



# Friday Round Up

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

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## Establishing Ministry Areas

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### Stewardship

Bishop Cherry looks at stewardship in relation to Ministry Areas and Ministry Teams. She is joined by members of the Ministry Team in the Newport North Ministry Area, who share their experiences of working together. By harnessing and utilising the gifts God has given us, the whole church may flourish and be better equipped to share in the work that God has invited us to be part of in the communities of our diocese.



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## News

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### Lead Evangelist Appointed for Centre of Mission



We are thrilled to announce that we have appointed Hannah Seal C.A. as Lead Evangelist of the Gwent Valley Centre of Mission in Monmouth diocese.

The partnership between Church Army and the Diocese of Monmouth is committed to bringing practical and spiritual hope to the isolated communities within the Gwent Valleys by encouraging them in a journey of discipleship as new followers of Christ.

The Venerable Sue Pinnington, Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys, says: “We are delighted to be welcoming Hannah as it marks the beginning of the new joint venture between the Diocese and the Church Army in the Gwent Valleys. We are excited by the possibilities the new Centre of Mission in Abertillery will bring for listening to, and engaging with, local residents. Hannah’s appointment is key as we seek to show God’s love and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to everybody in Abertillery and the surrounding communities.”

Read the full announcement [here](#).



## **None of us are safe until all of us are safe.**

Many of you reading this will have had your first vaccine. Some may even have had their second. This is a cause for great rejoicing, not to mention relief. It has been nothing short of amazing to see the speed at which the vaccines have been rolled out in Wales and across the UK. However, the reality is that richer countries like ours are getting more access to vaccines, while the poorer countries are struggling to get supplies. Some have not even been able to start vaccinating yet.

We in Wales may be starting to feel safer now. But, as travel restrictions ease and international travel becomes possible again, the risks of the virus or a variant of it spreading again are highly likely, especially if the rate of vaccination in some countries remains low. None of us are safe until all our sisters and brothers across the world are safe.

Christian Aid is inviting people to give a donation in thanksgiving for the gift of their vaccine. The money will go directly towards helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap, water, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic. It will also support vaccination programmes in communities by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by working with trusted community figures to challenge misleading information about the virus and vaccination as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.

You can make a 'thank-you' gift at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>



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## Lent Appeal

Our Lent Appeal this year will go towards supporting the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal which was launched at a meeting of the Governing Body in 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Church in Wales coming into existence. The Centenary Appeal aims to raise £100,000 for the work of Housing Justice Cymru and for Christian Aid's work in supporting peace-building in the war-torn country of South Sudan.

Sadly, but perhaps inevitably, the appeal has been severely compromised because of the pandemic and the drop in giving that most charities have suffered as a result. The current total stands at £10,878 and our contribution from the Diocese of Monmouth to this fund should give it a boost in what are very challenging circumstances.

For details of how to donate please contact Libby by calling 07508 801511.



## Healing and Reconciliation Service

The Diocesan Healing Service on March 11<sup>th</sup> was attended by a good number of people from across the diocese. We broke into small groups for the ministry of healing and members of the Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation Group led the prayers for all who wished to be prayed for individually. Bishop Cherry gave the homily which can be found [here](#).

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## Training/Events

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### Webinar: Community Responses To Homelessness

Tuesday March 23rd, 10:00-11:00am

Recent policy changes in Wales have meant we have a golden opportunity to ensure homelessness is always a rare, brief and unrepeated experience.

To achieve this, we must ensure our activities are conducive to *ending* homelessness and are aligned with the progressive Welsh Homelessness Plan.

In this webinar, key figures from the sector will cover the latest policy changes, the Welsh Homelessness Plan, what these changes mean for you as a charity/voluntary group responding to homelessness (including what funding and support is available), and how you can ensure that your efforts are helping to solve and end homelessness in Wales.

Confirmed speakers include: Julie James MS (the Minister for Housing and Local Government), Ruth Marks (CEO of WCVA) and Bonnie Navarra (Director of Housing Justice Cymru).

Register [here](#).

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# ANGLICAN COMMUNION WEBINAR

## COP26, DIVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021  
7.00PM - 8.30PM GMT

### REGISTER NOW:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anglican-communion-cop26-divestment-and-investment-for-climate-justice-tickets-143329023969>

A webinar exploring how churches in the Anglican Communion can act for climate justice ahead of COP26 through divestment and investment.

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Church of Ireland and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia have divested from fossil fuels. The Church in Wales and Scottish Episcopal Church are set to debate divestment at Governing Body meetings in the coming months. There have also been calls for the Church of England to accelerate divestment from fossil fuels, following the motion on divestment passed at General Synod in 2018.

Join this interactive webinar to hear from inspiring leaders across the Anglican Communion, who will share their insights about the steps that Churches need to take on divestment and investment ahead of COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021.

The webinar will provide an excellent opportunity to find out how you can get involved in campaigning for divestment in your local church, diocese and at a national level.



Keynote speaker:  
Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft,  
Bishop of Oxford



Revd Dr Rachel Mash,  
Environmental  
Coordinator of the  
Anglican Church of  
Southern Africa



Revd Jacynthia Murphy,  
Anglican Church in  
Aotearoa, New Zealand  
and Polynesia



James Buchanan,  
Bright Now  
Campaign Manager  
at Operation Noah



Very Revd John  
Conway, Provost of St  
Mary's Episcopal  
Cathedral, Edinburgh



Stephen Trew,  
Member of the Church  
of Ireland General  
Synod



Revd Stuart Elliott,  
Member of Church in  
Wales' Environment  
Group and Ethical  
Investment Group



Webinar chair:  
Shilpita Mathews  
Operation Noah  
Trustee



Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anglican-communion-cop26-divestment-and-investment-for-climate-justice-tickets-143329023969).




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## April Safeguarding Training Dates

Part	Date	Time
Part 1	Thursday 8 April (PTO specific)	14.00pm
	Tuesday 13 April	10.00 am
	Thursday 15 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 16 April	10.00 am
	Tuesday 20 April	18.00 pm
Part 2	Thursday 22 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 23 April (PTO specific)	10.00 am
	Tuesday 27 April	18.00 pm
	Thursday 29 April	14.00 pm
	Friday 30 April	10.00 am

Email [safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk) to book.




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- ❖ REVD BRYONY DAVIS – CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
CHAPLAIN – HMP LEYHILL
- ❖ REVD DELYTH LIDDELL – CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
- ❖ REVD RACHEL LEWIS – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES HOSPITAL

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 7PM • 

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Deepening your discipleship?

**Free virtual taster course to see if Theology for Life is for you:**

**Introductory Session: 24th April 2021 at 2pm**  
**Session One: Tues 27th April 2021 7pm**  
**Session Two: Tues 4th May 2021 7pm**  
**Session Three: Tues 11th May 2021 7pm**

**For more information and to book your place please contact: [enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk)**

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Watch the course trailer [here](#).

Contact [enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@stpadarns.ac.uk) for more information.

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## Help Needed



ORGANIST needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk for Sunday services, where a mix of traditional and modern hymns are sung and the Malcom Archer Mass setting is used.

The role would also involve accompanying the church choir.

For further details please contact Judith Lee (Choir Director) on 01291 675404

or [musicalee@aol.com](mailto:musicalee@aol.com)

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## Resources

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## Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



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

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## The Wisdom's Table Podcast



<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-issac-the-syrian-with-dr-sebastian-brock/>

<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-fr-thomas-keating-with-marie-anne->

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<https://wisdomstable.podbean.com/e/the-treasures-of-christian-mysticism-with-carl-mccolman/>

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During 2020 and even now, households are enjoying time together, in their homes, exploring who Jesus is, journeying together, learning through reading the Bible and connecting.

With this in mind, Mainly Ministries have created an Easter resource for you to use in your church - encouraging families to enjoy time together, around the table, in the lead up to or over the weekend of Easter.

Each activity has been designed to create interaction, conversation and reflection about Easter for households in your church family. They have been pitched for households with children age 5-11 but are likely to be appreciated by all, regardless.

Each prompt is linked to a food item or in one instance, washing hands. This will help make the reflection and interaction a richer experience.

[Find out more at mainlyMinistries.org.uk](https://mainlyministries.org.uk)

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## Our Schools

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## Prayer Spaces and Recovery by Prayer Spaces in Schools

Monday 22nd March at 7:30pm

With schools reopening, the opportunity and the need for prayer spaces is going to increase rapidly. This Prayer Spaces Session, themed around 'Recovery', will include interviews with prayer space practitioners, some new 'wellbeing' prayer activities, and more time to meet and swap ideas with others.

Book your place [here](#).

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## Spiritual Faith Challenge Week 4

