



Friday Round Up

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



Dear Friends,

The Saturday workshop last weekend that was planned to be held at St Teilo's Secondary School went ahead on Zoom instead. It was an engaging morning with lots of energy and ideas being shared.

The purpose of the morning was to clarify what our Ministry Areas are going to be so that each church congregation knows where it fits and who they are working alongside. Nearly 50 people took part in the day and discussed in Archdeaconry groups how Ministry Areas are going to work best in the three quite different contexts of our diocese.

The fruits of those discussions will be taken forward in the next few weeks by the Bishop's Staff Team and firmed up in line with what financial resources we have available. One thing that has become very clear over the past 10 years or so is that we have to step outside the familiar and find new ways of being church; if only to engage with the 99.5% of the population that we are not yet reaching. This will require us to do things differently so that others may be drawn into knowing for themselves the Good News of God's love for each and every person.

The text of my introductory address can be found [here](#).

I am very grateful to all who attended and contributed to that workshop, not least the diocesan staff who worked so hard to ensure that it was properly resourced and that all went smoothly.

My Tuesday reflections on Facebook focused on the season of Creationtide throughout September. This month I will be reflecting on 'Signs of the Kingdom' and exploring two other marks of the Church's mission: responding to human need by loving service and working to transform the unjust structures of our society. They are broadcast live on Tuesdays at 5pm and then available via the diocesan website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bishop Cherry", with a horizontal line underneath.

Live-streamed Services & Reflections:


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

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


Ordination of Deacons and Priests

Find out more about this year's ordinations [here](#).

And you can watch the service [here](#).



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Ordinations

Saturday 3rd October 2020

To be ordained Deacon:

- ❖ Kay Denly
- ❖ Mary Moore

To be ordained Priest:

- ❖ The Revd Lea Ryder
- ❖ The Revd Lisa Taylor
- ❖ The Revd Bronwen Summers
- ❖ The Revd Matt Sellers
- ❖ The Revd John Thorne
- ❖ The Revd Heulwen Rees

Licensing of Paul Stafford as LLM Reader

Paul Stafford will be licensed as a LLM Reader on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm, you can watch the service [here](#).

And download the Order of Service [here](#).



Church in Wales Guidance

Guidance from the Church in Wales, including information about Test, Trace and Protect can be found [here](#).



9am - Saturday 17th October - Via Zoom

This year's Diocesan Conference will be a bit different but you can still take part.

Make sure you've registered [here](#) to get the link to join.

Please contact monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk if you have any questions.

Re-opening Buildings Grant

There is still money available through our re-opening grant scheme. You could be awarded up to £100 towards the cost of making your church buildings safe to re-open.

Please contact Libby for more information

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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.

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>

Annual Returns

The final deadline for Annual Returns is now the 30th of November.

This includes,

Membership Return

Finance Return

Churchwardens Fabric Report

A copy of your independently examined/audited 2019 Accounts

Diocesan Database Return

Although the official deadline has been delayed we would appreciate having the data as soon as possible.

Please do not take any unnecessary health risks when completing the returns.

Please contact Libby if you have any questions or require any assistance.

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Thank-you to all the churches who have already completed their returns.

#GoodNewsWorthSharing



We know there's fantastic work being done by foodbanks and churches across the Diocese, please send us your photos for our Harvest celebration.

We 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



Homeless Sunday - 11th October

You can find resources for Homeless Sunday from Housing Justice, including prayers and scripture passages at

<https://housingjustice.org.uk/homeless-sunday-2020>

And a short film about their work in Wales [here](#).

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

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/>.



- **In What Do We Trust? Autumn Lecture Series:** Monday 5 October, 19:00, lecturer: Rowan Williams, [register here](#).
- **'Living God's Future Now' - HeartEdge monthly dialogue:** Thursday 8 October, 18:00, [book here](#)
- **Living Well with Grief:** Friday 9 October, 16:30-18:00, [book here](#).
- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 11 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **In What Do We Trust? Autumn Lecture Series:** Monday 12 October, 19:00, lecturer: Neal McGregor, [register here](#).
- **Being Interrupted: Reimagining the Church's Mission from the Outside, In –** Friday 16 October, 14:00-15.30, [book here](#).
- **Let's Talk about Death: Practical Steps for Churches:** Friday 16 October, 16:30-18:00, [book here](#).

- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 18 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Death and Money: Thinking practically about Legacies in a Pandemic:** Friday 23 October, 16:30, [book here](#).
- **Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story:** Sunday 25 October, 14:00, [book here](#).
- **Learning a Missional Practice: Dwelling in the Word:** Wednesday 28th October, 14:00-15:30, [book here](#).

Wild Worship

Due to current restrictions the Wild Worship on the 10th of October has been postponed, a new date will be arranged as soon as possible.

Saying Goodbye Service - Llandaff Cathedral

Please note this service planned for Saturday the 3rd of October has unfortunately been cancelled.

Children, Families & Young Peoples Resources



Cyncoed Ministry Area have Sunday School activities available [here](#).



St Teilo's 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](#).
