

AD CLERUM

BANGOR DIOCESE

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My dear friends

Welcome to this new format of Ad Clerum! Format and accessibility are important considerations in any publication and I hope that by including more information and guidance which is necessary to our ministry, that this will present a better and more user friendly missive than was previously the case . . .

Appointments

The Revd Peter McLean,
Chairman, Welsh Worship
Development

The Venerable Meurig Llwyd
Williams, Vice-Chairman,
Welsh Worship Develop-
ment

The Revd Jane Bailey, Team
Vicar, Holyhead Rectorial
Benefice

The Revd Alan Chiplin,
Acting Area Dean, Awystli
The Revd Eric Roberts, part-
time Priest-in-Charge,
Newborough with Llanidan
with Llangeinwen and
Llanfair-yn-y-Cwmwd

The Revd Randolph Ellis,
Bangor High Street
Chaplain

The Revd Dr Carol Roberts,
Curate, Rectorial Benefice
of Bangor

The Revd Beth Bailey,
Curate, Ardudwy Deanery
The Revd Canon Martin
Riley, Area Dean, Cyfeiliog
and Mawddwy

Ordination

The Revd Jennifer Hood,
Curate, Glanogwen and
Llanllechid with St Ann's
and Pentir

Departure

The Revd Bob Pitcher

Sickness and bereavements

It is still common for me to
discover that clergy or their
families have been ill for
some time without my know-
ing. Please do inform the

office as I try to contact
families in sickness and /
or bereavement and add
them to my own prayers.
The following have been
unwell or have suffered
loss of loved ones and we
hold them before God in
particular.

Mr Irvin Hulme
The Revd David Dredge
Mr Adrian Gardner
Mr Kenneth Hughes
The Very Revd and Mrs
Alun Hawkins
Mrs Jacqueline Thomas
The Revd and Mrs Rhys
Williams

St Seiriol Centre for Christian Ministry and Discipleship

I am delighted to announce
the launch of a new under-
graduate degree which will
be available to those who
are trained via Minicab in
partnership with Glyndwr
University in Wrexham.
Please note that Minicab
now operates as the St
Seiriol Centre for Christian
Ministry and Discipleship.
This development will be
formerly launched later in
the year and I will give

notice of the dates in my
next Ad Clerum. The new
centre continues the work
of Minicab and has re-
cently been commended
by the Bench of Bishops
for its approach to learn-
ing, flexibility and quality
of teaching. The centre
has recently begun new
conversations about the
way in which non-
residential training for

readers and ordinands
may be delivered in Wales
with St Michael's College
Llandaff.



I Feithrin Disgyblion A Gweinidogaeth
for Christian Discipleship and Ministry

Nexus



Later next month we hope to see the launch of NEXUS which will be the publication that replaces *Y Ddolen*. It promises to offer more news and articles, better quality and to be produced 6 times a year? Watch this space

Archdeacon Emyr W Rowlands

You will be aware that Archdeacon Emyr announced his retirement a number of months ago which will take place at the end of September. I have agreed with the staff at the Diocesan Office that a testimonial fund be established so that we can present Archdeacon Emyr with a gift to thank him for his long, dedicated and fruitful ministry stretching across many years. The occasion of this presentation will be at the evening service at 6pm in the Cathedral

(Mawl Medi) on September 12th. Can I ask you to draw this to the attention of your treasurers who may wish to contribute in addition to any collection you may arrange? May I also encourage you all to be present for this service. Cheques should be sent via Mrs Cathryn Hughes and be made payable to 'Diocesan Testimonial'.

Umeed Partnership

I wish to draw your attention to this charity which seeks to educate and alleviate the causes of poverty in some of the poorest parts of the world. There is strong local support for the Umeed Partnership in parts of North Wales but, as is often the case, a lack of human and financial resources. I am appealing to Area Deans who may be looking for a speaker and theme for their next Ruri Deacanal conference and also to incumbents who may be in a position to run a coffee morning or other fundraising events for the partnership. I include Dr John Perkins' details (with his permission) should you be in a position to respond:

Dr John T Perkins
Gwyndy
Hill Street
Menai Bridge LL59 5AD
Tel: 01248 712 389



Marriages and banns

You will be aware that the law relating to marriages in England and Wales was recently developed allowing an extra degree of flexibility for those wishing to marry in churches where, hitherto, they had not been able to satisfy residency issues. I drew your

attention to this in my last Ad Clerum. May I stress that these regulations have not altered the law in relation to banns nor have they completely removed the need for residency. I sometimes hear of clergy who appear to completely ignore what the law per-

mits and agree to marry couples regardless of their place of residence and lack of connection with the parish. This is not acceptable. I refer you to my advice in the last Ad Clerum on the Bangor website.



Open Churches Day

I draw your attention once again to Open Churches Day on Saturday 18th September. This is an opportunity, supported by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, to open and showcase our churches. It is worth repeating that in the majority of cases, Ecclesiastical encourage our churches to be left open

during daylight hours. They also provide excellent advice on how to manage, protect and staff churches in difficult or remote areas. I am sure our Tourism Department will be sending information and / or contacting you with further details.

Y Llan

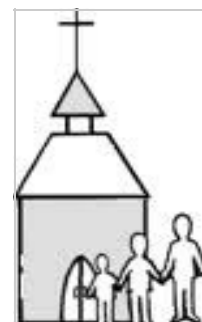
We are looking to appoint an editor for *Y Llan*. If the Diocese knows of anyone who would be able and willing to respond, please forward the details to Anna Morrell, tel: 02920 348208. There is a £1000 honorarium per annum as part of taking on this role. This post requires around five hours a week commitment. The editor must be able to produce the publication in Welsh.



Back to Church Sunday

Some of you participated (with varying degrees of enthusiasm and subsequent success) in the Back to Church Sunday initiative last year. The diocese provided excellent packs for our use. Our feedback indicates that the effort and take-up was mixed. May I commend this initiative to you again this year? While it will not be appropriate for a parish to pur-

sue this every year it presents an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to those who once worshipped regularly. The diocese is supporting and making resources available via the web for invitations, prayers and 'Success Tips'. Should you prefer to have a hard copy, please contact the office at Ty'r Esgob and we will ensure you receive via Royal Mail.



Vulnerable adults

In recent months a great deal of publicity and general attention has been paid by the media to the concern for the protection of vulnerable adults particularly the elderly. As clergy we are in the privileged position of very often having strong pastoral relationships with elderly people, who in turn wish to express their gratitude for that care by offering personal gifts or legacies. Clergy are advised to be aware of this and to be particularly careful about accepting personal gifts from those in our spiritual care.

Further guidance on this sensitive issue is set out in the draft Clergy Terms of Service document in particular Section 10 of the draft Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of Clergy. The Guidelines can be found on the Church in Wales' web site at www.churchinwales.org.uk. But the most relevant section is section 10.7 which reads as follows:

Clergy should be extremely careful about accepting personal gifts from those in their spiritual care. Clergy must not encourage people to give, lend or bequeath money or gifts which will directly or indirectly benefit them or their family. Should clergy receive substantial (over £500 in value) gifts or legacies, or the promise of legacies from those in their spiritual care, they should inform the Bishop. Similarly, where Bishops receive substantial (over £500 in value) personal gifts or legacies from those in their spiritual care, they should inform the Archbishop's Registrar who will maintain a register of such gifts.

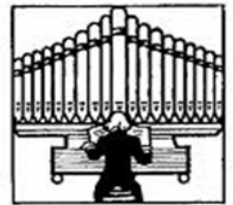
If you are in any doubt or have concerns about this particular issue you are advised to discuss these with your Archdeacon.

RSCM

Stuart Robinson, RSCM Media Relations Organiser has announced plans to carry out another survey of the church music scene in Wales. This is to let you know that RSCM survey is now live; the questionnaire is now available online at www.rscm.com/wales where it can either be answered online or by downloading a pdf file for return either by email or by post. Like the survey seven years ago, the purpose is to take a snapshot of the current scene, and provide feedback both to the central administration and area committees. Please do take part in this survey on behalf of your church, and commend both affiliates and non-affiliates to do the same. Stuart has allowed the summer months for completion – the survey closes on 1 September. If you have any queries, do feel free to contact Stuart:

tel: 01492 556378/07831 827701 or e-mail: srobinson@rscm.com

Sign up for the free *RSCM email newsletter*: www.rscm.com/newsletter



Online Archive

The Bangor Tourism Division is compiling an online archive of church trails, pilgrimage routes, brochures and other church tourism related projects in the diocese. Our aim is to make this information easily accessible to visitors to our website and give added value to their stay in our diocese. If you would like your project included, please

forward details either to myself on:
jane.r.bailey@btinternet.com
or to our webmaster on:
martin.japheth@dioceseofbangor.org

Hope to hear from you!
Revd Jane Bailey, Chair

Rural issues

The Church in Wales has established a 'programme' of learning at the Royal Welsh Showground to encourage and support engagement with the challenging issues of rurality which face Wales in the future. More details and a programme is attached.

Snowdon Marathon

In a fit of madness I have agreed to run the Snowdon Marathon this year which will take place towards the end of October. I intend to raise funds for Tyddyn Bach Trust who operate their respite centre in Penmaenmawr for people who are HIV positive. Tyddyn receive little assistance from the larger grant making bodies and no public assistance either. They rely overwhelmingly on private contributions. If you are able to help, I know they will appreciate it enormously. I am currently a trustee for Tyddyn.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Very Revd and Mrs Alun Hawkins on the birth of their granddaughter.

Summer vacations and thanks

May I take the opportunity of wishing you a well deserved break over the summer and hope that it will bring refreshment. May I also thank many of you who have expressed concern for Caroline following her accident. We have appreciated the kindness and concern and are still waiting to see what kind of medical advice and support is now most appropriate.

+Andrew Bangor



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