



Friday Round Up

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

For Your Prayers

Tribute to Archdeacon Sue Pinnington



The Bishop of Monmouth has paid tribute to the Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys who died suddenly on the 24th of July.

The Venerable Sue Pinnington MBE died peacefully at her home. She was 55.

Bishop Cherry Vann described her death as a “great loss” and a “huge shock”.

She said, “We have lost a pillar of our church family and community. Archdeacon Sue had a real passion for the mission of the church. She was full of energy and was hugely popular, both with those she served and with her fellow clergy. She was an excellent and supportive colleague and will be greatly missed. Her death is a huge shock to us all and a great loss. We commend her to God and our sympathy and prayers go out to her family and loved ones.”

Sue Pinnington had served as Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys since 2018. She was also the Diocesan Director of Mission. She was ordained as a Priest in 1998, having trained at Trevelyan College, Durham, and St Stephen’s House Oxford. She served her curacy in Oakham, Peterborough Diocese, and was then appointed Vicar in Cottingley, in Bradford Diocese and, from 2004, an honorary Canon at Bradford Cathedral. In 2008, she was appointed Rector in Houghton Le Spring in Durham where she served for the next 10 years. In 2010 Sue was awarded an MBE for services to the community, pioneering a flagship project to regenerate the centre of Cottingley.

Bishop Cherry pays tribute to Archdeacon Sue and reflects on the huge impact she had on all those who knew her in the video below.



Read the video transcript [here](#).

Please direct any queries to the Bishop’s Office at: monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk

Spaces at Newport Cathedral are limited for the funeral and invitations have already gone out to all those who can attend in-person. However, the service will be livestreamed on the 9th of August at 11am [here](#).



Update: 6 August 2021

Coronavirus Statement from the Bench of Bishops 7th August 2021

Welsh Government has today announced a move to Alert Level Zero for Coronavirus-Covid 19.

- See [Alert level 0: summary | GOV.WALES](#)

This broadly means the lifting of most legal restrictions on activities. This is welcome news, but we must also urge some caution. Covid-19 has not been eradicated and it is a disease that is likely to be with us for some time. Whilst over 80% of the adult Welsh population has been vaccinated, there remain people who cannot be vaccinated for health reasons and people who have chosen not to be vaccinated. Furthermore, even with vaccination some people can still become ill or even die from the virus. We believe we should still take great care in how we open our churches and halls in the weeks ahead.

Even at Alert Level Zero, there three key legal requirements that must be observed:

1. Organisations **must** undertake a written coronavirus risk assessment of their premises and activities and take reasonable measures to minimise exposure to, and the spread of, coronavirus based on that risk assessment.
2. Everyone must still self-isolate for 10 days if they test positive for COVID-19. If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive and you are not fully vaccinated you must also self-isolate for 10 days as instructed by the Test Trace Protect system.
3. Adults and children over 12 must (with limited exceptions) wear face-coverings in indoor public places (including churches and halls), with the exception of hospitality settings such as restaurants, pubs, cafes or nightclubs.

Churches and halls that have already opened have done so with a risk assessment approved by their Archdeacon or other nominated person. These risk assessments were backed up by clear legislative requirements and government guidance. Under Alert level Zero, these risk assessments and the associated mitigation measures are much more a judgment for each PCC/MAC.

General guidance has been provided by Welsh Government at:

[Alert level 0: guidance for employers, businesses and organisations \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

You should read this guidance as it sets out clearly the main ways in which Coronavirus is spread and some key control measures you should consider.

The Representative Body will shortly publish updated advice, specific to the Church, on how to develop risk assessments in this new environment. Welsh Government has also provided a generic risk assessment at:

- [Public premises and workplace COVID-19 risk assessment | GOV.WALES](#)

In general terms, we recommend that churches and church halls should continue with their current risk assessment arrangements as they will provide a secure basis for restricting the transmission of Covid-19. However, risk assessments might be reviewed taking into account the following:

- Social distancing: Whilst the requirement for social distancing is no longer a legal requirement, it remains a very useful measure to limit transmission. It will certainly be appropriate where people have not had two vaccinations.
- Ventilation: spaces with good ventilation are safer spaces. If a space cannot be ventilated with fresh air, then social distancing will be even more important.
- The wearing of face coverings is a legal requirement for public buildings and this includes churches. The wearing of face coverings must be maintained during congregational singing. Raised voices, including singing remains identified as a particular risk factor, so this activity needs to be managed carefully.
- Hand washing and sanitizing should continue.
- The cleaning of surfaces and premises remains important.
- Outdoor activity is to be encouraged because it presents lower risks.
- There are clearly much lower risks from fully vaccinated persons mixing than when unvaccinated people are mixing.
- Track and Trace – continuing to record who is present in a building enables effective tracing if there is a positive contact. Existing Track and Trace arrangements should continue and the relevant forms remain available on the website.
- On-line services/live streaming are a means of people interacting with our services safely – these should continue, where possible, to help those who remain vulnerable or nervous.
- It is important to remind people that Covid-19 has not been eradicated and people should still exercise caution in their behaviour. Standard signage is available on the website.

Read the update on the website [here](#).

Archdeacon Contact Details

Archdeacon Ian Rees will be overseeing all three archdeaconries - Newport, Monmouth and the Gwent Valleys for the next couple of months. During this challenging time, the Diocesan Office will be supporting Archdeacon Ian by helping manage emails and enquiries on certain matters.

Please direct any enquiries relating to Covid risk assessments and the CinW Covid guidance to Jonathan Perons (JonathanPerons@churchinwales.org.uk or 07950 644023)

For enquires about Ministry Areas and support and guidance for Transition Teams please contact Libby Morgan Owen (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk or 07508 801511)

For all other enquires, please contact Archdeacon Ian (archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk or 07983 684151 / 01291 671183)

Good News Worth Sharing

Prayer Walks

Members of the new Newport North West Ministry Area have been taking part in prayer walks this week from all of the churches in their new Ministry Area. What a great idea and it looks like they've had a lovely time!





Do you have any good news to share?

Please send it to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk or tag us on social media!

Vacancies



Cathedral Administrator (30 hours per week)

Applications are invited for the Cathedral Administrator. This is an important post and a key position in the functioning of the Cathedral. The focus of the role is financial management and events coordination in addition to the administrative duties.

Salary package: £27,000 (pro rata) plus 10% to the approved pension scheme.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales with excellent road and rail links.

For further details and application form: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 27th August 2021.

Application is by submitting the completed application form which includes a confidential declaration – a CV substitute is not sufficient. In addition please write a letter of application stating how you meet the requirements of the post.

Completed applications by email to deanofnewport@churchinwales.org.uk by 12noon on 27th August 2021.

Interviews will be on Friday 17th September 2021.



Verger and Sacristan (full-time)

Applications are invited for the Cathedral Verger and Sacristan. This is a key position in the functioning of the Cathedral. The verger holds the space and is an ambassador to all who come.

Salary package: £23,000 plus 10% to the approved pension scheme.

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Support Worker

Salary: £19,237 P/A

Eden Gate is a Newport based homeless charity reaching out to people who are experiencing homelessness in the city and surrounding areas. The charity was formed in November 2013 and has seen steady development and extension of our services since this time. Our work includes various forms of outreach and engagement including emergency accommodation and drop-in services for those in need. Eden Gate is a charity with a Christian ethos and as such our Faith motivates us to do what we do.

Following the charities' Christian ethos, the purpose of the Support Worker role is to provide a flexible person-centred service, with a view to rapidly addressing a person's housing need and where possible, pointing service users towards other complementary interventions, treating every encounter as an opportunity. This will require positive risk-taking engagement following the Assertive Outreach Principles for Wales.

Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 20th August 2021. It is intended that interviews for this vacancy will take place week commencing 23rd August 2021

Find out more [here](#).

View the application form [here](#).

Training and Events

In Spiritu Chamber Choir Evensong

On Saturday, 14th August, at 18:00, the In Spiritu Chamber Choir will join us at St. John's as our special guests to help lead Evensong.

Full Choral Evensong, although rarer now in parish churches than in days past, is rapidly regaining ground as one of the fastest-growing service styles in the Anglican Church, Thanks to our Cathedrals.

Join us on the 14th to help us "worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness" in this Richest of our Anglican traditions.

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Beechwood
MINISTRY AREA

Email father.william@bma.church for more details.

Calling Conversations

Watch the fourth session in our Calling Conversations series all about Licensed Lay Ministry here



The next session is about Vocations in the Workplace and is on the 28th of September.

– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –


God is Calling

CALLING CONVERSATIONS
VOCATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE

OUR PANEL

- ❖ DARREN MILLAR MS – MEMBER OF THE WELSH PARLIAMENT FOR CLWYD WEST
- ❖ IAN LOYND – HEADTEACHER OF ST TEILO'S CHURCH IN WALES HIGH SCHOOL
- ❖ PENNY HEARD – OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHVELD ANGLICAN BOARD OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 28TH SEPT AT 7PM •



Services and Resources

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



Helpu eraill i gymryd rhan ac ymgysylltu
Helping others participate and engage

HOPE (Helping others participate and engage) - Age Cymru's Independent Advocacy service.

HOPE has been helping others participate and engage in their communities since the start of the Covid19 pandemic and has been providing a valuable service to people over 50 and their carers throughout Wales to resolve many issues or concerns. We have supported people to have their voices heard to their housing associations to move forward urgent repairs, we have supported people deal with matters concerning utility companies, along with signposting people to social clubs in order to help older people overcome social isolation. HOPE has also been helping people have their wishes and feelings met, whilst empowering others.

For more information about the service please visit [Age Cymru | HOPE \(ageuk.org.uk\)](http://AgeCymru.org.uk)
Or contact Carl Pugh, 07944 995603, carl.pugh@agecymru.org.uk

The Wisdom Table Podcast - New Episode



Listen to the new episode on St Mary of Egypt [here](#).
