



Friday Round Up

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

Establishing Ministry Areas



Ministry Area Resources: How Magor Ministry Area Works

The Rectorial Benefice of Magor has been functioning as a Ministry Area for the past 10 years. This video features many people, with different roles and responsibilities from across the area, discussing their experiences and the benefits of working so closely together.



Q2 Rebate

At their meeting yesterday, the Diocesan Board of Finance agreed to offer a 40% rebate for Quarter 2 of 2021. This means that the Board will have offered a 40% rebate for three quarters of 2020 and two quarters of 2021. Although we are all hoping and praying that we will finally see the light in the Covid situation soon, the DBF understands the financial pressures that continue to face our parishes and Ministry Areas at present. It was therefore felt by the Board that this level of support would be required until the summer. It is sincerely hoped that, by then we will all be in a much better position to move forward, and start to adjust to the 'new normal'.

It has only been possible to offer this level of support for such an extended period of time, partly by drawing on the Board's own reserves, but largely thanks to the generous support that we have received from the Representative Body of Church in Wales. We sincerely thank their trustees for this financial support that we have, in turn, been able to pass on to our parishes. This clearly demonstrates how the whole Church continues to work together and support each other through these most difficult times.

News

New Appointment for Abergavenny and Govilon



A Yorkshire man who considers himself an 'honorary Welshman' has been appointed as the next Vicar of Abergavenny and Ministry Area Leader for Abergavenny and Govilon.

Fr John Connell is already a familiar face around the diocese having lived for almost 20 years in Wales, serving as a curate in Caldicot, then as vicar of Llantilio Pertholey with Bettws Chapel and Llanddewi Skirrid and ministering in St Augustine's, Rumney for the last 6 years.

The Right Reverend Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth says: "After interviewing four people for this significant post, it was clear that Fr John is the right person to take forward the mission and ministry of the church communities in Abergavenny and Govilon."

Read the full announcement [here](#).



Well done to Rev Jane Avery who has raised a total of £11110 for Alzheimer's Research UK by dying her hair red.

She says, "I am amazed and delighted at this result from such a simple idea and very, very grateful to all those who have supported me - family, friends, church members and some I don't know. It all goes towards seeking a way to eradicate this distressing and unpredictable condition."

Training/Events



**St Padarn's
Easter Webinar Series
Resourcing Youth, Children & Families' Ministry
Tuesday March 2nd
14:00-15:15**

The third and final webinar in this series will be held on March 2nd and will focus on sharing ideas and resources to help churches plan their Holy Week ministry to youth, children, and families.

The webinar will feature the following contributors:

- Helen Franklin Scripture Union
- Jane Leadbetter BRF / Messy Church
- Dai Woolridge Bible Society
- Ali Jensen St Denys Lisvane
- Jessica Ann Jenner Together at Home
- Lesley Rendle Bro Seiriol / Grŵp Elen

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2YDLRgy>


Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation: March 11th at 1.30pm

Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith, not least in this season of Lent as we reflect on the salvation and healing wrought for us through the cross. 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 March 11th. 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.


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**DIOCESAN SERVICE FOR
HEALING, WHOLENESS
AND RECONCILIATION**

LED BY REVD BEVERLEY SMITH



THURSDAY 11TH MARCH
AT 1.30PM

• HELD VIA ZOOM • REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE • 

[Click here to register.](https://bit.ly/2YDLRgy)



Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start? Or would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent? Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the ***Week of Guided Prayer*** online is for you.

Leading into Holy Week this ***Week of Guided Prayer*** is individually tailored to your experience. It is suitable for everybody - beginners in prayer, those whose want to renew their prayer-life and those who are experienced in prayer. You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer and meditation, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

The ***Week of Guided Prayer*** starts with an introductory meeting on Zoom for all the participants and guides. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The retreat ends with a closing session online.

Register your place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137910888179>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so that we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev Jane Butler: jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com (01495 231241).



God is Calling

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CALLING CONVERSATIONS CHAPLAINCY

OUR PANEL

- ❖ REVD ANDREW WEBSTER – ST DAVID'S HOSPICE
- ❖ REVD DELYTH LIDDELL – CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
- ❖ REVD BRYONY DAVIS – CHURCH OF ENGLAND
CHAPLAIN – HMP LEYHILL
- ❖ REVD RACHEL LEWIS – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES HOSPITAL

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 27TH APRIL AT 7PM •



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

Online via Zoom

These sessions are for all who hold an ecclesiastical office, or who hold licence/PTO/commission from the Diocesan Bishop (whether lay or ordained), for those who run Sunday School or Youth clubs, Organists/Directors of Music for whom an enhanced DBS is required.

The training is presented in two parts, Part 1 & Part 2, to complete the course both parts must be attended. The course lasts for approximately 2-2.5 hours. There is no cost to attend the course.

PART 1

Monday 8th March	10:00
Wednesday 10th March	10:00
Thursday 11th March	14:00
Monday 15th March	14:00
Wednesday 17th March	10:00

PART 2

Friday 19th March	14:00
Monday 22nd March	14:00
Wednesday 24th March	10:00
Monday 29th March	14:00
Wednesday 31st March	10:00

To book a place, please contact **Helen** via email on safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.



Email safeguardingtraining@stpadarns.ac.uk to book.

The Revd Professor John Barton - Lecture

The Revd Professor John Barton was the Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford between 1991-2014 and is a Fellow of the British Academy. He published the book “A History of the Bible: The Book and Its Faiths” last year and this was recently adapted for BBC Radio 4’s Book of the Week. He is will be presenting a lecture on 9th March at the Severn Theological Forum entitled: ***Using the Bible Constructively***. Not one to be missed see the flyer for details.



Help Needed

Do you recognise this badge?

We've been contacted asking for assistance in identifying the badge pictured below which features the diocesan shield.

It's about 14mm x 30mm, gilt metal and enamel. The fitting and manufacture suggest pre-1950s.

If you know anything please let us know!



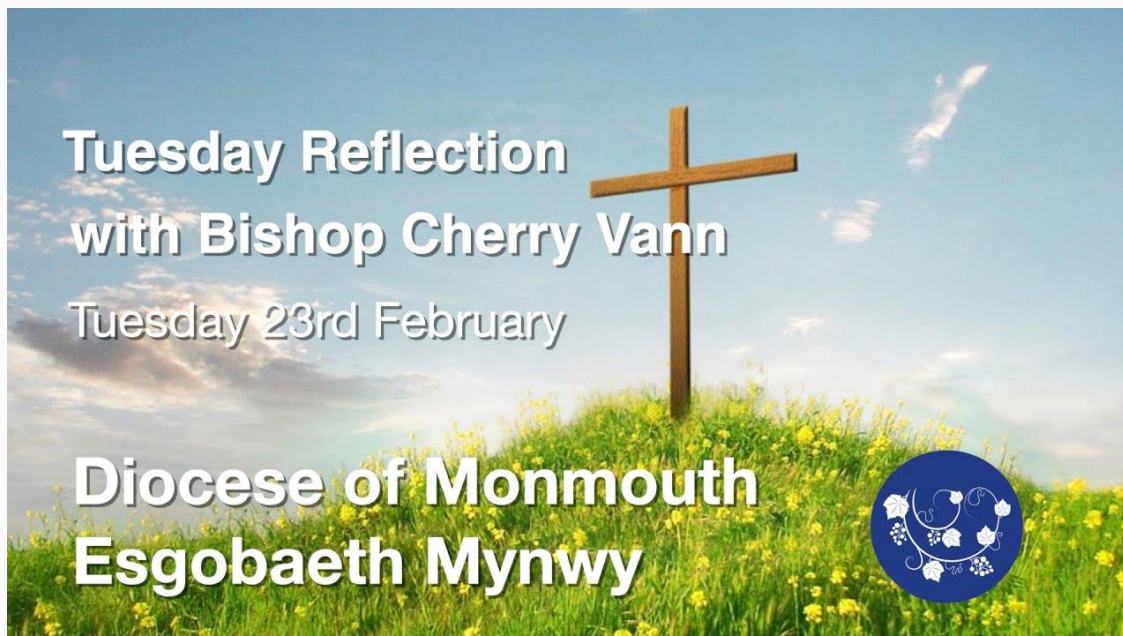
My Favourite Hymn

Calling all hymn lovers! We may not be allowed to sing in church as yet but we all have our favourite hymns – whether it's belting out classics such as Calon Lân or something more modern like Shine Jesus Shine. BBC Radio Wales is looking for people to take part in its weekly Celebration worship programme to talk about their favourite hymn – why they like it and what it means to them.

If you would like to take part, please contact Georgie.Sullivan@bbc.co.uk or call 07384456219

Resources

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:



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



LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE

Whether you are a lay leader, a licensed minister or a member of clergy, we'd love to invite you to join in with our plans for this year's Diocesan Lent Course 'Dying to Live'.

The course is now available on our [Diocesan website](#) or you can download a copy below.

Download: [LENT 2021: DYING TO LIVE](#)

If you are planning to lead a small group, please complete our group registration form: <https://forms.gle/979J2dw5GSYi63Lk7>

Printed copies can be requested from the Diocesan Office.

Please email admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk to request one.

Our Schools



Lent 2021 Mini Missions

We're also excited to introduce our Lent Mini Missions Project. While this set of challenges was designed with our schools in mind, we'd like to encourage all our children and families to participate.

On the project [resource page](#), you will find a PowerPoint with a voice over to explain the project. This PowerPoint will be most useful to parents and group leaders and is not intended as a resource for the children. However, there will be an introduction video from Reverend

Becca Stevens posted on the first Monday of half-term. We will also be uploading weekly worship videos throughout Lent.

As a note to our churches, one of the daily challenges includes finding your local church on a map and searching for details of upcoming services; such as Easter. If you are planning a service, please do send details to your local church school(s) so that they can help pass them on to students and families.

Find the resources [here](#).

Spiritual Faith Challenge Week 2



For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click [here](#).

You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates [here](#).
