



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

News



Ministry Areas: Growing ministry areas with Mid Torfaen

Join members of the newly formed Mid Torfaen Ministry Area as they talk about unity, faith, hope and community and share their excitement and optimism in this time of change!



We are very grateful to the Mid Torfaen Ministry Area for putting that short film together so we can all listen to their story. They really have achieved so much.

Following our programme of meetings, conversations are now being had in all our Ministry Areas about how the ministry area structure can work best in each local context and how it can best support the work of the local churches. We are aware that there are outstanding questions in many areas and a desire for further debate and discussion. However, these discussions will now happen at a local level where you will be supported by your Archdeacon to explore how Ministry Areas will work best in your local context.

Many areas have now formed their transition teams and we would like to thank all those who have volunteered to be on those teams. We look forward to hearing more stories from those teams in the Friday Round-up during the coming months.

To quote from the Mid Torfaen video, Jim Thompson explained that “Ministry Areas are challenging but the positive outweighs the negative. If we really want to be living disciples of Christ then we need to embrace change, we need to embrace Ministry Areas. But remember, by embracing Ministry Areas, we don’t lose the individual identity of our churches or ourselves.”

Archdeacon contacts -

Archdeacon Jonathan, archdeacon.newport@churchinwales.org.uk for Newport

Archdeacon Sue, archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk for the Gwent Valleys and Monmouth

Treasurers Meeting

Our next Ministry Area Treasurers meeting for treasurers to ask questions and learn more about how the finances will work in a Ministry Area is on Wednesday 26th May, 6.30pm-8.30pm, [click here to book](#).

As long as there is demand, we will continue to add new dates, until all treasurers have had the opportunity to attend one of these meetings but **please note that after this meeting the following one will be in the daytime.**

For more information, please contact Libby

(libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk, 07508 801511)

The Licensing of Father John Connell



**THE LICENSING OF
FR JOHN CONNELL**

RECTOR OF ABERGAVENNY ST MARY WITH
LLANWENARTH CITRA AND ABERGAVENNY HOLY
TRINITY & PRIEST IN CHARGE OF GOVILON WITH
LLANFOIST WITH LLANELEN

SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021
– 3.00PM –

Watch the licensing of Fr John Connell as Rector of Abergavenny and Llanwenarth Citra, and Priest in Charge of Govilon with Llanfoist and Llanellen [here](#).

Annual Returns Reminder

Your Finance Return and a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts for 2020 (including a balance sheet) are due by the 31st of May, so there's two more weeks to complete them.

Thank-you to the churches who have already submitted.

If you have opted for online submission for the finance return, you should have received your log in details, the return can be submitted [here](#).

If you have requested a paper form you should have received this as well, you can also download a copy [here](#).

A copy of the accounts should be sent to Libby via email (libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk) or post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ).

If you need any help in completing the forms please contact Libby (07508 801511)

Lent Appeal

Just a reminder that there is still time to give to the Diocesan Lent Appeal, which this year is supporting the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal. Find out more [here](#).

Please could all payment be made by the end of May.

For details of how to donate, please contact Libby on 07508 801511.

Training/Events

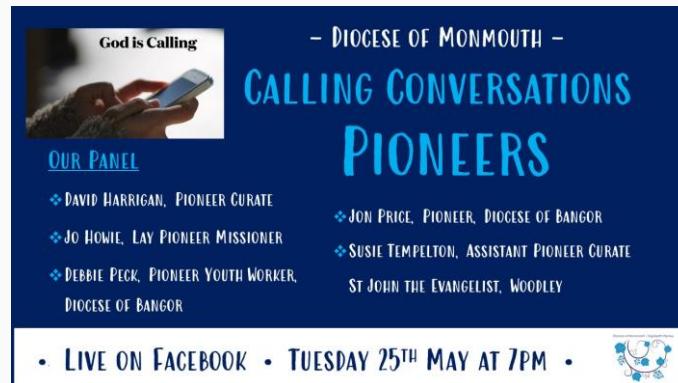
Diocesan Healing Service – 3rd June



Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith. As Christian people we journey together as we live out our daily lives. In the current Ministry Area of Cyncoed, there is a regular service of Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation led by the Revd Beverley Smith which is being opened up to the whole of the diocese on June 3rd. Bishop Cherry will be giving a homily and, whilst anointing and the laying on of hands will not be possible, there will be opportunities for each person present to be prayed for in small break-out rooms as part of the service. This is an invitation for us to draw nearer to Christ and open ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-healing-service-registration-154811247609>

Calling Conversations



Our second session in the Calling Conversations series will focus on pioneer ministry. This panel will be streamed via Facebook LIVE on **Tuesday 25th May at 7pm**. Join us: <https://fb.me/e/1ITVDrQB4>

If you have a question you would like answered by the panel during the conversation, please submit it here: <https://forms.gle/AEerqgAq6P28i6r9>
We look forward to hearing from you!

Find out more about our past and upcoming sessions here: https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/prayer_and_spirituality/vocations/calling-conversations/



May Safeguarding Training Dates

Part 1

Wednesday 19th 10.00am

Part 2

Thursday 20th 14.00pm

Friday 21st 10.00am

Wednesday 26th 14.00pm

Please email safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk to book.

Let Amplify Young Evangelists Academy help you and your church!



Amplify is the nation's national Young Evangelists' Academy for 11-17s. We would love to serve your church and youth ministry by equipping your young people to reach their generation for Jesus! Giving your young people tools to reach out and help others to share their faith too.

Find out more in their flyer [here](#) or on their [website](#).

Services and Resources



Watch an Ascension Day Service from the Cathedral [here](#).

Join an Easter 7 Eucharist from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Watch the installation of the Dean of the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd at 3pm [here](#).

Faith Conversations

As part of Thy Kingdom Come, the Magor, Caldicot and Wentwood Ministry Areas have recorded a series of conversations with people from across the area about how they came to know Jesus and the difference he makes in their lives. There are a total of 6 conversations which will be released over the next 10 days. Each is unique but there are some interesting common threads that run through them all.

We'd love you to check them out, and it would be even better if you could share them on your social media streams as we pray for people to come to know Jesus for themselves.

The playlist can be found [here](#).



Our Schools



Using some of the resources available from Christian Aid, the Church in Wales has produced a new project. This one is called Ffrindiau'r Byd and blends Religious Education with the Eco aspect of the curriculum. Resources for this project are available through our Diocesan website:

[Resources - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

The project can be run at any time of the year. Creationtide may be an ideal occasion.

Climate Emergency Competition

Following the Church in Wales calling a Climate Emergency the Education Teams thought it important to ask the views of the children and young people in our schools about these matters. Therefore, they are asking: If they could say something to the people in charge, the leaders of our governments and communities about looking after our planet, what would they say?

Find out more about the competition [here](#).