



Friday Round Up

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

Friday Update from Bishop Cherry

Real Living Wage for Care Workers

A few weeks ago the outgoing Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, and the Bishop of Durham helped launch Citizens UK's ['Real Living Wage for Care Workers' campaign](#). This comes out of a growing recognition that Care Workers have been on the front line in responding to the COVID19 crisis, working in the face of infection and potential death, but with limited personal protective equipment (PPE) and doing it for what amounts to 'poverty pay' – far below the £9.30 an hour that is considered to be a real living wage. The campaign got publicity not least because of the powerful testimony of Tabitha, a care worker from Cardiff who is also a leader with Citizens Cymru Wales.

There are a number of things we can all do to push for the changes that are needed as we emerge from this pandemic, and ensure that we move towards a society where everyone gets paid a proper wage.

You can sign Tabitha's petition at <https://www.livingwage4keyworkers.org.uk/>

You can write to your local council leader and to your MP asking them to back the campaign.

We all talk of wanting a better world and we regularly pray for a more just society where everyone is treated fairly and with compassion. God often asks us to be the answer to our prayers by working with him in whatever ways we can. Signing a petition and writing a letter or two cost us nothing and will help make a difference. Please consider using the time we have at the moment to add your voice.

Opening Churches

Contrary to what is happening in England this coming week, the churches in Wales are to remain closed for the time being. Archdeacon Jonathan is part of a provincial group that is working with the Welsh Government and drawing up plans for how we can minimize the risk of cross-infection, once we get the go ahead to open from the government. In the meantime, I continue to be amazed and delighted at the array of opportunities for prayer, worship, study and fellowship that is being made available online by our clergy and lay ministers. I have even been invited to lead a retreat on Zoom next month!

Ordinations

It now looks as if we will be able to ordain our stipendiary deacon, Liz Houghton, this coming Pentecost. It won't be the kind of ordination that we had planned and hoped for, but it will take place in the Cathedral on 27th June within the very strict guidelines that are in place. The service will be live-streamed and details of the link will be sent out nearer the time. Please continue to pray for Liz and for the other candidates due to be licensed or ordained as deacons and priests (Ember list attached again [here](#)). We hope that the other ordinations and licensing will take place in early October.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants called to be Deacons, Priests and Readers; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness; and give us all the grace to serve you faithfully in word and deed, to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



Catch up on Bishop Cherry's Tuesday Reflection [here](#).

And on a Corpus Christi Eucharist [here](#).

Join this Sunday's Eucharist from Bishopstow at 11am [here](#).

And join a Sunday evening Reading & Homily, Preacher - Dean Lister, at 5pm [here](#).

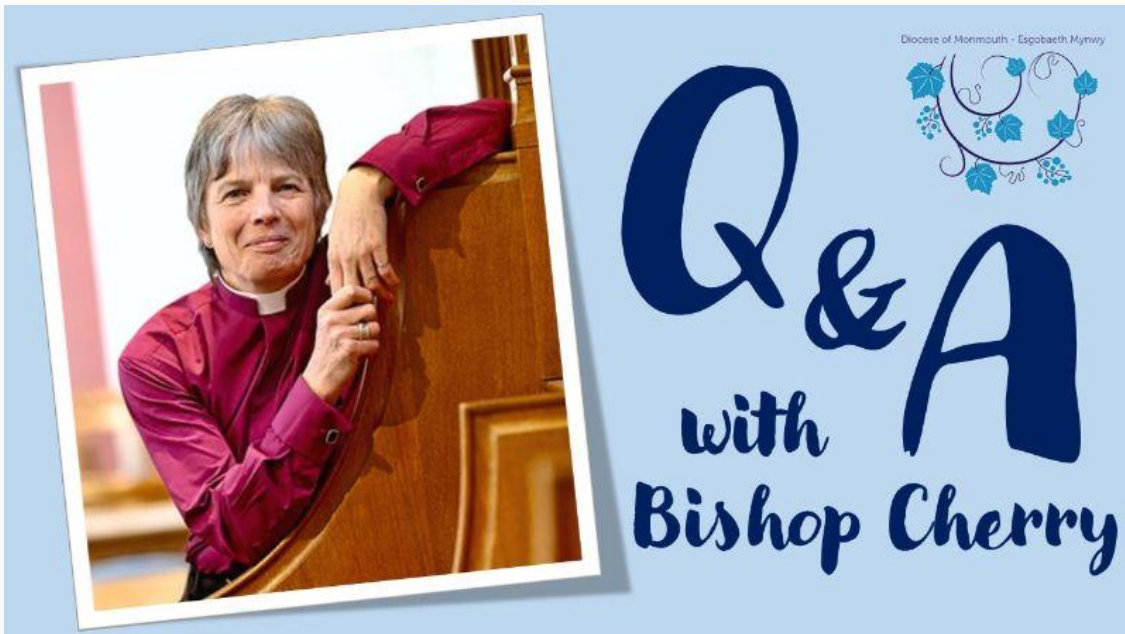


Diocesan Secretary Announcement

Bishop Cherry and Peter Lea, our Chair of the Board of Finance, are delighted to announce that Isabel Thompson has been appointed Diocesan Secretary.

Please pray for Izzy and the Team as they continue to manage their day to day tasks in these extraordinary circumstances.

You can read the full statement [here](#).



Next month Bishop Cherry will be taking part in a Q&A, if you'd like to ask her a question please email a video to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk

A note from Rev. Mike Parker

St. Michaels Vicarage is currently without a telephone or internet connection. He is able to receive emails on his mobile phone, and can be contacted on 01495 304193 or parish mobile 07942646400.



Towards the Re-Opening of Church Buildings

Read the full statement [here](#).

Building Work in Churches

Can work still be undertaken to the church or church grounds?

Generally, we would discourage work (building work or maintenance of grounds etc) being undertaken at this time unless the work is essential and urgent or cannot be postponed.

The latest advice is available at:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/covid-19-church-buildings-guidance/>

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Peel, DAC Secretary
(stephenpeel@churchinwales.org.uk)

Say Something in Welsh



Bishop Cherry has been learning Welsh using the Say Something in Welsh course.

Watch her video [here](#).



So, what does vocation mean? We share stories from across the diocese of what it means to those around us.

Check it out [here](#).

Upcoming Trainings from HeartEdge



- **'Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story'**: Sunday 14 June, 2pm BST, via Zoom. Paintings in the National Gallery are a spring board for deepening faith. Email Jonathan, jonathan.evans@smif.org for a Zoom code.
- **Sustainable Church, Sustainable Planet**: Friday 26 June, 4.30 pm BST, via Zoom. Ruth Valerio and guests explore local church responses to the climate emergency. How to reduce carbon footprints, establish environment initiatives, become an Eco-church and contribute to global campaigns. For a Zoom code email Ben, ben.sheridan@smif.org

#goodnewsworthsharing



Co-op Community Fund



Grants are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores.

The funding aims to help communities to come together, co-operate and have a positive impact on community wellbeing – physically and virtually.

To be eligible, projects must address at least one of the following:

- Bring the community together to help those in need.
- Support the mental and physical health of others through community wellbeing activities.
- Enable people to develop or share their skills to foster community spirit and build resilient communities for the future.

The deadline for applications is the 28th June and you can find out more [here](#).

Foodbanks

Many of our churches are continuing to collect for foodbanks, care homes and hospitals, check out a thank-you video made for St Julians Newport [here](#).



Children from **Magor** have been adding to the church pebble trail, great work!



Nursery children from **St Davids** took part in Worlds Ocean Day by upcycling plastic bottles to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our oceans.

Pupils from **Charles Williams School** got involved with the Doves of Hope, check out their video [here](#).

Add your story to #goodnewsworthsharing

Please send anything you've been doing to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk or share on social media with #goodnewsworthsharing

Upcoming for Schools



Please keep all our schools in your prayers as they prepare for the next stage.

#HopeAndPromise

Check out this Church in Wales resource, this week focusing on Refugee Week. In English [here](#) and Welsh [here](#).

Week 12: Refugee Week

#addewidagobaith #hopeandpromise



Lord of the journey,

We ask for your protection on all who have fled their homes. Give them strength on their journeys and grant that they may find places of compassion at which to rest.

Amen



Refugee Week is an annual festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. Refugee Week 2020 takes place 15-21 June
Please see www.refugeeweek.or.uk for more information.

Simple Acts

Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

Here are some ideas you could look at for Refugee Week 2020



What would your school, community, city, or the planet look like, if you made the rules?

You can take this Simple Act wherever your imagination wants to go, and start as small or as big as you like. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Draw, paint, craft or write a poem or story about the world you want to see
- Write a poem or short story starting with 'Imagine if...' or 'Imagine a world where...'
- Imagine you had to leave your home behind. What would you take with you? What would you hope to find?

Stick your imagining in your window, send it to a friend, or share it with us on social media (see twitter handles below) using #Imagine #SimpleActs

Children, Families & Young Peoples Resources



Cyncoed Ministry Area - Online Sunday School

[We Are Sent](#)



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](#).



Mainly Music

For this session we're grateful, we're thankful, we're joyful. Grab a scarf and remember your grown-up.

<https://vimeo.com/428297742/3b88f5e319>

<https://youtu.be/-5VfcmiEQMc>



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](#).