



Midweek Mailing

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

News



Chrism Mass - 12th April - last few days to book!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

'I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.'

Our Chrism Mass this year will take place, once again, on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 12th April, at Newport Cathedral, at 11am. It is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord's Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

I warmly encourage all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew our vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus's self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

It would be very helpful if you would contact my PA, Vicki, at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk and confirm

- that you will be attending
- whether you will be robing (ie and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)
- whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so
- whether you have any dietary requirements.

Please get in touch with this information by 4th April at the latest so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

With my prayers and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Chany', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



Social Responsibility Fund

As a diocese we are currently working on developing a vision for our future.

One of the key themes of this vision is the need to be more involved in tackling social injustice - supporting and growing our churches' initiatives to be more outwardly socially responsible.

The horrific scenes in Ukraine have prompted us to expediate our plans in this area and we are now launching a new fund to support these initiatives earlier than expected. We are asking for donations from across the dioceses to grow this fund.

Bishop Cherry, explains: "We hope that people will contribute to this fund as it will help our churches support those most in need, when they need it most."

"Initially, the funds will be used to help the thousands of refugees from Ukraine who are arriving in Wales seeking sanctuary from the horrific violence and devastation being wreaked on that country. However, it will also be available to support the work being done by our churches in welcoming refugees from all over the world, as well as developing projects which tackle the causes of Injustice which lead to huge discrepancies in life expectancy, health, education and Income throughout our diocese."

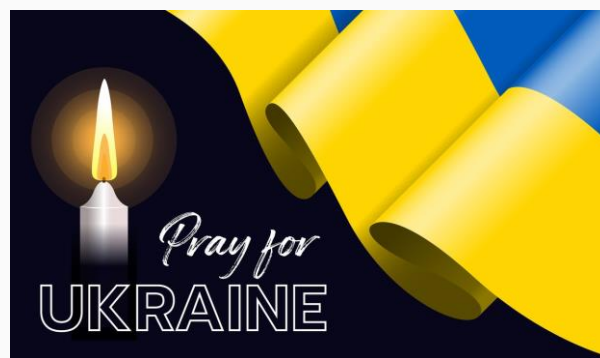
It is estimated that as many as 3,000 people, mainly women and children, could be arriving in the next few days and weeks in the areas that make up the Diocese of Monmouth. Congregations and church members will be keen to do all we can to support and help them as they seek to settle amongst us.

Bishop Cherry, says: "Our thought is to have our own fund so that we could help local churches better support refugees in their community and bring those who are quite isolated together."

“This will be available to resource our support work locally in terms of practical and pastoral care as well as funding other things such as translation services so that we can offer emotional and spiritual support where that is needed. “

“Please be as generous as you can. Ongoing support for the refugees who come here is going to be needed for many months and most likely years, and their needs are only going to increase as time goes by. Whatever you give will be used wisely and well. Thank you.”

Details of how to donate to the fund and also how to apply for funding will be available shortly. Please think of this fund when you are fundraising over Lent.



Day of prayer for Ukraine

This Sunday (April 3), churches and Christians from across the UK and Ireland are being invited to come together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict, and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

The event is being co-ordinated by the charity, Christian Aid.

Mari McNeill, head of Christian Aid Wales says, "We have all watched the unfolding conflict in Ukraine and seen the heart-breaking stories of people fleeing violence, not knowing when they'll see their loved ones again. More than two million people have fled Ukraine. Many more have been forced from their homes to seek shelter. Lives have been lost and families torn apart. Homes have been destroyed and many roads are blocked. No one is safe.

"Churches in Ukraine, in neighbouring countries and here in Wales alongside many others in the community have responded with generosity and hospitality to support and welcome refugees.

"We all share a feeling of horror and powerlessness but **every prayer, every action brings hope to the people of Ukraine**. We are sharing a prayer that we would invite you to use on 3rd April during your worship for that Sunday and if possible, perhaps in a more public event with other churches and your wider community.

"There will be an event at near the Ukrainian and Russian embassies in London in the afternoon. There will also be one or two events in Wales, with details to follow this week. Together as Christians in these islands and with our sisters and brothers in the churches of Ukraine, we pray for an end to the conflict and for peace in our world."

Prayer for Ukraine on Passion Sunday, April 3

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail and a renewed recognition that we all play a
part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.

Amen



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Christian Workers, and their Families.

A Prayer for those in Christian ministry in Ukraine

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of Cynnal, supporting people in Christian ministry across Wales. And now we hold in your presence all those who are in Christian ministry in Ukraine.

Give them a deep awareness of your presence amidst all the chaos. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Give them a profound sense of trust in you, as they proclaim the victory of your love in Jesus over all that is evil. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Heal their trauma, as they offer support to those who are also traumatised by fear, horror and destruction. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Comfort them in their grief, as they minister to those who have also lost friends, families, homes and their way of life. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

When they feel useless, weak and exhausted, may they know that your purpose is still at work in them. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Give them people who can understand, love and support them in times of darkness and loneliness. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Give them wisdom, when they have to decide whether to flee to save themselves and their loved ones, or to stay and share the suffering of their people. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Keep us faithful in prayer and compassion for them and those whom they serve. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**



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You can download this prayer in English [here](#) and Welsh [here](#).

Follow Gerald of Wales on your smartphone



An archdeacon's journey around Wales more than 800-years-ago to recruit crusaders can now be retraced using your smartphone.

Gerald of Wales accompanied the Archbishop of Canterbury over Easter 1188 to recruit thousands of men for the third crusade. His detailed record of the journey is one of the main sources of information about Wales in the century after the Norman invasion of Britain.

Now the HistoryPoints project, with support from the Church in Wales and others, has provided QR codes for 37 places in Wales which featured in Gerald's itinerary. Anyone who scans the QR codes with a smartphone can discover what Gerald saw there in 1188, along with the place's wider history.

Each location has a page on the HistoryPoints.org website. Each has a link to the page for the next and previous places in the itinerary, making it easy to follow the route physically or virtually on home computers.

The tour is available not only in English but also Welsh and French, thanks to the work of volunteer translators, principally Catherine Jones and Professor Dai Thorne.

Among the places on the tour are churches, cathedrals and castles which existed before King Edward I's creation of castles and walled towns a century after Gerald's tour. The abbeys Gerald visited were closed centuries later but their ruins survive, as does the abbey church at Margam.



Gerald, who was Archdeacon of Brecon, failed in several attempts to become Bishop of St Davids and make the Welsh church independent from Canterbury. He died in 1223.

Dr Sarah Rowland Jones, Dean of St Davids Cathedral, says, "Gerallt Gymro, Geraldus Cambrensis, was buried in our cathedral and we are always pleased to welcome visitors who are interested to see his effigy next to that of his cousin, Yr Arglwydd Rhys (the Lord Rhys), in the cathedral south aisle. This QR-code trail will help visitors find him."

Rhodri Clark, editor of HistoryPoints.org, says, "Gerald's itinerary reflects the places in Wales which were important in the late 12th century, long before the Tudor dynasty or the Industrial Revolution. No recruitment drive for the crusade could afford to miss out Caerleon, Usk, Llanbadarn Fawr or Nefyn, for example.

"We hope that making this information available on the spot will bring Gerald's fascinating observations to a new audience."

Bishop Wyn Evans, the Church in Wales' archivist and former Bishop of St Davids, encouraged people to follow the tour. He said, "Such an enterprise reacting to one of the greatest of Welsh churchmen is greatly to be welcomed."

The photo above shows the statue of Gerald at St Davids Cathedral. The mitre at his feet represents his failed attempts to become Bishop of St Davids.

See the introduction to the Gerald of Wales digital tour [here](#).

Online worship



We are doing some research about online worship and would be interested to know :

1. Is your church still offering online worship (or other activities such as Bible studies)
2. If so, do you live stream or pre record services
3. Any other things offered online
4. Observations regarding its value/ opportunities for any interaction/ new links developed with people
5. Is it something you intend to continue
6. Any other reflections ?

Please could you send any thoughts to Archdeacon Ian on archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Thank you!



Provincial Safeguarding Officer - Contact Details

Please note that our Provincial Safeguarding Officer, Fay Howe, has a new mobile number.

Tel: 07840 843244

Email: fayhowe@churchinwales.org.uk

If you want to talk to someone about a safeguarding concern or issue affecting a child or adult at risk within the Church in Wales please contact Fay.

There will be further safeguarding training sessions available after Easter.

Electric Organ Available

Does your church need an organ?

There is a large free standing electrical organ available for free for anyone able to collect from Blackwood.

For more information please contact Mr Lee

Moles, 07366408406, leeslunchbox@hotmail.com

Training and Events

Treasurer Trainings

The next round of training for treasures for the Ministry Area accounting software MyFundAccounting is currently being arranged. If you are ready to attend a training session please get in touch with Libby, 07508

801511, libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk

If you aren't yet ready for a full training session but would like to know more then the creators of MyFundAccounting, Data Developments, are holding a webinar next week which will give an introduction to the software and another webinar giving an introduction to MyGiving. This is a programme which some Ministry Ares have shown an interest in that can be used for receiving donations and claiming gift aid which fully integrates with the MyFundAccounting software.

If the times of the sessions are not convenient but you would like to attend then please still register and you will be sent a recording to watch when you can.

MyFundAccounting: Tuesday 5th April at 1pm


To register click

here: <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/AccountsOverview>

MyGiving.Online: Thursday 7th April at 1pm

To register click here: <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/Integrated-donations>

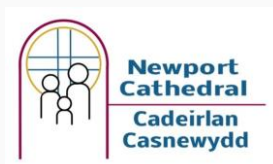
Christ's Healing Light in Holy Week - 11th April



The poster is split into two main color sections: a blue section on the left and a purple-to-white gradient section on the right. In the blue section, there is a white square containing a stylized white leaf icon above the text "HEALING WHOLENESS RECONCILIATION". In the purple section, the title "Christ's Healing Light in Holy Week" is written in white. Below it, in smaller white text, it says "Led by Revd Canon Jeremy Harris" and "Reflection by Revd Mandy East". The date and time "Monday 11th April at 7.30pm via Zoom" are prominently displayed in white. At the bottom right of the purple section, there is a small, colorful tree icon and the text "• Register on Eventbrite •".

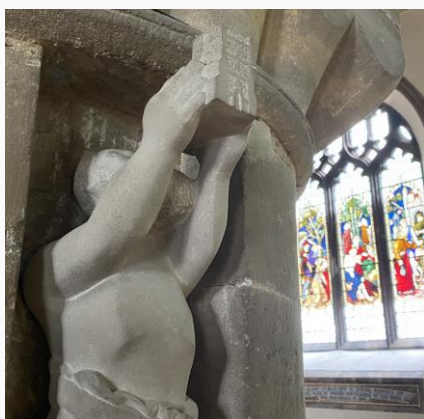
Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christs-healing-light-in-holy-week-registration-304839131047>

Services and Resources



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

Cathedral Patronal Festival - **tonight!**



The Cathedral will be celebrating St Woolos (St Gwynllyw) – it's patronal festival - with a Patronal Eucharist on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the service – there will be refreshments afterwards. To help us prepare, please

email newportcathedral@churchinwales.org.uk to us if you know numbers.

Join the service via YouTube [here](#).

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Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mawrth 2022

Ebrill / April 26th

Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth

10:30am / y.b.

Eglwys Sant Ioan / St John's Church, Heol St John / St John's Road, Maendy
Casnewydd / Maindee Newport, NP19 8GR

Pasg Ewcharist / Easter Eucharist

You may notice we are starting to add some more Welsh words and phrases to our diocesan communications!

Welsh language services that are held regularly across our diocese are a great way to embrace the Welsh identity of our diocese.



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Christian Workers, and their Families.

Cynnal Easter Prayer 2022

Heavenly Father,
when the time was right,
your Son resolutely set out for Jerusalem.
As we travel through Lent to Easter,
may we be resolute in our commitment to follow Him
along the way of the Cross.

May we learn from those He met along the way,
who were repelled by Him in their pride.
May we store up our treasure in heaven,
and be content to leave our earthly treasures to follow Him.
May we have the courage to acknowledge His authority
over both the natural and the supernatural universe.
May we be fearless in the face of human opposition
and undaunted when He calls us to resist the pagan world.

May we learn from those He met along the way,
who were drawn to Him in their need.
Teach us to welcome Jesus into our lives,
to listen to Him and to learn from His teaching.
Give us grace to ask Him to increase our faith,
to teach us to pray, and to forgive our sin.
Grant us the humility to allow Him
to heal our sickness and disabilities, and to drive out our demons.
Endow us with wisdom to look for the kingdom of God,
to accept His salvation,
and to rejoice in His mighty resurrection.

Above all, fill us with your Spirit of love,
that we may love the Lord our God
with all our heart and with all our soul
and with all our strength and with all our mind,
and love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

We pray all this is the name of your Son,
our risen, ascended and glorified Lord,
Jesus Christ. Amen.



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