

Friday Round Up

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

Monmouth Diocese Nine Lessons and Carols

A Carol Service for Lockdown with music and readings from across the Diocese.





Monmouth Music

Following feedback from our digital workshops, we've been working with choirs and worship bands within the diocese to compile a resource of music which can be used freely for online services. We're pleased to announce this database is now live: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/monmouth-music/>

Finance Update

Peter Lea, Chairman of the Board of Finance, has today written to all Treasurers, Churchwardens and Clergy to provide them with an update on the current financial support that the DBF is offering parishes for quarter 4 of 2020 and quarter 1 of 2021. He was also able to announce that the board have agreed that there will be no increase in the 2021 Ministry Share so it will stay at the same level as 2020 for all parishes.

In that letter he has also explained that, as part of the transition process to working as Ministry Areas, the Board of Finance is going to be reviewing the levels of Ministry Share debt. In the New Year, members of the board will hold individual meetings with representatives from the minority of parishes who currently have Ministry Share debt so as to decide upon a repayment plan.

A copy of the full letter can be read [here](#).

You may find it useful to refer to a previous letter explaining Ministry Share. A link to that letter can be found here – [“What is Share?”](#)



Updated Guidance - last update 10th December

The latest guidance from the Church in Wales is available [here](#).

It includes the following clarifications,

It is legally possible to hold more than one service in a church on a specific day provided each service does not exceed the capacity of the building to maintain 2 metre social

distancing. It is important that these are carefully planned through your Covid-19 risk assessment process. You should consider:

- Leaving a substantial break between services to minimise the risk of attendees mixing and allow sufficient time for thorough cleaning of surfaces etc. The building should also be well aired between services to ensure a thorough change of air. Our Amber phase guidance links to details of appropriate cleaning regimes etc.
- If clergy, stewards and others who support the services are present for several services this increases their risk of contact/transmission. Try to rota different people for different services, if possible
- Clergy, readers, organists etc who attend services in different locations need to carefully assess risks of transmission. Risk mitigation may include avoiding closer contact services (like communion) following each other at different churches officiated by the same cleric etc. Social distancing, hygiene and cleaning regimes should be carefully reviewed.

Welsh Government has also just published guidance on singing during the Christmas period and this is available at: [Singing over the festive period | GOV.WALES](#)

Acting Archdeacon of Monmouth - Archdeacon Sue



Archdeacon Sue can be contacted at,
archdeacon.gwentvalleys@cinw.org.uk
01495 449946

If things can be dealt with locally please contact your Area Dean.

Reduced Service over the Christmas Period

Please be aware that the Diocesan Office will be working at minimal capacity over the Christmas period.

Most staff will be on leave between 24th December and the 4th January. We will respond to your enquiries as soon as possible in the New Year.

Ember Day Prayer

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.
Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future.
Amen



The Wisdom's Table Podcast with Rev Philip Averay



Listen to the first episode, The Treasures of St Francis with Fr Edward Owen, [here](#).

In this episode, we mine the rich treasures of St Francis and Franciscan spirituality with Fr Edward Owen, Spirituality Officer for Llandaff Diocese and Third Order Franciscan.

The next episode will be available on Monday 21st Dec which will be exploring the treasures of St Evagrius one of the Desert Fathers, find out more [here](#).

Preparing for Christmas - a quiet day with Audrey Hamilton

Presented by the Diocese of Monmouth, hosted by Bishop Cherry

Last week to book!



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS
A QUIET DAY WITH AUDREY HAMILTON
SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER
11.00AM – 3.00PM

'Art can touch us at deep levels, opening ourselves to the loving touch of God in often unexpected ways'

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Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-christmas-a-quiet-day-with-audrey-hamilton-registration-129934207713>



**Global
Leadership
Network**

United Kingdom
and Ireland

Save the Date: Global Leadership Network (GLN) Church in Wales Summit

Date: Monday January 11th 2021

Timing: 10:00-16:30

Speakers:

Amy Edmondson Fearless Organisations Demand Psychological Safety

Marcus Buckingham How the Best Leaders Build Resilience

Vanessa Van Edwards The Science of Leadership

Bishop T. D. James The Metrics of Migrative Leadership

Sadie Robertson Huff Forces that Affect your Influence/Faith and Authenticity

Craig Groeschel Leading Through the Dip

In addition to the above there will be a number of short interviews interwoven into the day, including some from the Church in Wales.

Format:

After each keynote speaker, there will opportunity to discuss and process what has been heard via a series of breakout sessions. Each breakout room will contain no more than 8-10 attendees.

There will be a 45-minute break for lunch at Midday, and another break for 15 minutes midway through the afternoon.

Details on how to book to follow.



"I get asked a lot about how to come up with ideas. So I have set up a [series of four webinars](#) for one hour each exploring that question. **And you're invited.**

Each webinar will take one idea for exercising creativity and play with it. There will be three guests each time – an artist/creative, a church leader and a pioneer.

This is inspired by a comment that struck me from our former executive leader Philip Mounstephen, who said that the church's greatest challenge today is a lack of imagination.

So this is an attempt to help us all get more imaginative as part of Church Mission Society's [Imagination in Action](#) campaign.

Please do not think it's only for people who think they are creative. The whole point is that it is for anyone interested and not just those who already think they are good at exercising creativity.

It's free – simply register and I will send you a Zoom link nearer the time."



Safeguarding Training

Please see below the January dates for Safeguarding Training on zoom.
Places can be booked by emailing safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk

14 January 14.00 - Part 1

15 January 10.00 - Part 1

19 January 14.00 - Part 1

21 January 14.00 - Part 2

22 January 14.00 - Part 2

27 January 10.00 - Part 2

29 January 10.00 - Part 2



Calling All Amateur Photographers

We know you are out there..... we've seen your work on social media over the last couple of months and it's been fantastic! Lockdown has given us all a different perspective on things - nature, wealth, health, family, freedom - what really matters to us! This new perspective has made us all better photographers!

A few months ago, Bishop Cherry announced that her three key areas of focus were around eco church and environmental issues; diversity and inclusion and social justice. We are encouraging you to share your interpretation of what this means in your church or parish in the form of a photograph. We will then use this imagery to in promotional material for the Diocese.

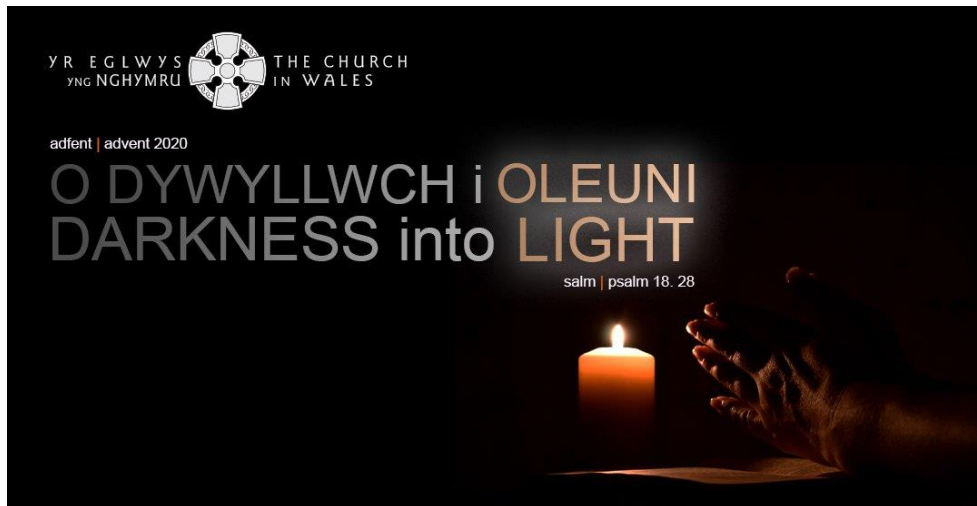
We would welcome entries from all age groups (we know children are great eco campaigners!), we just ask that you are happy for us to share your photographs to reflect a true picture of our diocese from those who live and worship here!

Photographs maybe used on our website/social media campaigns and many other promotional and informative material.

Entries should be sent to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk

Find out more and read the terms and conditions [here](#).

Darkness Into Light



Find out more about the Church in Wales' advent campaign [Darkness into Light](#).



Advent and Christmas Services

We'd love to know about the Advent and Christmas services you have planned so we can include them on our website.

Please send the details to admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

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

There will not be a Tuesday reflection next week as Bishop Cherry is away.

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