



# Friday Round Up

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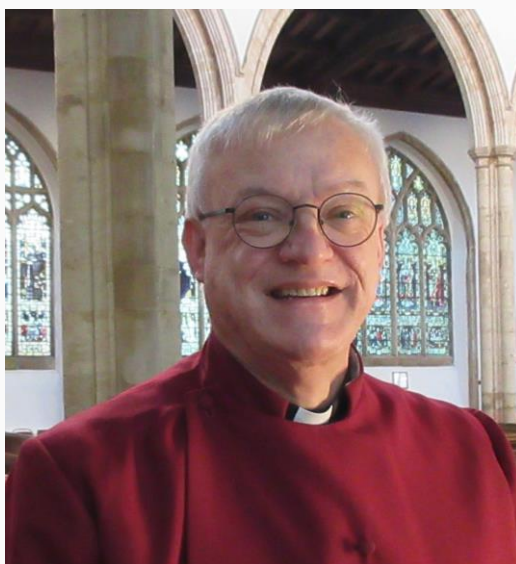
*This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers, and all those on our Friday email list.*

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## News

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### Installation of the Dean



Revd Canon Ian Black will be installed as Dean of Newport Cathedral on Saturday at 3pm. You can watch the service [here](#).

(Please note this is an updated link from the one given last week)

Canon Ian has been Vicar of Peterborough and a Residentiary Canon at Peterborough Cathedral since 2012 and comes with a huge amount of experience and enthusiasm.

When the appointment was announced in January Bishop Cherry said: "I am delighted that Ian will be coming to join us here in Newport. Ian brings a wealth of experience from a wide range of contexts that will enrich the life of the diocese as well as the Cathedral. His current roles in the Church, City and Diocese of Peterborough equip him well for the ministry that awaits him here and I am very much looking forward to working with him."

Canon Ian will lead Newport Cathedral in its mission and ministry and also, become an integral part of the Bishop's staff team.



## Alert Level 2 - A Practical Advice Update 17th May 2021

Wales is now at Alert Level 2 and Welsh Government has set out the next steps of relaxing restrictions. Alert Level 2 does mean that a wider range of activities are permitted but restrictions on how these activities are undertaken remain.

Details of what Alert Level 2 means in Wales can be found at:

- [Alert level 2 | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

In particular, attention is drawn to:

- [Gathering with other people: alert level 2 | GOV.WALES](#)

Places of worship and buildings used for community activities, such as church halls, can now be open. Of relevance to local churches, the following activities are now permitted:

- organised outdoor activities for up to 50 people
- organised indoor activities for up to 30 adults
- opening to visitors but with access carefully planned and controlled to maintain social distancing
- indoor supervised activities for children (NB this does not include activities such as children's birthday parties or wider social gatherings of families and friends beyond the existing arrangements for meeting other people outlined in this guidance)
- wedding receptions and funeral wakes but with a limit of 30 people indoors and 50 outdoors.

NB Organised activities encompass a broad range of activities that can be attended by people of any age but do not include activities such as parties or wider social gatherings of families and friends beyond the arrangements for meeting other people. An organised activity must be organised by a business, public body or a charitable, benevolent, educational or philanthropic institution, a club or political organisation, or the national governing body of a sport or other activity.

All activities must be accompanied by a [risk assessment \(Word\)](#) to decide the best risk mitigation measures for the activity. Social distancing of two metres must be observed at all times for such activities. Welsh Government guidance should be consulted for specific limitations on permitted activities.

Read the full update [here](#).



## **Bishops' Statements**

### **Bench of Bishops welcomes proposed ban of gay conversion therapy**

The Bench of Bishops in the Church in Wales welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech that the UK Government will ban gay conversion therapy.

We believe that human sexuality is a gift of God to be cherished and honoured. It is an intrinsic part of who we are as human beings and an expression of God's glorious diversity in creation.

Anything which seeks to suggest that there is something inherently wrong or sinful in those who are non-heterosexual or which seeks to force people to try and change their sexuality is, we believe, wrong. It is both abusive and traumatising; as those who have experienced such 'therapy' can testify.

We join our voices with The Royal College of Psychiatrists and other healthcare professionals in asserting that the practice of gay conversion therapy inflicts life-long damage on those who are forced to undergo it and has no place in the modern world.

We understand that the Senedd will also consider this matter, and urge the Senedd to bring in robust legislation that will ban conversion therapy in all its forms thereby offering protection to LGBTQI+ people in Wales from this abusive and damaging practice.

## **Violence in Israel**

We view with immense alarm and sorrow the escalation of violence and the deployment of lethal force in Israel and Palestine. We deplore how inter-community tension has been fuelled by the rise of extremist ideologies on both sides; and we recognise that events in this most sensitive and sacred part of the world are exacerbated by expressions of prejudice and extreme nationalism elsewhere.

Like the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the Abraham Initiatives, we are grateful that there are efforts to mediate and broker a ceasefire, which may today be bearing fruit. We call on all those in public life in Israel and Palestine to turn away from violence and re-commit themselves to peaceful dialogue. We pray for all those who have suffered under the attacks in recent days; and in the words of Psalm 122 we especially 'pray for the peace of Jerusalem ... may there be peace within your walls.'

## **Bishops' statement on the new Welsh Cabinet**

With the appointment of the new Welsh Cabinet, we are pleased to see the creation of two new posts at Cabinet level.

We particularly welcome the appointment of Jane Hutt to the new post of Minister for Social Justice, and Julie James as Minister for Climate Change. We wish them every blessing in their work to make Wales a country where all our communities thrive, and where all possible steps are taken to tackle the Climate Emergency.

The Right Reverend Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph

The Right Reverend Andy John, Bishop of Bangor

The Right Reverend June Osborne, Bishop of Llandaff

The Right Reverend Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth

The Right Reverend Joanna Penberthy, Bishop of St Davids

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## Church joins global divestment announcement



The Church in Wales is among 36 faith groups from 11 countries announcing their divestment from fossil fuels today (May 17).

It is joining institutions in Brazil, Argentina, India, the Philippines, Uganda, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Ireland, the UK and the United States in showing a commitment to divest from fossil fuels and invest in clean alternatives in response to the growing climate crisis.

The Church in Wales, with more than £700m of assets under management, voted to divest from fossil fuels at its Governing Body meeting in April. Also included in today's global divestment announcement is the Diocese of Bristol and the Diocese of Oxford, the first Church of England dioceses to announce their divestment from fossil fuels, as well as the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Catholic Diocese of Hallam and the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

The announcement takes place as the UK prepares to host the G7 Summit in June and the UN climate summit (COP26) in Glasgow in November. As governments around the world continue to invest significant sums in economic recovery packages, the faith groups say it is vital that these investments support a just and green recovery from Covid-19. According to the UN, only 18% of the Covid-19 recovery spending announced by the world's 50 biggest economies in 2020 can be considered green.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

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## Ember List

### Ordinations to be held at Newport Cathedral on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021, at 10.30am

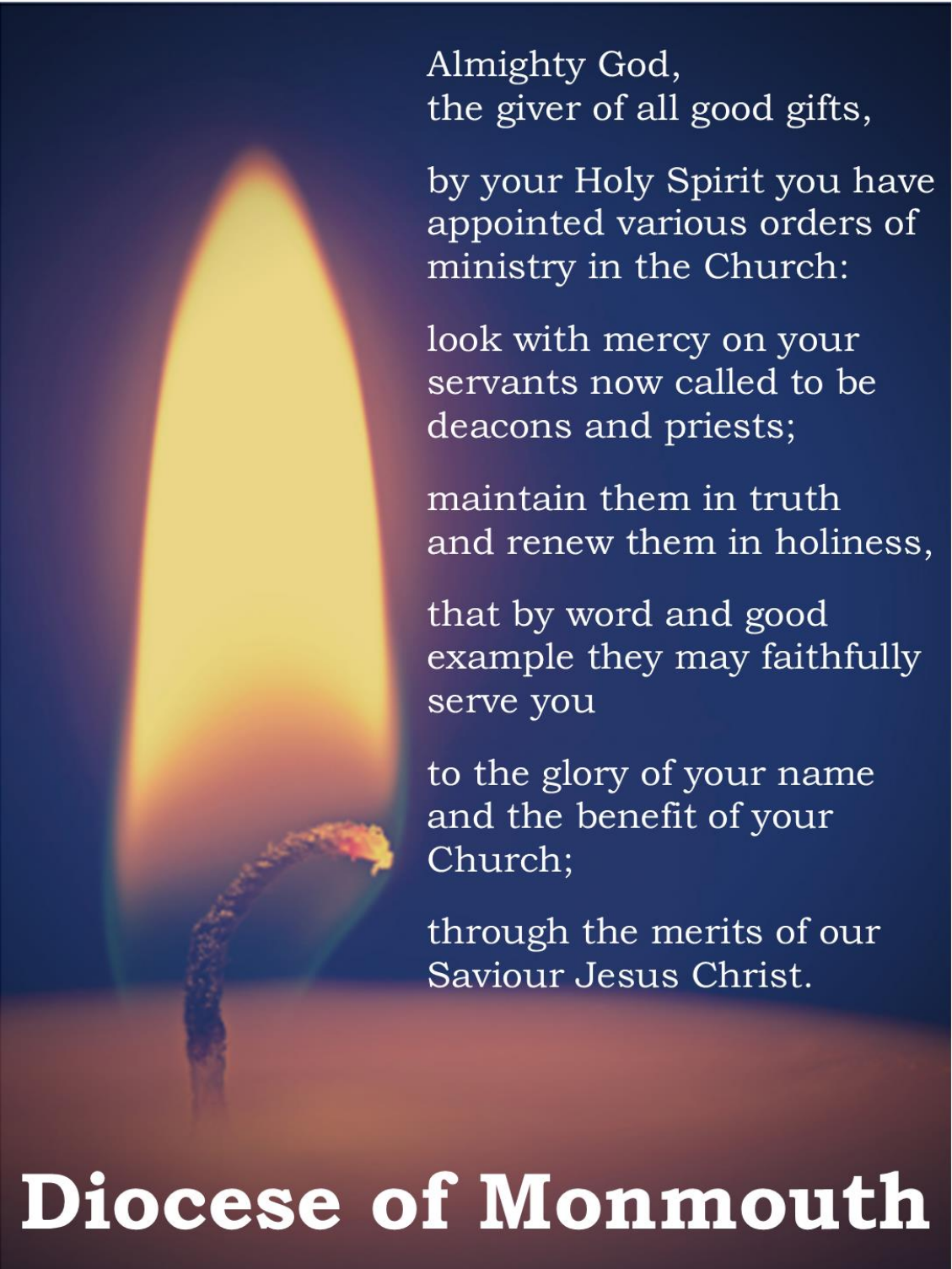
#### To be ordained Deacon

- **Mandy East** to serve in Magor Ministry Area with the Revd Canon Jeremy Harris
- **Andrew Nelmes** to serve in the Upper Islwyn Ministry Area with Revd Canon Mark Owen
- **Karin Pardoe** to serve in the Cwmbran Ministry Area with Revd Frieda Evans and Revd Nick Perry

#### To be ordained Priest

- **The Revd Kay Denly** to continue to serve in the Wentwood Ministry Area with the Revd Canon Jeremy Harris
- **The Revd Mary Moore** to continue to serve in the Abergavenny Ministry Area with the Revd Gaynor Burrett
- **The Revd Liz Houghton** to continue to serve in the Newport North Ministry Area with the Revd Rebecca Stevens

# Diocese of Monmouth



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 now called to be  
deacons and priests;  
maintain them in truth  
and renew them in holiness,  
that by word and good  
example they may faithfully  
serve you  
to the glory of your name  
and the benefit of your  
Church;  
through the merits of our  
Saviour Jesus Christ.

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## Treasurers Meeting - last few days to book

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 26<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm-8.30pm, [click here to book](#). Bookings will close on Monday.

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

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## Annual Returns Reminder - 31st May deadline

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 one week left 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](mailto: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)

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## Lent Appeal - final week to donate

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

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

## Training/Events

### Calling Conversations



God is Calling

– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –

# CALLING CONVERSATIONS PIONEERS

**OUR PANEL**

- ❖ DAVID HARRIGAN, PIONEER CURATE
- ❖ JO HOWIE, LAY PIONEER MISSIONER
- ❖ DEBBIE PECK, PIONEER YOUTH WORKER,  
DIOCESE OF BANGOR
- ❖ JON PRICE, PIONEER, DIOCESE OF BANGOR
- ❖ SUSIE TEMPELTON, ASSISTANT PIONEER CURATE  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WOODLEY

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM •



Our second session in the Calling Conversations series will focus on pioneer ministry. This panel will be streamed via Facebook LIVE on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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/AErerqqAq6P28i6r9>

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/](https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/prayer_and_spirituality/vocations/calling-conversations/)

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## Diocesan Healing Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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>

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## Faithful Stewards in a Changing Church

The third video of the series exploring essays 7 and 8 is now available.

It features Revd Dominic McClean, Director of Discipleship and Vocations of the Diocese of Bangor, Revd Dr Sarah Rowland Jones and Revd Canon Dr Mark Clavier.



The online discussion to follow this video takes place on Monday at 7pm and will be chaired by Revd Dominic.

You can register for the session [here](#).

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## BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021 Award

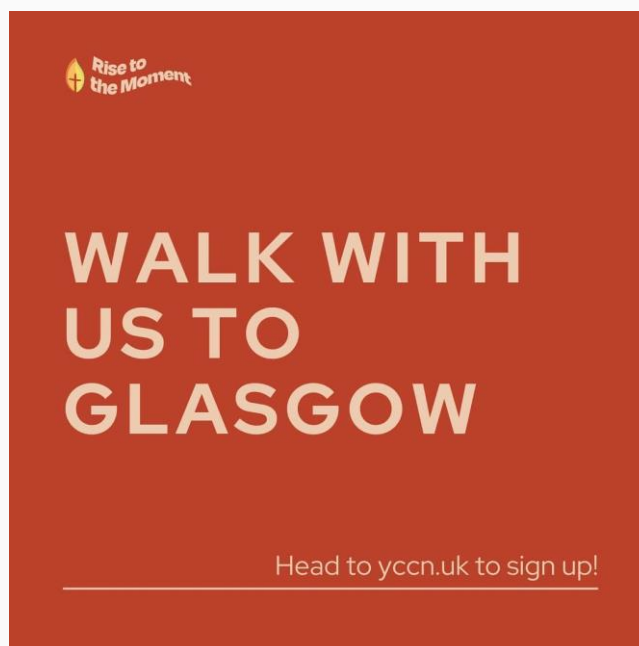


For the second year running Songs of Praise and Radio 2 are joining together to celebrate the contribution made by young people to choirs and music groups across the UK and find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021.

Applications are open until the 14th of June, find out more [here](#).

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# Young Christian Climate Network - Relay to COP26



This November, world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for important climate negotiations. YCCN believe it's time to make decisions which protect people not bank balances, to decide that no country will go into debt tackling climate change. It's a decade-defining opportunity to make a stand.

They are organising a relay from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June to COP26 in Glasgow. The route passes through our Diocese from the 8th - 11th of July stopping in Newport, Magor and Chepstow and you can take part.

Would you like to sign up to walk part of the route?

Are you more experienced and could sign up to be a Lead Walker?

Could you provide on-call support for walkers on the day?

You can find out more about the roles and sign up [here](#).

Training and support will be provided by YCCN.

Or maybe you'd like to be involved in the local events happening in the Diocese, look out for more information coming soon about these or contact Libby ([libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk))

Climate change is one of the most significant obstacles of our time. We hope you will join us in stepping forward to help safeguard God's gift of creation. Please encourage your friends and family to take part too. Every voice matters.

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# Services and Resources

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

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## 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](#).





**Would you like to make your church more accessible to people with sight loss?**

**Is your church interested in receiving a free awareness-raising session?**

Sight Cymru can tailor the training to meet the needs of your church, but the training session may cover aspects such as:

- Identifying sight loss
- Impact of sight loss
- Common sight conditions
- Medical and social model
- Barriers to accessibility for people with sight loss
- Breaking down the barriers
- Covid-19 and sight loss
- Helping your church to become accessible for people with sight loss

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Esther Weller, Awareness Officer, on 07592383130 or [esther.weller@sightcymru.org.uk](mailto:esther.weller@sightcymru.org.uk)

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## Our Schools

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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](#).

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## Refugee Week - 14th - 21st June

Our Education Team have put together some resources for Refugee Week, you can find them [here](#).

There will be more resources added to this page in the next few weeks, including some specifically for Sunday Schools.