

Friday Round Up

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



Dear Friends,

I am extremely grateful to all of you who have worked so hard to enable our church buildings to be open for public worship and private prayer. I do not underestimate what this has required of church members and of our Archdeacons and other clergy in ensuring that each church is compliant with the latest government regulations and the Provincial advice that is based on it. Our worship of God as his beloved children lies at the heart of our faith and whilst this has continued in an admirable way via various online platforms, most of us would agree that it is not at all the same as meeting together in the flesh and worshipping together in a church building; places to which we come 'to kneel where prayer has been valid' (T S Eliot, Little Gidding). We also come, of course, to receive the sacrament and this is what has been missed by many, probably above all else.

Alongside all this, it is important to remind ourselves that there is no obligation to open every single church building in our diocese. In some places, this will not be possible and it is important that there is no sense of guilt about this. Many church members are still, understandably, very nervous about coming back to church and there are not always the

people available to do everything that is required to comply with the guidance. It remains the case that whilst all **may** open, none **must**.

Our prayers are particularly with the churches and communities in our diocese that fall within the County of Caerphilly and with the clergy who serve them. Further guidance (for that area only) has been issued and can be found [here](#).

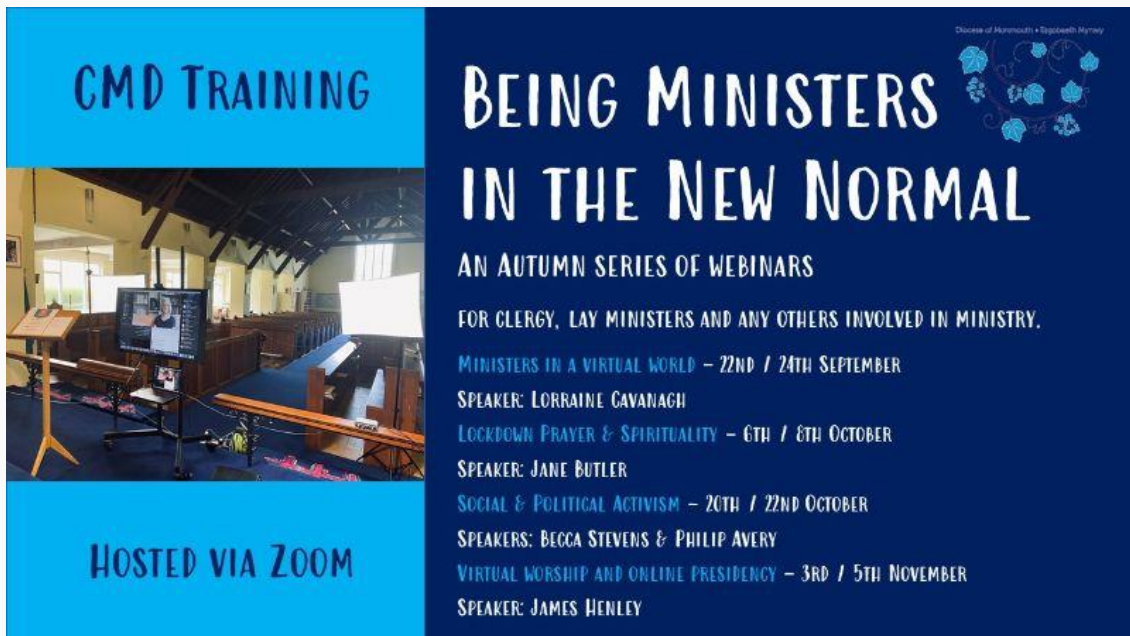
The Ordinations of deacons and priests is going ahead in one service at 11am on Saturday October 3rd. The Licensing of Paul Stafford as Reader will take place on the following Wednesday at 7pm. Both services will be live-streamed from the Cathedral. The updated Ember list is [here](#). Please do pray for all those being ordained and licensed.

The theme for my Tuesday reflections this month is Creationtide which lasts between 1st September and 4th October. The future of creation in the light of climate change and global warming is arguably the most pressing issue that the world faces after COVID-19. Safeguarding the integrity of creation is also an integral part of the Church's mission. (<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/marks-of-mission.aspx>) There is a lot of material for study, prayer and suggested actions that all of us can take on the web (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>) and I encourage you to look at them for inspiration, stimulation and action, as well as for prayer.

Finally, I'm delighted to commend some webinar sessions that have been compiled by our CMD officer, Revd James Henley, and a small team working with him. These are for clergy and laity alike and will help deepen our reflection on important aspects of our faith and practice in the light of the 'new normal'. I encourage you to tune in. Further information, including how to book your place, can be found below.

With my prayers for you and for all whom you love and care for,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.



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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.

Ministers in a virtual world — 22nd / 24th September

Speaker: Lorraine Cavanagh

Book a place : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-ministers-in-a-virtual-world-registration-120523526111>

Lockdown Prayer & Spirituality — 6th / 8th October

Speaker: Jane Butler

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-lockdown-prayer-spirituality-registration-120526296397>

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

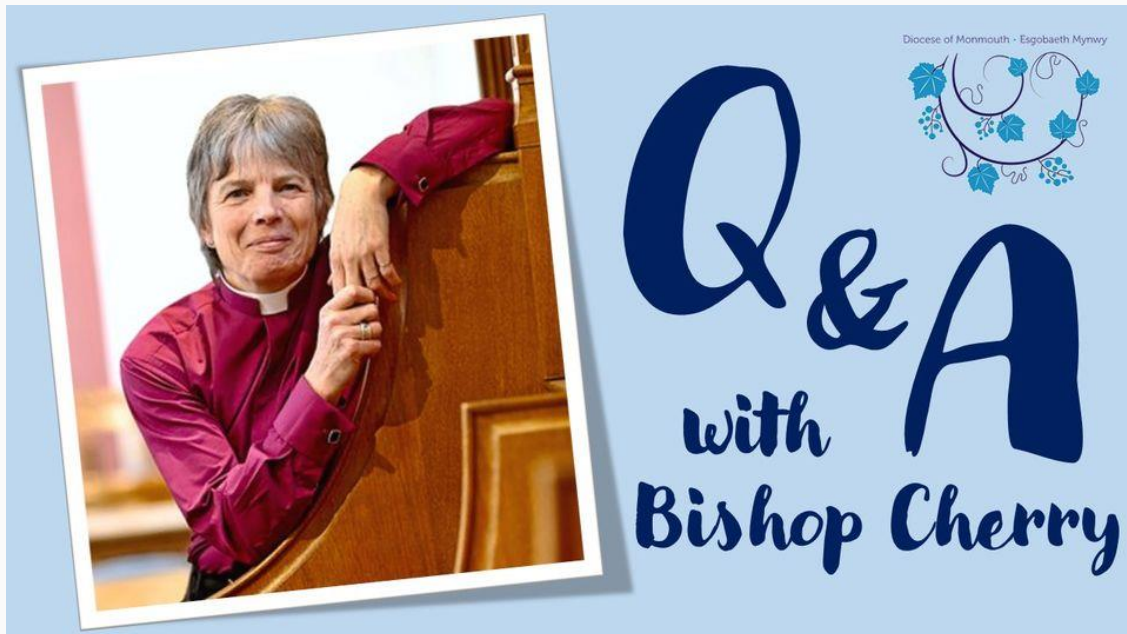
Speaker: James Henley

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

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

Watch Bishop Cherry's Tuesday reflections in her Creationtide Series [here](#).

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



Watch the video [here](#).



Please keep all of our schools in your prayers as they continue to welcome children back.

Annual Returns

Annual Returns are due on the **30th of September**. This includes,
Membership Return
Finance Return
Churchwardens Fabric Report

A copy of your independently examined/audited 2019 Accounts
Diocesan Database Return

If you requested paper forms you should have received these and online submissions can be completed here, <http://mf.systemserve.ltd.uk>

If you need any help to complete the returns, more forms or have any other questions please contact Libby

by email, libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk

or phone, 07508 801511.

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

**Remeber we still want to hear about all the good things you are doing
#goodnewsworthsharing**

Please send anything to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk or share on social media with
#goodnewsworthsharing



The Diocese is committed to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth and is establishing an Environment Group to encourage, celebrate and support local eco projects and to develop a Diocesan wide strategy to become a sustainable Eco Diocese.

If you are interested in environmental/eco/green issues and projects, and would like to be involved please contact Archdeacon Sue Pinnington, archdeacon.gwentvalleys@cinw.org.uk for further information.

Email archdeacon.gwentvalleys@cinw.org.uk for further information.

Appointment: Dean of Newport

Following the retirement of the Very Revd Lister Tonge, the Bishop of Monmouth wishes to appoint a new Dean of Newport.

The new Dean will be expected to lead the life and work of St Woolos Cathedral in Newport, developing the Cathedral's ministry and sharing the oversight of the Church's mission in the varied contexts of our diocese.

We are looking for an experienced priest who

- is resourceful, creative and a team player as well as team leader
- is able to relate the good news in an engaging way in a variety of social contexts as well as the public square
- has proven ability to build effective relationships both inside and outside the Church and develop partnership-working to further its mission
- has emotional intelligence and wisdom

For further details, please visit our website: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/dean-newport/>

Opening the Dialogue: Exploring Digital Church 28th September

JOIN OUR NEXT
ZOOM DISCUSSION



MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
6-7PM

Diocese of Monmouth • Episcopate Ministry

**OPENING THE DIALOGUE:
EXPLORING DIGITAL CHURCH**

IF YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT ONLINE
MINISTRY OR ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING
IT A GO – JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

BOOK YOUR PLACE ON EVENTBRITE OR COMPLETE OUR ONLINE SURVEY.

SHARE IDEAS • BUILD CONFIDENCE • MAKE CONNECTIONS

Continuing from our discussions from August, we'd like to invite those who are curious about online worship or interested in trying it out to attend a zoom dialogue.

We'd like to know what kind of support we can offer parishes as we explore this new and exciting frontier of ministry together. We'd also like to hear your ideas for how technology could be used for a range of church activities. If your parish or ministry area has been trying something new, please come and tell us about it!

This is an open event for anyone to attend! We encourage you to invite any members of the congregation, churchwardens, secretaries, treasurers, or clergy who may have an interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/opening-the-dialogue-exploring-digital-church-registration-119612725883>

It's also not too late to complete our survey on Social Media and Online Ministry: <https://forms.gle/YhZSJUBGVZ4aisDT8>

Open the Book Air and Share

Are you already involved with Open the Book in primary schools?
Do you have an Open the Book team?

We want to know how to support our current teams especially with little or no access to schools, because of Covid 19.

We are hosting a Zoom "Air and Share" on Tuesday 29 September at 2pm to hear from you.

Please contact Zoe Ward, zoeward@churchinwales.org.uk to book a place or Rachel Nelmes, rachelnelmes@churchinwales.org.uk for more information.





Wild Worship

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<p>WILD WORSHIP</p>			<p>An opportunity to come together to worship outdoors. Everyone welcome Suitable for all ages</p> <p>Whatever the weather we will meet! Bring your brollies!</p> <p>Saturday 10 October 2020 at 11am Cwmcarn Forest Drive NP117FE Plenty of parking Toilets and Refreshments available</p> <p>Booking essential please contact Libby Morgan Owen libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk</p>
	<p>Celebrating God in Creation</p>		

Email libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk to book.



HeartEdge

Living God's
Future Now 

'Reimagining music in church post Covid-19 Part 2 - Composer Focus' - Tuesday 15 September, 18:30-19:30

[Join here.](#)

Telling Encounters – Windows on the world: An art workshop - Thursday 17 September, 14:00-15:30 (BST).

[Join here.](#)

Shut In, Shut Out, Shut Up 2: Exploring neurodiversity, faith and church - Friday 18 September, 16:30-18:00

[Join here.](#)

'Reimagining music in church post Covid-19 Part 3 - Voluntary Choir focus' - Tuesday 22 September, 18:30-19:30

[Join here.](#)

'Reimagining music in church post Covid-19 Part 4 - Educational Choir focus'
- Tuesday 29 September, 18:30-19:30

[Join here.](#)



Ecclesiastical church fundraising webinar: grant applications

This webinar will help to develop your fundraising knowledge and give specialist guidance into researching and applying for grants to help your church raise funds.

Wednesday 23 September, 4pm

With Caroline Underwood OBE, CEO Philanthropy Company, in collaboration with Ecclesiastical

Giving top tips, practical advice and useful examples, the key questions answered in this webinar will include:

- What do grant funders support?
- How do I create a strong grant application?
- Where do I look for funding and how do I organise my research?
- How do I organise the timing of my project and grant application?

- Who should I involve in the process of writing a grant application?

Register [here](#).

Sight Loss Friendly Church Taster Sessions



Torch Trust is helping churches to become accessible for people with sight loss by providing free 30 minute taster sessions on Zoom for churches to find out more about SLFC.

They currently have sessions planned for 29 & 30 September and 27 & 28 October.

Visit sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk to find out more.

To book a place email SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk.



Music for Mission and Ministry via Zoom

Tuesday 29 September - Thursday 1 October

Led by Revd Helen Bent, RSCM Head of Ministerial Training in partnership with Praxis with Jonathan Robinson, RSCM Education Officer and Tutor for *Music for Mission and Ministry*

For more information, contact: Sarah King, Tel: 01722 424843; Email: sking@rscm.com

To book your place, go to: rscm.org.uk/courses/music-for-mission-and-ministry-online/

Saying Goodbye Service



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2.30PM

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was recent or 80-years ago. This services is also for anyone who grieves never being able to have children at all.

Until further notice services will be ticketed (free of charge) due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please ensure you secure your seats in advance if you would like to attend.

www.sayinggoodbye.org/services

<https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/sglcc20-booking-page/>

Modern Slavery and Our Response as a Community of Faith

Thursday October 8, 14.00-15.30

Ahead of Modern Slavery Day 2020, the Church in Wales and Haven of Light, in partnership, invite you join us, in discussion with a panel of modern slavery activists from across the world.

This event will be hosted by journalist **Julia Bicknell** (Director of WorldWatchMonitor.org, and formerly of the BBC) and will include interviews and a panel discussion with expert guests, including:

Kevin Hyland OBE (Member, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings; Senior Advisor to the Santa Marta Group; former UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner)

Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern (founder of the Church of England's Clewer Initiative)

Rt Revd Dr Joanna Penberthy (Bishop of St Davids and lead Bishop for Church and Society, Church in Wales)

Commissioner Christine MacMillan (Chair of World Evangelical Alliance Global Human Trafficking Task Force & founder of the Salvation Army International Social Justice

Commission)

Pam Cheesley Hollinshead (Joint Regional President of Soroptimist International Cheshire North Wales and Wirral)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lighten-our-darkness-modern-slaveryour-response-as-a-community-of-faith-registration-117783929905>



Churches Together Bookshop Closing Down Sale

Online - www.ctbooks.org.uk

Or in store 10am-3pm on Mondays & Thursdays

Until the 28th of September

After this Church in Wales lectionary will only be available to purchase from www.ylolf.com

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](#).

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