



# Midweek Mailing

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

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## News

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### **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 diocese 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."

## **How to Donate**

### **Individual donations**

If you would like to donate please do so through the Church in Wales Gift Direct Scheme. Your full donation, plus any eligible gift aid, will directly help the Social Responsibility projects being run by our churches and ministry areas across the diocese.

To access the online form go to: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/gift-direct/start-donating-your-church-or-parish/> once you have entered your personal details you will be asked to choose a beneficiary. Please select 'The Bishop of Monmouth's Social Responsibility Fund'. You can then choose the frequency of your donation, by selecting a one-off payment or a regular payment pattern of your choice. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed through the scheme - increasing the value of your donation.

Paper forms are also available to make your donation, these are available to download here: [https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/2063 - \\_Gift\\_Direct\\_2022\\_Brochure-CF-DD - \\_English.pdf](https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/2063_-_Gift_Direct_2022_Brochure-CF-DD_-_English.pdf) Alternatively please contact the diocesan office if you would like one sent.

## **Donations from a Church/Ministry Area**

If you are holding a collection or fundraising event for the Social Responsibility Fund as a Church or Ministry Area please send the donation to the diocesan office directly.

As always if you have any further questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. Libby Morgan-Owen  
07508 801511 libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Gift Direct scheme can be accessed here [FAQs](#) and Gift Direct queries can be sent to [giftdirect@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:giftdirect@churchinwales.org.uk)

## **How to Apply**

Applications will be considered on a monthly basis by the Diocesan Grants Group and reported to Standing Committee each quarter.

Applications will be considered for a range of socially responsibly projects where need has been established within a Ministry Areas. All applications will need to demonstrate that projects or initiatives are –

a) Meeting human need and responding to needs arising in our communities  
and/or

b) Tackling the causes of social injustice within our communities.

Projects may be extensions of existing activity or entirely new and may be the delivered by the MA alone or in partnership with another organisation.

More details can be found on the application form [here](#).

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## Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk with Newport Cathedral – 28<sup>th</sup> May



Newport Cathedral is hosting a sponsored pilgrimage walk in order to raise funds for the Bishop of Monmouth's new Social Responsibility Fund.

The walk will begin at Llandaff Cathedral at 9.30am and will then follow along an old pilgrimage route to Newport Cathedral by 3.30pm for a well-earned afternoon tea with cake and refreshments. There will also be a break for prayers for Ukraine at one of the churches on route. The walk is approximately 14 miles in total and should take about 5 hours to complete. Participants are welcome to join in for as much distance as they would like to cover or are welcome to join at one of the meeting points for fellowship if they prefer. More details on how participants can raise funds will be coming soon. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up, please contact Revd Canon Andrew Lightbown at [andrewlightbown@cinw.org.uk](mailto:andrewlightbown@cinw.org.uk)

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The Counselling Service for  
Clergy, Ministers of Religion,  
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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[www.cynnal.wales](http://www.cynnal.wales)

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



## Installation of The Revd Stella Bailey

The new Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission, The Revd Stella Bailey will be installed at 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022, at Newport Cathedral. Invitations to attend the service will be sent out after Easter.

The service will also be live streamed for those unable to attend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella Bailey', with a long horizontal line underneath.

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## Chrism Mass

If you are unable to join the Chrism Mass in person you can join via YouTube on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11am [here](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Thank you!

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# Annual Returns & Accounts

Treasurers should now have received login details to submit the Annual Finance Return online or a copy of the paper form in the post.

If you have not, please contact Helen

Clifford, [helencifford@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:helencifford@churchinwales.org.uk)

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts, including a Balance Sheet, should be sent to the diocesan office, this can be via post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ), or email ([libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)).

The Membership and Church Fabric Returns are not required this year.

If you have any questions please contact Libby ([libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)).

Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their returns and accounts.

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# Training and Events

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## 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](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

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**Stainer's Crucifixion - St Cadoc's Caerleon, 10th  
April, 6pm**



# **Stainer's CRUCIFIXION**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**APRIL 10TH 2022 | 6PM**

**WITH THE CHOIR OF ST CADOC'S AND  
GUEST CHORISTERS**

**ST CADOC'S CHURCH, CAERLEON  
HIGH ST, CAERLEON, NEWPORT NP18 1AZ**

**RETIRING COLLECTION FOR  
CHRISTIAN AID - UKRAINE**



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



The poster features a blue background on the left with a white square containing a stylized leaf icon and the text "HEALING WHOLENESS RECONCILIATION". The right side has a purple-to-blue gradient background with white text. At the bottom right is a small tree icon with colorful leaves.

**Christ's Healing Light  
in Holy Week**

*Led by Revd Canon Jeremy Harris  
Reflection by Revd Mandy East*

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7.30pm via Zoom**

• Register on Eventbrite •

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

## Theology for Life Taster Course

St Padarn's are running a taster course for 'Theology for Life'. This is a course for those who are interested in deepening their theological knowledge and offers the chance to gain a Certificate, A Diploma or even a Degree in Theology.

These taster sessions are a really good opportunity to see whether this course might be for you.



The flyer has a blue background. On the left, it features the logos for Prifysgol Cymru (University of Wales) and Athrofa Padarn Sant (St Padarn's Institute). The main text is white and green. On the right, there is a photograph of hands holding soil with a small green seedling growing from it. At the bottom right, there is a green button with white text and an email address.

**Prifysgol Cymru**  
Y Ddisod Dewi Sant  
**University of Wales**  
Trinity Saint David

**ATHROFA PADARN SANT**  
ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

**Would you like to....**

- learn more about the Bible and the teachings of the church, and deepen your discipleship?
- study towards a diploma or a degree in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission?

We are offering a convenient FREE online taster course with accessible readings, lectures, and discussions to give you an insight into our Theology for Life programme and to help you decide if it is right for you:

**Introductory session: Tuesday 26th April at 6pm**  
The person of Jesus Christ

**Session 1: Tuesday 3rd May at 6pm**  
The New Testament and the Church

**Session 2: Monday 9th May at 6pm**  
Being a disciple of Christ

**Session 3: Monday 16th May at 6pm**  
Participating in the mission of Christ

For more information regarding Theology for Life (BTh in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission) please visit:

[www.stpadarns.ac.uk/TFL](http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/TFL)

- Validated by University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD)

**Book your place now**

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View this flyer in Welsh [here](#).

Find out more [here](#).

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## Friends of St Woolos Cathedral Annual Lecture - Behind the Scenes at Westminster



Have you ever wondered what really goes on in Parliament? Well, this is your opportunity to find out! Lt Gen David Leakey was Black Rod between 2011 and 2017 and he is this year's Friends Lecturer. A distinguished soldier, David Leakey is in demand as a public speaker and his lecture will reveal what really goes behind the scenes in the Palace of Westminster.

The lecture will be at 7.30pm May 5th in the Cathedral. It is free and open to all - don't miss it!

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## Holy Land In Advent - Pilgrimage with The Rt Revd Dominic Walker OGS & The Very Revd Lister Tonge



Bishop Dominic Walker and the Very Revd Lister Tonge hope to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **23<sup>rd</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. They would like to invite you to join them as they visit the biblical sites associated with the life of Jesus. This pilgrimage has an amazing way of bringing the Bible to life – allowing us to experience the wonders of the Holy Land and draw more closely to Jesus.

They lead a similar pilgrimage to the Holy Land some years ago with about 30 people from across the diocese – it was a great experience for all who attended.

For more info: <https://www.lightline.org.uk/tour/dominic-walker-lister-tonge/>

Or you can email Bishop Dominic at [dwalker.ogs@btinternet.com](mailto:dwalker.ogs@btinternet.com)

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## Services and Resources

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

Join the Chrism Mass on Tuesday 12th at 11am [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

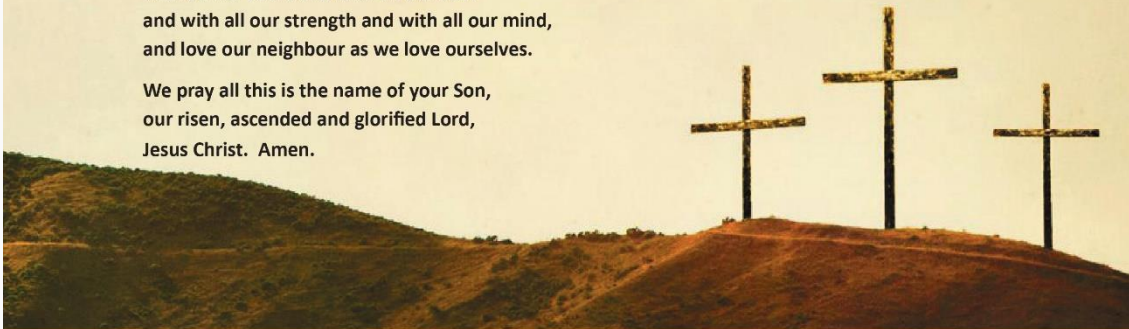
Heavenly Father,  
when the time was right,  
your Son resolutely set out for Jerusalem.  
As we travel through Lent to Easter,  
may we be resolute in our commitment to follow Him  
along the way of the Cross.

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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