

Friday Round Up

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



Dear Friends,

In this fluctuating situation that we are all having to adjust to, it is heartening to see the many creative ways that are being found that enable us to continue with our worship, witness and service to our communities. For the time being, at least, the new normal is going to be an ever-changing context of restrictions being imposed and lifted. In a word, uncertainty. Whilst that is not easy to live with, we are called to live with it in the light of the One who is unchanging, whose love remains constant and in whom we can trust and rest amidst 'the changes and chances of this fleeting world.'

Amongst the events taking place over the next few months is a half day conference on Healing and Reconciliation. This will now be online, due to the restrictions and will take place via Zoom on the morning of Saturday November 7th. The keynote address will be given by Dr Gillian Straine, Director of the Guild of Health and St Raphael and will be followed by workshops on bereavement, deliverance, prayer, mindfulness and relationship breakdown. Further information and how to book will be available in next week's mailing.

You may find this slightly amended prayer from the service of Compline helpful:
Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through these coming days, so that we who are wearied by the changes and changes of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Live-streamed Services & Reflections:

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

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



This year's Diocesan Conference will be held on Saturday 17th October at 9am via Zoom.

Conference Members and Clergy packs were posted this week so will be arriving shortly.

If you would like to attend as an observer you can register [here](#).



Vestry Meetings, PCC Meetings & Electoral Rolls

Updated guidance from the Church in Wales about holding Vestry and PCC meetings online and revising the Electoral Roll can be found [here](#).

Worshipping Safely during the Pandemic

Over recent weeks churches across the Diocese have been opening for worship, having first carried out a thorough risk assessment. As regulations are constantly being updated we thought it would be useful to remind you of the basic guidance that will help to keep us all as safe as we can be.

The most up to date guidance can always be found on the Church in Wales website at <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>.

The basic rules that we need to keep in all aspects of our life underpin the opening of our churches – 2m social distancing and regular hand washing or sanitising. To this has recently been added the need for everyone to wear a face covering in indoor public spaces, including places of worship, unless there are legitimate medical reasons for you not to do so. The Welsh Government have also said: *“We consider that those leading worship or a ceremony may have a reasonable excuse not to wear a face covering if they cannot effectively do so while wearing one, as long as they have taken other sufficient mitigations such as staying continually over 2 metres away from others and/or wearing a visor.”* We will leave clergy and worship leaders to apply this as they feel appropriate but recommend that you wear a face covering when administering communion and when moving through the church before and after the service.

The celebrating and administering of communion is a particular area that needs careful planning with many of our usual ways of operating not appropriate at the moment. Full guidance on celebrating communion can be found at: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/guidance-celebrating-holy-communion/>. We strongly advice all clergy make sure they are familiar with these regulations and apply them at all times.

There are two sections that we would particularly draw to your attention:

Q. What elements can be offered to communicants?

A. At present, Communion should be administered in one kind only with no sharing of the common cup. The president alone should always take the wine, consuming all that has been consecrated; other communicants should receive the bread only, in the hand. As the Liturgical and Faith and Order Commissions have made clear, this is still 'complete communion'. In order to minimise overall risk, intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) should not be practised.

Q. Should the altar rails be used?

A. We suggest that in order to avoid touching it and to maintain physical distancing, communicants should not come to kneel at the altar rail, but instead they should form a line maintaining two metres' distance to receive the bread, standing, from the priest. It may also be possible for the priest to take communion to people in their seats. The details of how this will be enacted will depend on the local situation, particularly the layout of the building.

If you have any questions around any issues around the re-opening of churches then please contact your Archdeacon.

CMD TRAINING

**BEING MINISTERS
IN THE NEW NORMAL**

AN AUTUMN SERIES OF WEBINARS

FOR CLERGY, LAY MINISTERS AND ANY OTHERS INVOLVED IN MINISTRY.

MINISTERS IN A VIRTUAL WORLD – 22ND / 24TH SEPTEMBER
SPEAKER: LORRAINE CAVANAGH

LOCKDOWN PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY – 6TH / 8TH OCTOBER
SPEAKER: JANE BUTLER

SOCIAL & POLITICAL ACTIVISM – 20TH / 22ND OCTOBER
SPEAKERS: BECCA STEVENS & PHILIP AVERY

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND ONLINE PRESIDENCY – 3RD / 5TH NOVEMBER
SPEAKER: JAMES HENLEY

HOSTED VIA ZOOM

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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

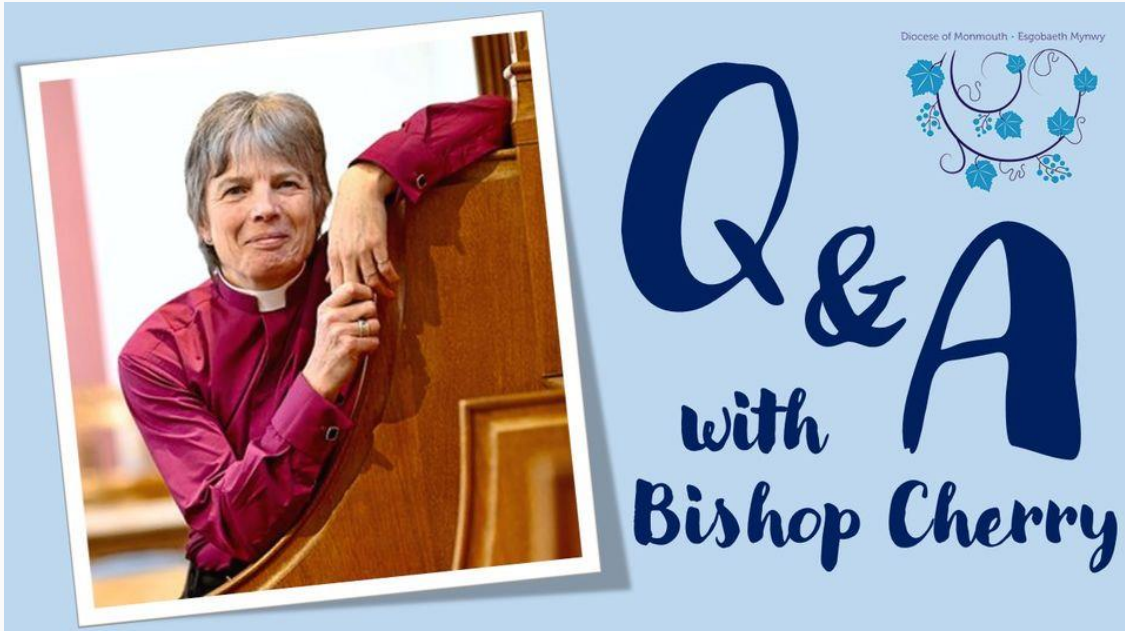
Speakers: Becca Stevens & Philip Avery

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>



Watch the video [here](#).



Please keep all of our schools in your prayers as they continue working so hard in these challenging times.

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.

#GoodNewsWorthSharing



GAVO are working with Newport North Ministry Area to fund training for ten volunteers to become money/debt coaches to work with people in the local communities. Watch this space!

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

Share your Harvest plans and celebrations with us!

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

Welsh Government's Cultural Recovery Fund Grant

The Welsh government has launched a grant scheme to protect sustainable organizations within the cultural sector in order to ensure the sector survives the Covid-19 crisis and remains vibrant, viable and sustainable in 2021 and beyond.

Grants can either be up to £10,000, or between £10,000- £150,000, although the process to apply for the latter is more complex.

Whilst this is primarily a rescue and recovery package it presents a unique opportunity to deliver transformational change within the sector.

The sector includes historic places of worship, and churches may apply for funding from this fund.

The funding is to cover the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

The grant fund will be open for applications from the week beginning 14th September and closing on the 2nd October.

Further details may be found at

<https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/culture>



The Welsh Charity Awards recognise and celebrate the fantastic contribution charities, community groups, not-for-profits and volunteers make to Wales. Organised by WCVA, the awards took place for the first time in 2019.

With so many groups and individuals doing so much to support people in Wales during this difficult time, WCVA think it's more important than ever to shout loud and proud about the work of voluntary organisations.

Their **#NotTheWelshCharityAwards** campaign will take place throughout October and they'll be sharing personal stories about how voluntary organisations or volunteers have made a big impact over the last year.

Send a video or share your story of a voluntary organisation or volunteer that has had made a difference to you.

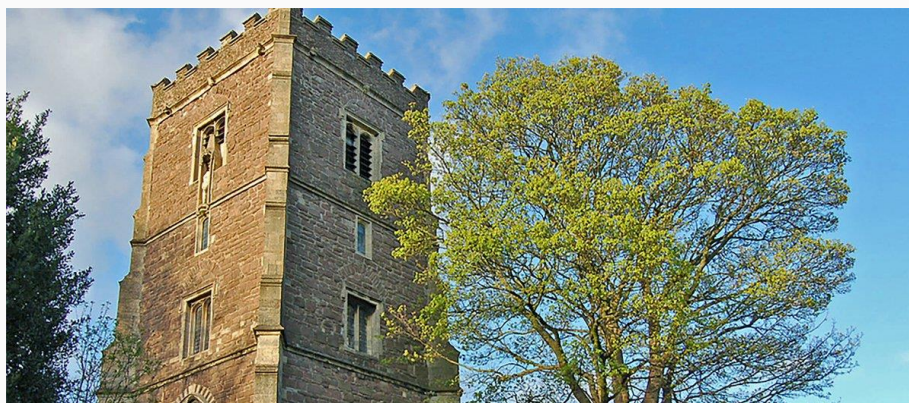
Find out more [here](#).

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/>

Closing Date - 12 noon on Friday 9th October

Opening the Dialogue: Exploring Digital Church 28th September



**JOIN OUR NEXT
ZOOM DISCUSSION**

**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

**MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
6-7PM**

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@churcheinwales.org.uk to book a place or Rachel Nelmes, rachelnelmes@churcheinwales.org.uk for more information.





Digital Ministry: Remembrance Webinar - 7th October, 11am



St Padarn's is pleased to share that we are discussing 'Digital Ministry: Remembrance' with Rev'd Canon Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Life Events for the Church of England on the 7th October at 11am as part of the Digital Ministry Webinar Series.

There are few people who haven't been touched by loss of some kind this year. Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar explores how the church can help people to remember those who have died, particularly around All Souls Day and Remembrance Sunday. This webinar provides practical advice for finding new ways to be there for people, even though our usual patterns of worship may not be possible.

You can register for your place as well as view any previous webinars you may have missed (including handouts) at: <https://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/ministry/ministerial-support-hub/digital-ministry-webinars/>.

Wild Worship

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



'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](#).

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](https://www.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.ylolfaf.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](#).