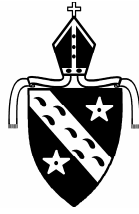


Bangor Diocese

# Ad Clerum



From the Bishop

June 2009

## The Bishop writes ...

Dear friends,

As I write to you the summer is attempting to gain the ascendancy but with limited success. Such are the vagaries of British weather. Since the last Ad Clerum in March I had the joy of sharing a Holy Eucharist with most of the Diocesan Clergy and many others too at the Cathedral. Easter was a beautiful day and sharing the good news of Christ's resurrection again in the Cathedral was a delight. I have now completed the majority of my visits to our church schools and will have visited all of them before the summer break. I have also been pleased to visit the majority of deaneries and will have completed all before the end of the year. I am very grateful to the Area Deans for all they have done to organise these events and want to stress the importance of the deanery as both part of the church's government within a diocese and as a source of fellowship for clergy and readers. I am aware that deaneries function in different ways in the diocese and this is inevitable but also that some deaneries meet very infrequently. I would like to urge all deaneries (and clergy within them) to co-operate and be committed to their colleagues. Before the end of this season we will have completed my first Episcopal Visitation to the diocese and I look forward to being with serving clergy, readers and wardens in the Cathedral at 6pm for the Bangor Archdeaconry (July 5<sup>th</sup>) and in Porthmadog for Meirionnydd Archdeaconry at 7pm (July 8<sup>th</sup>). Since my last Ad Clerum the following appointments have been made:

*Rev Canon Peter R Jones*

*Rev Canon Madalaine Brady*

*Rev Angela Williams*

*Rev Janice Gourdie*

*Licensed as Canon Chancellor, Bangor Cathedral*

*Licensed as Canon Treasurer, Bangor Cathedral*

*Vicar of Llandegfan and Llandysilio (Menai Bridge)*

*Vicar of Deneio (otherwise Pwllheli) with Aber-erch*

## Ordination

We will ordain 3 deacons to the priesthood this Petertide and ask you to pray for them in advance of the service:

*Rev Peter Ward*

*Rev Kathleen Rogers*

*Rev Christina McCrea*

*Assistant Curate in Llanwnnog and Caersws with Carno*

*Assistant Curate in Machynlleth with Llanwrin with Penegoes*

*Assistant Curate in Glanogwen and Llanllechid with St Ann's and Pentir*

The ordination retreat will take place this year under the guidance of Canon Dorrien Davies, vicar of Llandudoch in the diocese of St Davids. It would be encouraging to see a full Cathedral on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.

### **Bereavement**

I offer my condolences to the Rev Peter McLean on the recent sad news of the death of his father. My condolences are also extended to anyone else who has recently been through bereavement (and to which I have not been made aware of). Please keep me informed of bereavements among your colleagues or your families.

### **Back to Church Sunday**

You will have been contacted about receiving packs for Back to Church Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> September) which the diocese will purchase for every parish involved. Can I urge you to see this as an opportunity for mission and be generous towards those who may have had some connection with the church in the past but no longer attend? Further information about the project is available from the Rev's Phil Hughes (Llanfairpwll), Emlyn Williams (Gaerwen) and Janice Gourdie (Pwllheli) in addition to Tŷ'r Esgob.

### **Archiepiscopal See and Diocesan Conference**

Our Diocesan Conference this year (3<sup>rd</sup> October) will focus on the future of the Archbishop's role in the province and on some environmental and green issues through the ministry of our Rural Life Officer, Rev Ariadne Van den Hof. The former issue has been discussed in the province on a number of occasions but there has been no agreement on how to manage both a diocesan role and archiepiscopal role. The reason for considering this now is to see if there is a common mind in the dioceses in advance of any discussion in the Governing Body. There will be a set of questions for us to consider and an opportunity to debate.

### **Diocesan Registrar**

The diocese will have appointed a new Diocesan Registrar by the time you read this Ad Clerum. We are enormously grateful to Mrs Sally Dowding for the work she performed as our former Registrar and wish her well in her work in Birmingham. I have written to Sally to thank her for her work.

### **St Deiniol's Library**

St Deiniol's is seeking 'custodians' to assist in the running of the Library. They would be required for weekends and occasional weekdays. They are looking for people who can commit to a period of at least one month, longer if possible. Custodians although unpaid, will be provided with accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. They will help at weekends and occasionally in the week helping other staff ensure the smooth running of the Library.

The role would suit students, researchers or members of the clergy who are looking for an opportunity to read, research or reflect at St Deiniol's or would just like a break. This is open to both British and international residents. Special rates are available for partners of custodians who wish to visit for all or part of the custodianship.

For further details please contact the Warden, Peter Francis either by e-mail: [peter.francis@st-deiniols.org](mailto:peter.francis@st-deiniols.org) or telephone on 01244 532350.

**The Church in Wales – “A small guide to a big picture” booklet**

Further copies of this booklet can be ordered free of charge through the Diocesan Office. If you have not had sight of this booklet, copies are available from the Diocesan Office now.

**St Luke’s Hospital for the Clergy**

The Trustees of St Luke’s Hospital for the Clergy has completed a lease of the hospital property to BMI Healthcare Ltd. BMI Healthcare has now taken over the running of the hospital for its own patients and the Trustees are planning to sell the freehold, after which they will assess how best to use the remaining assets for the ongoing healthcare of the clergy. For the moment, referrals of clergy patients will continue to be handled by the Medical Secretary, Hazel Adams at 14 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6AH, tel: 020 7388 4954.

**Sea Sunday**

I would like to commend Sea Sunday to you which this year is taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Sea Sunday is an opportunity for you to tell your congregations about the vital role that seafarers play in bringing us so many of our daily needs. A pack of Sea Sunday resources, including sermon notes, prayers and children’s materials will be mailed to all UK parishes and I would encourage you to mark this special day for seafarers. If you have not received your resources pack, please contact the Rev Canon Bill Christianson, Secretary General to the Mission to Seafarers on 020 7248 5202 and on e-mail: [secgen@missiontoseafarers.org](mailto:secgen@missiontoseafarers.org)

**Sabbatical**

The Venerable Meurig Llwyd Williams will be on sabbatical leave from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Should any assistance be required during this period, please contact my office or the Venerable Emyr Rowlands.