



Friday Round Up

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




Ministry Area Prayer Resources

Over the next few weeks and months we will provide resources and videos in this Friday e-mail to support the formation of Ministry Areas in the Diocese of Monmouth. We begin our journey prayerfully today with a video and a Ministry Area prayer.



View the video transcript [here](#).



Our Prayers

Ministry Area Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to work together as a Ministry Area.
May we engage with each other with faith and encouragement.
May we manage each situation with wisdom and mutual respect.
May we serve with integrity, creativity and purpose.
May we speak with openness and gentleness.
May we offer our gifts, time and finances with generosity.
May we face each challenge with courage and the desire to grow through it.
May each of us all be drawn deeper into our relationship with You and be known as your disciples.
Help us to show your love, proclaim your Good News and grow your Kingdom in this place.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. AMEN

For Individual Prayer

God, the Creator of all things, please help me build positive relationships with all my brothers and sisters in Christ, throughout the Ministry Area and Diocese.
May this be a time for growing together in the unity of Christ.
Empower me to be an encourager and to bring joy to those I work and serve with.
Enable me to be a good team player that others enjoy working with.
Give me insight on how to deal with negative or difficult situations and help me make every effort to do what leads to peace and builds up other people in faith.
And give me a heart to celebrate all the blessings in our lives and the life of our Ministry Area.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN

View the Ministry Area Prayer [here](#).

Ministry Areas Toolkits

This week we published our Ministry Area Toolkits. They are a series of documents that lay out how Ministry Areas will operate in the Diocese of Monmouth.

You can find all the resources on the website [here](#).

Resources include:

- [Introduction video from Bishop Cherry](#) and [transcript](#)
- [Understanding Ministry Team](#)
- [Governance Toolkit](#)
- [Governance on one page](#)
- [Finance Toolkit](#)
- [Finance on one page](#)
- [A Process Chart for the formation of Ministry Areas](#)
- Ministry Areas by Archdeaconry - [Gwent Valleys](#), [Monmouth](#) and [Newport](#)
- [FAQs](#)

Over the next few weeks and months, we will be sending out more information including -

- A series of videos from Bishop Cherry and others to guide you through the process.
- Online meetings with each new Ministry Areas so that representatives from each church can ask questions and give comment. These meetings have been arranged for Feb, March and April.
- Dates for specific meetings with Church Treasurers.
- Phased guidance.
- Prayer resources.





New Curates Announced for the Diocese

Bishop Cherry is pleased to announce three new curates for the diocese.

- Andrew Nelmes will be serving his curacy with The Reverend Canon Mark Owen in the Upper Islwyn Ministry Area
- Karin Pardoe will be serving her curacy with The Reverend Frieda Evans in the Cwmbran Ministry Area
- Mandy East will be serving her curacy with The Reverend Canon Jeremy Harris in the Magor Ministry Area.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

Stations of the Cross Project

Our communications team is working with Archdeacon Sue to produce a Stations of the Cross video for Holy Week.

We will be featuring 14 Stations – which will be voiced by those from within our parishes.

Does your church have notable ‘stations’ and would you like to part of the project?

If you would like to be involved, could you please get in touch with debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk as soon as possible (maybe with a few photos of your Stations as examples)?

Thank-you to those who have already sent them in.



LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE

Whether you are a lay leader, a licensed minister or a member of clergy, we'd love to invite you to join in with our plans for this year's Diocesan Lent Course 'Dying to Live'.

The course is now available on our [Diocesan website](#) or you can download a copy below.

Download: [LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE](#)

If you are planning to lead a small group, please complete our group registration form: <https://forms.gle/979J2dw5GSYi63Lk7>

Printed copies can be requested from the Diocesan Office.

Please email admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk to request one.

The Wisdom's Table Podcast



Episode links:

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-evelyn-underhill-with-liz-watson/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-jesus-john-paul-with-stefan-reynolds/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-evagrius-with-kim-natajara/>

Upcoming Webinars



St Padarn's Easter Webinar Series

St Padarn's is holding a series of webinars in the run up to Holy Week and Easter offering ideas and resources to help churches plan their services and outreach during this key season. The webinars will take place from **2:00pm – 3:15pm** on the following dates:

Webinar

Tuesday, February 16th, 2:00pm
Revealing God's love: Using our places and spaces to connect with our congregations and wider communities at Easter with Dr Sandra Miller

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/3cG8xVN>

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2:00pm
Easter Resources, Ideas and Help: Sharing ideas, resources and good practice (Part 1)

<https://bit.ly/3rlHmDE>

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2:00pm
Easter Resources, Ideas and Help: Sharing
ideas, resources and good practice (Part 2)

<https://bit.ly/2YDLRgy>



Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start? Or would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent? Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the ***Week of Guided Prayer*** online is for you.

Leading into Holy Week this ***Week of Guided Prayer*** is individually tailored to your experience. It is suitable for everybody - beginners in prayer, those whose want to renew their prayer-life and those who are experienced in prayer. You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer and meditation, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

The ***Week of Guided Prayer*** starts with an introductory meeting on Zoom for all the participants and guides. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The retreat ends with a closing session online.

Register your place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137910888179>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so that we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev Jane
Butler: jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com (01495 231241).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Online via Zoom

These sessions are for all who hold an ecclesiastical office, or who hold licence/PTO/commission from the Diocesan Bishop (whether lay or ordained), for those who run Sunday School or Youth clubs, Organists/Directors of Music for whom an enhanced DBS is required.

The training is presented in two parts, Part 1 & Part 2, to complete the course both parts must be attended. The course lasts for approximately 2-2.5 hours. There is no cost to attend the course.

PART 1

Monday 8th March	10:00
Wednesday 10th March	10:00
Thursday 11th March	14:00
Monday 15th March	14:00
Wednesday 17th March	10:00

PART 2

Friday 19th March	14:00
Monday 22nd March	14:00
Wednesday 24th March	10:00
Monday 29th March	14:00
Wednesday 31st March	10:00

To book a place, please contact **Helen** via email on safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.



Email safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk to book.

Resources for Lent and Mothering Sunday

View resources for Lent from The Bible Society [here](#).

View resources for Lent and Mothering Sunday from The Children's Society [here](#).



Lent 2021 Mini Missions

This week's home learning resources focus on Lent and include a pancake recipe for Shrove Tuesday. If you give it a try, please send us a photo on Twitter @MonFaithFamily

We're also excited to introduce our Lent Mini Missions Project. While this set of challenges was designed with our schools in mind, we'd like to encourage all our children and families to participate.

On the project [resource page](#), you will find a PowerPoint with a voice over to explaining the project. This PowerPoint will be most useful to parents and group leaders and is not intended as a resource for the children. However, there will be an introduction video from Reverend Becca Stevens posted on the first Monday of half-term. We will also be uploading weekly worship videos throughout Lent.

As a note to our churches, one of the daily challenges includes finding your local church on a map and searching for details of upcoming services; such as Easter. If you are planning a service, please do send details to your local church school(s) so that they can help pass them on to students and families.

Find the resources [here](#).

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



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

Join an Ash Wednesday Eucharist from the Cathedral on Wednesday 17th at 10:30am [here](#).