences into conversation with one another, and with our theology of different aspects of ministry.

Each webinar will be repeated on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm-3pm, and on Thursday evenings 7.30pm-8.30pm. They will only last an hour, but include reflections from speakers within the Diocese, the opportunity for small group discussion, and to bring together feedback and ideas with the Diocesan Team.

### **Social & Political Activism — 20th / 22nd October**

Speakers: Becca Stevens & Philip Avery

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-social-political-activism-registration-120526737717>

### **Virtual worship and online presidency — 3rd / 5th November**

Speaker: James Henley

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-virtual-worship-and-online-presidency-registration-120527287361>

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DISCIPLESHIP | **EXPLORED**

*Tuesdays 7pm  
on Zoom  
Starting 20th October*

WHAT'S THE BEST LOVE  
YOU'VE EVER KNOWN?

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## Flourishing children's ministry in a pandemic

Care for the family are hosting three events to help churches think about their children's ministry in the pandemic.

Weds 21 Oct 13:00 - 14:30 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-our-childrens-work-flourish-during-a-pandemic-for-church-leaders-tickets-125331641313>

Thurs 22 Oct 10:00 – 11:30 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-our-childrens-work-flourish-during-a-pandemic-for-church-leaders-tickets-125345199867>

Tues 3 Nov 19:30 – 21:00- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-our-childrens-work-flourish-during-a-pandemic-for-church-leaders-tickets-125347861829>



# Welsh Historic Places of Worship Forum Digital Forum

*Faith in the Future?*

*Historic Places of Worship in the Aftermath of COVID-19*

**9.15am - 12.15pm, 22 October 2020**

The day will combine micro-presentations sharing local examples and question and answer sessions exploring three themes:

- Digital Places of Worship – from streaming acts of worship to online giving, how have places of worship engaged with new technologies?
- Community Places of Worship – from pop-up foodbanks to new night shelters, how do we adapt community response measures in the post-pandemic world?
- Physical Places of Worship – while community spaces are needed more than ever, what are the practical implications for places of worship when reopening?

To book at no charge, follow this

link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dS7WnEyZTRSBMAd5U0H-Wg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dS7WnEyZTRSBMAd5U0H-Wg)

We are keen to make this event inclusive across different denominations, faiths and regions in Wales. Please feel free to share news of this event to anyone who might be interested.

Many of our older places of worship have witnessed historic pandemics with historians left to wonder how local communities responded to the 'plagues' of centuries past. Ahead of the event we are asking for photographs and captions that encapsulate your place of worship's lockdown story.

Please send images and captions to Andrea Griffiths by 12 October 2020

[Andrea.Griffiths@gov.wales](mailto:Andrea.Griffiths@gov.wales)

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18TH NOVEMBER 2PM

# MONMOUTH PIONEERS

PRE CHRISTMAS GATHERING

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO GET THE  
LINK FIND US ON FACEBOOK:  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MONMOUTHPIONEERS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MONMOUTHPIONEERS)

OR EMAIL  
[MATT@CYNCOEDMINISTRYAREA.ORG.UK](mailto:MATT@CYNCOEDMINISTRYAREA.ORG.UK)



For more information and to get the link find us on  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/monmouthpioneers](http://www.facebook.com/monmouthpioneers)  
or email [matt@cyncoedministryarea.org.uk](mailto:matt@cyncoedministryarea.org.uk)

Open to all pioneers or those exploring what that may mean to them.

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**#GoodNewsWorthSharing**



## Tredunnock Village Harvest Picnic



The Village Harvest Picnic was held on Saturday September 5th in the grounds of St Andrew's Church. It was a beautiful day and many of the village residents were able to bring their picnics and set up their picnic mats, tables and chairs in a safe socially distance manner. The adults and children were entertained by Jason with his Samba drums! A great deal of noise and laughter was to be heard!

Everyone was asked to bring along a selection of packaged and tin foods to donate to the Raven House Trust in Newport. Over four green recycling boxes full of food were donated.

Father Graham Opperman attended and blessed the Harvest Loaf that was beautifully made for us by the bakers of Morris' Garden Centre.

What a great afternoon we all had in the sunshine of Tredunnoch.

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## Spotlight

**Taking a closer look at things with views from across the diocese.**



### **Thoughts and Experiences of OtB 2020**

From Heather, a member of the St Mary's Malpas OtB team.

I love "Open the Book" produced by The Bible Society. It's an easy to use, ready to go assembly suited to Primary Schools. God graciously opened the doors of 4 schools in our Ministry Area to go into every month. We're praying for other schools to open their doors.

So what do you need? A primary school, prayer, and a team of committed people who love to share their faith in Jesus through the medium of acting out

Bible stories. I joined the established St. Marys Church Malpas team a few years ago and was very quickly hooked!! Such amazingly creative talents emerged each time as we learned to present these stories in our own unique style. With a lot of laughter, fun and encouragement this was just too good to miss!

To share and pass on the stories of God's love for everyone was and remains such a joy and a privilege. Our relationship with the Heads, teachers and the children who eagerly await our story has grown to be very precious.

Armed with our props and costumes we were NEVER short of "volunteers" eager to dress up to take part in the story. With our format firmly in place there was often a sense of awe as children and teachers happily lifted their arms to join us with actions in saying The Lords Prayer. Goosebump moment!

And in March Coronavirus arrived.....and everything locked down!!!

Over the summer we began to emerge with renewed thinking and energy. How could we offer practical help to our school communities to show that we as a church care and more importantly that God Cares?

We started to pray. A team member sensed: Deuteronomy 11:18 (Msg).

Church was working well on Zoom.....could we present our assembly on ZOOM?!

What a challenge! Dormant amazing gifts appeared as together we faced and continue to face our steep learning curve to give it our best shot.

Many rehearsals later we sent a recording of our 1st assembly to each school with the blessing of our Vicar Becca Stevens.

Not perfect but the feedback has been so encouraging. The teachers and children recognise us, smile and join in!! Rehearsals for assembly no.2 now happening.

Can we as a team encourage any of you who sense a Godly excitement of stepping out to have a go..... JUST GO FOR IT!!!

Watch a video of their assembly [here](#).

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## **We want to hear about all the good things you are doing #goodnewsworthsharing**

Share your Harvest celebrations with us!

Please send anything to [debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk) or share on social media with #goodnewsworthsharing

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## **Annual Returns**

The final deadline for Annual Returns is now the 30th of November.

This includes,

Membership Return

Finance Return

Churchwardens Fabric Report

A copy of your independently examined/audited 2019 Accounts

Diocesan Database Return

Although the official deadline has been delayed we would appreciate having the data as soon as possible.

Please do not take any unnecessary health risks when completing the returns.

Please contact Libby if you have any questions or require any assistance.

[libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

07508 801511.

Thank-you to all the churches who have already completed their returns.

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## **Re-opening Buildings Grant**



There is still money available through our re-opening grant scheme. You could be awarded up to £100 towards the cost of making your church buildings safe to re-open.

Please contact Libby for more information

[libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

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- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 18 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Death and Money: Thinking practically about Legacies in a Pandemic:** Friday 23 October, 16:30, [book here](#).
- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 25 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Learning a Missional Practice: Dwelling in the Word:** Wednesday 28th October, 14:00-15:30, [book here](#).

## Children, Families & Young Peoples Resources



**Cyncoed Ministry Area** have Sunday School activities available [here](#).



**St Teilos High School** are providing weekly services for young people, you can catch up with previous services and watch this week's [here](#).



**Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School** have lots of child friendly services available [here](#).



### **Care for the Family**

Care for the Family's Kitchen Table Project is supporting churches and their work with families, watch their video [here](#).

And find more of their resources [here](#).



### **Scripture Union**

Scripture Union have a variety of resources available for children and young people, including daily craft and prayer activities and mental health resources. Check them out [here](#).

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There are lots more amazing resources for children and families available on our website [here](#).