



HEART OF MONMOUTHSHIRE NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Rector

Greetings friends,

I write this to you just a day after we had the most fantastic Sunday, worshipping and sharing food. Every year the Ministry Area is required to hold the equivalent of an AGM, and as you are probably aware, these can be rather dry affairs! We broke the mould by putting all the content into a lively modern service. We prayed and sang together, before having a hearty buffet lunch funded by a diocesan grant. It was a very special occasion.

It was a wonderful reminder to me that joy and generosity should be at the very heart of all that we do. As Christians we are called to share the love of Christ. Time and time again in the bible we see examples of how we should do that – with a sincere welcome, and acceptance of people where they are, and without judgement.

I wonder, would you want to be part of an organisation that greets people with a smile? Asks people how they are and then waits to hear the answer? Offers invitations to join in rather than just observe? Has variety and embraces change? So many of you are brilliant at these things and I want to thank you for that – we are known by how we treat people, and if our joy radiates from us, and our actions are generous, then it becomes infectious. This results in people wanting to join us and be part of what we are doing. I see it all the time!

This summer is stretching ahead now, warm and hopeful. We have lots going on in all our churches and I am so grateful for all your hard work, energy, and enthusiasm. Thank you!

I hope you have a fantastic summer, that you see God at work in all that you do, and that you are able to make space for refreshment, reflection, and to recharge. We have an exciting time ahead of us.

With love,

Sally x

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:31

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

The Reverend Canon Sally Ingle-Gillis
Rector and Area Dean, Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area

News and Views from around the Ministry Area



St Aeddan's Bettws Newydd

We continue to enjoy being able to worship in the church now that it has reopened, following the completion of the new roof and the repairs to the barrel ceiling.

On Saturday, 7th June we welcomed over 40 people to the church for an excellent talk by Richard Percy and Eve Read about Pilot Officer Douglas Berrington, who is commemorated by a small plaque inside the church and also a dedication cast into our bells which were recast and rehung by his grieving parents who lived at Bettws Lodge just below the church.

7th June was the anniversary of his death so after the talk we all paused for tea and cake and then at 4.20, the exact time of the crash, we rang the bells for eleven minutes, one for each of the people on board.

If you would like to learn more about Douglas Berrington please contact me and I will make sure you receive a copy of Richard Percy's very comprehensive illustrated account.

On 10th July we are looking forward to welcoming a coach load from Thornbury U3A who are coming to visit the church.

Clare Bradly



St Peter's Bryngwyn

It has been a relatively quiet time in Bryngwyn lately although much is going on behind the scenes trying to plan for a toilet (exciting!) and to decorate the inside of our beautiful church.

We did have a wonderful service on Maundy Thursday with the Bishop presiding over our service of foot washing and stripping the altar. This is quite dramatic in Bryngwyn as our lovely reredos is a tryptic and will fold and shut with a resounding bang at the appropriate time during the service. Rev'd Will jointly took the service with Bishop Cherry and after slamming the reredos shut, ran from the church in true dramatic style. We then had a period of quiet prayer and reflection in front of the Altar of Repose on which the host had been placed after communion. A truly memorable occasion.

In more sober news we have finished the work on the churchyard wall! - and to end on an upbeat note - on Saturday 5th July we enjoyed a fantastic evening with the Beaufort Male Voice Choir singing to a packed church. Thanks to everyone who came helping us raise much needed funds for our church.

Kay Spencer





Christchurch, Coed-y-paen

Christchurch was blessed with the wedding of Courtney and Levi on the 5th July. We have all become very fond of this lovely couple who chose our Church to have their special day. We had a lovely time getting our Church ready for this happy occasion and it was one of the loveliest weddings we've had in Christchurch, such sincerity, love and happiness. We are thrilled that Courtney and Levi want to come back and have their two children Baptised in our Church which is wonderful.



We are also very pleased to welcome Owain who joins us now and plays for us at our lay-led Evening Prayers it's such a joy to have "live" music and wonderful to have a lovely new member.

We are all grateful for the wonderful care our community receives from Rev. Bill he has made such a difference to our village, thank you to him and Lyn. As always, a big thank you to the very small team of volunteers, especially Roger, who care for Christchurch and keep it looking so well loved.

Cilla Davies



St Peter's Goetre - together with St Bartholomew's Llanover, St Illyd's Mamhilad and St Matthew's Monkswood.

The Wellbeing Café in Goytre Village Hall continues to be active. This is a community venture, with input from members of St Peter's church and is held on the 1st, 3rd

(and 5th) Mondays of the month between 10.30 and noon. A recent highlight was a celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day where outfits reflecting the period were worn. Military gentlemen, land girls and "spivs" were all represented and refreshments were served by some very special tea ladies! (photo). Entertainment was provided by the British Legion Band of Wales, while there was a fascinating display of local history focusing on those from the Goetre district who had served in the two World Wars. The event also supported fund-raising for the Goetre War Memorial Project.



The work of the Café was recently highlighted on the HoMMA Facebook page, with the slogan "No one should ever be lonely in Goetre."

St Peter's, Goetre was the venue for a very successful Floral and Bridal Exhibition on May 31st – June 1st. Those who attended the Ascension Day service had a preview of the wonderful flower arrangements created by Wendy Scotford of Nantyderry Garden Centre for a wedding the next day. By Saturday morning the flowers were complemented by a



stunning array of wedding dresses of varying styles and vintage, including a replica of a Tudor wedding dress made by Karen Green. A huge thank you to everyone for the loan of their dresses, accessories, photos or models for display. Special mention must be made of Canon Sally's lovely purple dress with orange accessories – it was much

admired! It was a delight to welcome so many people from across the Ministry Area.



The annual Strawberry Tea was held on Saturday July 5th at Goytre Football Club. As always, this was a congenial occasion, despite fears about the weather. In the end there was a choice of seating, either outdoors or inside! This was a fund-raising event for all the churches in the Goetre area, including Llanover, Mamhilad and Monkswood. It was a pleasure to welcome people from across all these communities as well as the wider Ministry Area who enjoyed a delicious cream tea. The attractive plant stall and raffle were very well supported. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped in the preparations.”



Did you know that St Matthew's, Monkswood is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months? Do call in for a moment of tranquillity in our busy world.

Llanover Church Hall is awaiting the all-clear from the Council following the refurbishment. The Keep Fit class and monthly lunches will soon be taking a short break over the summer and it is hoped that events can make use of the new facilities shortly. The Committee look forward to publicising what is on offer!

Lesley Evans



St Michael's Glascoed

It has been a very unsettled and concerning time for our beautiful little St. Michael's Church in Glascoed. With an aging population, and dwindling congregation, the future looked very bleak, including some misinformed ideas of closure! However, an angel in the form of

Reverend Sally appeared bringing hope!

Reverend Sally arranged a meeting in March to gather the thoughts and ideas of our community. But it quickly became apparent that we were not alone. Sally came with an enthusiasm and drive to secure a future for St. Michael's. Those of us that were able to attend the meeting were open to the possibility of the church needing to function in a different capacity and have uses in addition to weddings, funerals and christenings.

It's so easy these days to be drawn into the negative doom-mongering that is so openly pushed through news outlets and social media. So, the energy and positivity in that get-together told a genuine story of community, and a desire to explore the many opportunities for our little church. A real “buzz” fuelled the meeting. Ideas were shared

and discussed, and a multitude of actions need to happen over the coming year, but there is a plan...and a future.



So, what can St. Michaels offer immediately? If you've never visited, you should! No number of words can describe the beauty of its setting. We are incredibly proud of the diversity of the grounds. It has been carefully managed as a wildflower meadow and nature "hotspot" for many years, and is home to a vast array of wild plants and flowers, which naturally attract a huge diversity of insects, mammals and birds. The tranquillity and total immersion in the wild space is good for the soul. I am often asked which is the best season to visit? The simple answer is anytime. The spring into summer has a continual display of flowers, the autumn has the long, lazy golden grasses and seeds, and the winter frosts are magical!



Am I biased? Of course! I have had the fortune of living next to the church all of my life. I have seen many changes, our friends and villagers come and go, new developments, and the world change more quickly for us as humans than many other periods in history. Yet there is the constant of historic buildings like our church: stoic, resilient, reliable. The landmark that has drawn people together for over 175 years! It has a power beyond the physical building, providing tranquillity and calm - you genuinely feel it.

This time of year, Spring, the season of regrowth, signifies the start of something special for us and our church. There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, but nothing ever worth doing comes easy.

We promote the beauty of St. Michael's Church on Instagram: [@stmichglascoed](#)

Rhys Clewer

All Saints church, Kemeys Commander and St. David's Church, Trostrey.

Unfortunately, both churches require remedial work and at the moment we are waiting for the results of structural engineer's reports.

In the meantime, scaffolding supports have been erected around the porch at Kemeys – to eliminate the risk of it falling on our heads! Also, at Trostrey, work has been carried out to remove rotten floor boards – completed last week, just in time for a beautiful wedding on Saturday.

The next day saw a baptism at Kemeys. We look forward to some of these families joining us at services in the future.

It's nice to see from messages left in the visitors book, just how many people find their way to Kemeys and how much they appreciate the peaceful atmosphere and the fact that it is always open.

Both churchyards are looking really neat and tidy, due to hard work by people outside of our immediate church families and we would like to offer them our sincere thanks and gratitude.

Hilary Rebeiro



St Madoc's Llanbadoc

Life at St. Madoc's Church is about to get busy with the start of the repair works contract, scheduled for 28th July. Scaffolding will be erected around some of the building to enable access to the roof and for masonry repairs. Contract funding is now in place, but the fund raising continues with the Red Shed sales.

On Saturday 21st June we held an Affordable Art Sale in the church with tea, cakes and a stall selling art materials, frames and books. The weather was very warm and everyone who came enjoyed the cool temperature of the church. Attendance was a little disappointing, but we had chosen the same day as the Usk Rugby Football Club 150th celebrations and the first day of the Pub on the River event

We would like to thank everyone who helped to organise and who attended the art sale, it was hard work but also great fun curating the huge collection of paintings, prints and posters which had been donated. If you missed out on our sale, you will have another chance to purchase some bargains as St. Mary's Priory Church, have kindly offered space in the church at their art exhibition, to be held on 30th August

Do visit our "Pop Up Shop" then and hopefully pick up a little masterpiece.

Rosemary Evans



St. John's Church, Llandenny

We were blessed in June with such great summer weather for two gatherings. We planned a Plant swop and Tea and had a wonderful response as it was in aid of our Ugandan Link, Canon Rev'd Gideon Byamugisha. Everyone was pleased to have a good catch up and discover new plants for their garden.

Here is the story of our link. Rev'd Gideon came to Cardiff in 1990 to study at St Michael's College and through one of our congregations several of us met Gideon at our house group in Llandenny parish and as a CMS link he was actively involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. As a direct result of the meeting members decided we would support him in his work in Uganda in particular to help him pay for his daughter's education.

Gideon had been the first priest in Africa to admit publicly that he was HIV positive and was taking a leading role in organising courses and training events in Uganda in controlling the spread of AIDS.

In 2001 Gideon had initiated in Wakiso district of Kampala, the building of a small community room where people suffering from AIDS could meet and support each other and in 2002 this had grown to include a chapel.

On visiting Llandenny early in 2002 Gideon appealed for 'something Welsh' to decorate Llandenny Quiet Garden House. Parishioners responded immediately and created a wall hanging depicting life in Llandenny. Amazingly Archbishop Rowan Williams was willing to take it and present it to Rev'd Gideon when visiting Uganda in April. It had been a busy time for Rev'd Gideon as in November 2001, he was awarded the World Vision International Award for Outstanding Christian Service and in December 2001 he was installed as a Canon in St. Paul's Cathedral, Kampala.

The community project has exceeded all expectations. In 2003 other community projects were developed, catering training, developing sponsorship for training orphans and vulnerable children, empowering young people impacted by HIV/AIDS, mobilizing and enlisting volunteers to serve in the centre's training and offering technical advice.

Over the years an Institute has been developed and now National Exams are taken in vocational subjects.

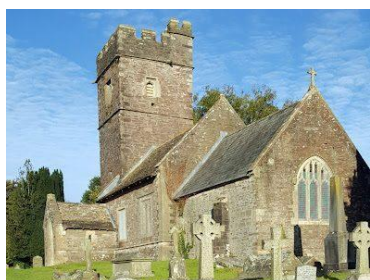
Llandenny continues to support our dear friend Canon Rev. Gideon and his wife Pamela at the Friends of Gideon Foundation, which has evolved and we have supported for 35 years.

On the same weekend we were pleased to welcome St Cybi Consort to lead us in Choral Evensong and after a beautiful service we stood outside in the sunshine with a glass and refreshments enjoying the company of friends and neighbours.

Sue Russell



St John's Llanhennock



In Llanhennock we have unfortunately continued in our run of sad news, with two more sudden and untimely deaths. The first was that of Margaret Muir, whose husband Jim died earlier this year. She was a redoubtable character who made a significant contribution to the life of the church, the village and the Ladies' group; she will be long remembered. The other loss was of Colin

Clarke, the husband of our organist and a regular communicant and member of our church. He was well enough to join in the Easter Walk on 26th April, but collapsed only a couple of weeks later.

Meanwhile we have had a spectacular spring wedding on Easter Tuesday and, more recently, a joyful christening, as if to emphasise the continuity of life.

Our Easter Walk was a community event, and a resounding success, followed as it was by a lavish tea, with a tombola run by the Llanhennock Ladies, and by Lyn Morris in particular. Other events are still at the planning stage, but we have already decided on a Children's Nativity Play or tableau at Christmas to ring the changes, literally and metaphorically, and to draw in the local talent.

A few of us were pleased to attend the HOMMA AGM in Usk, and to hear encouraging reports of current activities and future plans. Our wardens, Gerry Hawkins and Jill Gwynder Lewis, will lead and mastermind our future





St Cybi's Llangybi We began the month waking to the very sad news of the death of Ken Cameron, and we hold Irene, Gregory, and all their family in our prayers.

Neglected corners of our churchyard are now alive with bees and butterflies, thanks to Nick Weare's 'guerrilla gardening' around two dead and decaying tree stumps. In place of nettles and brambles he

has planted lavenders, penstemons, hollyhocks, and lots of other fragrant flowers.

Our Open Church afternoon in June was cancelled because of yet another yellow weather warning. We hope it will now take place on Saturday 26th July. Come for a look around the church and churchyard and review our architect's plans for improving access and conservation.

Peter Foden



St. Peter, Paul & John, Llantrisant & Llanllowell

Much as we might wish to tell you that we are buzzing with busy events, the church dedicated to St Peter, Paul and John remains a sleepy giant reflecting a long-ago era of wealthy investment in God's buildings. Now, according to its listed building status, it is a relic of

national interest, though whether that interest is in its scale or in why and how it came to be built is not clear.

A faithful few attend our fortnightly service. A generous few non-attenders help to maintain the churchyard. More of both have attended our first baptism for several years and more will come to our sole wedding next month. We occasionally have visitors, not just in "Open Churches month"; they are often surprised to find such a calm and uncluttered interior and taken aback by the scale of the scissor beamed roof. Whoever comes for whatever reason, they are always made to feel welcome.

For the record the sale of Llanllowell church continues to meet obstacles, but each is gradually overcome through patient persistence on the part of both the RB as seller and the potential purchaser.

Sandy Blair



St Cadoc's Raglan

We continue with our Cymorth Coffee mornings each Tuesday with a variety of different speakers coming along to educate and entertain.

Rev'd William has explained to us how American politics work, which was fascinating. Brinley Morgan talked to us about his interesting teaching career – which gave us all memories of our own education years! Clare gave us a talk on the life and career of Douglas Berrington – which you can read more about elsewhere in the newsletter.

Sue Russell 'took us on a tour', recounting the recent visit that she and Graham made to Australia and New Zealand. Jo from the 2Wish Child Bereavement Charity came and talked about their work and coming right up to date. Bob Evans gave an illuminating talk on the Newport Medieval Ship, the history of its discovery in the mud of the river Usk in Newport, the salvage operation and the ongoing work to re-assemble of the vessel – a fascinating project.

Ongoing speakers we hope will be talking about Olio – the project that aims to help and promote recycling and reusing household items, and the food pantry that we have in church.

Mothers Union continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month although, this month of July, we will be holding an Afternoon Tea at Sue Russell's in Llandenny on Monday 14th July starting at 2.00pm, and in August, we will join other branches in the Diocese by holding a lunch at Green Meadow Golf Club, Cwmbran on August 9th, to celebrate the birthdate of our Founder Mary Sumner and also raise funds for the annual Summer of Hope Appeal which this year will support women across the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where conflict continues to uproot families and devastate communities. We aim to nurture resilience and bring hope to families – sowing seeds of strength, faith and resilience.

The Handbell group continue to meet on a Thursday Afternoon at 2.30 to make music with our handbells playing from our eclectic range of music.

Jenny Swattridge



St Andrew's Tredunnoch

We have been delighted to welcome Rev'd Helen to St Andrew's. It is always interesting when a priest new to us conducts Holy Communion. How small things change and stop us getting into too much of a rut and one soon gets to know the person.

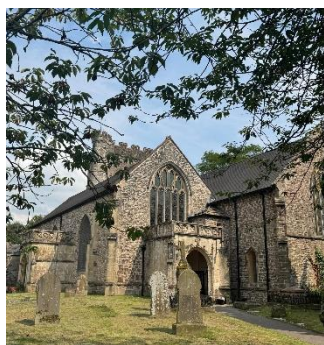


Fresh@4 continues to thrive. The service has been held on the first Sunday of the month, has been primarily conducted superbly by Canon Sally and starts at 4pm. Sally is ably assisted by Thelma playing the organ, who selects hymns related to the chosen theme. For example, at the Fresh@4 held close to St David's Day in early March we sang a number of Welsh hymns.

Rev'd Dr Will conducted the last Fresh@4 held at the beginning of June and explained to us all about the Anglican Rosary, which was fascinating and different. In fact, two of the congregation bought his book on the Anglican Rosary, but not the one he had written in Spanish! Refreshments are served after the service, which are always well received. It is pleasing how people will often stay for over an hour chatting. Our next Fresh@ 4 is on Sunday 6th July at 4pm.

St Andrew's church has a long history of bell ringing with regular practices on Friday nights. There are regular visiting groups of bellringers, named "bands," and extra tutorials are held. The number of bell ringers varies from six to sixteen and each person contributes £1 per session. The bells are maintained in good condition with regular checks carried out by the Tower Captain. It is encouraging to report that there are a number of learners

David Banning- Lover



The Priory Church of St Mary, Usk

Spring and summer in the church are busy months and we have already had the pleasure of welcoming people who have come to the church for the first time and enjoying fellowship with the wider community of Usk.

During the Usk Civic Service the new Councillor Dianne Richards was officially welcomed to her new role as Mayor. It was a glorious day and the church was full of

people keen to witness this special occasion.

The organ recital featuring Sam Bayliss was a treat and the audience fully appreciated the organ known as 'the beast' being played across a whole genre of music.

The last weekend in June is always a very busy weekend in the town as people open their gardens to visitors. We invited everyone to call into the church and enjoy a quiet space and refreshments. This year there were six coaches and our volunteers all enjoyed talking about the church and the work we do alongside the community.



The summer months continue to be busy as July events included supporting the Usk Town to celebrate Alfred Russel Wallace, we opened our food pantry and welcomed 'The Chepstow Chatelaines'



The Baby and Toddler Group and Little Hill Growing Group continue thrive, serving the needs of our community

Looking forward – in August, we invite you to join us for enjoy a Strawberry tea, a History Day and an Art Exhibition. Please contact our local wardens for more information.



A huge 'Thank You' to all our volunteers who support our work in the church and community.

Debbie Harper



Eco Church



We continue on our journey to celebrate and demonstrate our love for God's creation. We have completed a detailed Land Management Plan and forwarded it to a Rocha.

This was our final piece of paperwork and we have now reached gold level - on paper! We are preparing for a site visit shortly, where two assessors will tour the building and grounds and hold a review meeting with us - we'll let you know how we get on....



As ever, please let us know if we can help any other churches on their journeys.

Dear Lord, we pray for the earth and its inhabitants.

We ask that you guide us to become responsible stewards of this planet that you have given us.

Please bless the earth with your divine love, healing and protection.

And we pray for unity, love and respect among all people; may we work together as one global community to heal the earth and create a beautiful, safe, protected place for us all.

Amen.

Carol Southwell

NOW@ St Mary's continues to flourish with an increasing number of families coming to church on the third Sunday of each month to enjoy fun filled worship inspired and led by Rev'd Sally.

In June we explored God's Creation, roaming the churchyard filling matchboxes with some of God's smallest but none the less important creations, and crafting St Brigitte crosses out of plantain plants. We sang, crafted, prayed and ate, and were delighted to be joined by a family who were walking through the churchyard on their way to feed the ducks on the river – a mission delayed while they enthusiastically joined in the fun and worship, promising to come back for more!



Sarah Byford



St Thomas à Becket, Wolvesnewton

Following several incidents of plaster falling from the ceiling of the chancel at Wolvesnewton, the decision was taken to temporarily close off that area and have a nave altar. Initially we were advised that there was water ingress and a roof problem but following a thorough inspection by our QI architect we were pleased to learn that the problem is down to the plaster being very old and 'past it'. The roof is generally in good condition, as are the timbers, and there was no sign of insect infestation. We await the architect's advice on remedial action but will undoubtedly be holding some fund-raising events, so 'Watch this Space'!

Scilla Greenland

More HoMMA Activities, Events and Reflections

Open The Book

Our Open the Book team has just celebrated its 4th year of going into Usk Primary School and we have a lot to be thankful for.

After a tentative start during lockdown, we've settled as a team of 10 volunteers –who come from Llangybi and Llantrisant as well as Usk, with a regular pattern of monthly visits doing whole school assemblies. We are always given a warm welcome in (and out of) school and



it's great to hear how the children remember and enjoy the stories. They also love joining in to swell the crowd, be it as disciples, angels or soldiers.



We've been using new resources this year including the rather catchy Open the Book song, which has gone down particularly well, and we've also introduced Makaton signing to support the sharing of the stories. Meanwhile

there's been a quiet explosion of knitted beards which has really helped some of us get in character!

If you would like to get involved, please speak to Beth Foden or Dee Seabourne (or anyone else you might recognise in the pictures!) - we need people who can knit/sew/paint behind the scenes as well as actors - and we always need your prayers.

Beth Foden

At **Usk Show**, on **Saturday 13th September**. we will as usual be running a Chaplaincy tent.

Most of the equipment is sourced, but we always need volunteers to help on the day. The tent will be open from 8.00am to 5.00pm plus clearing up time from 5.00 - 6.00

We need volunteers to serve tea, coffee, squash and cakes throughout the day, people to help with children's play area and hosts who may be members of the clergy or pastoral assistants if anyone needs to talk things over.

If anyone is willing to put some time in, please could you let Clare know what times and roles you are offering, on strawberry.flann@twiggy.co.uk or by texting 07952 754744.

Clare Bradley

Forward Together



Many of you were present at the wonderful service/AVM on Sunday June 29th and will have experienced at first hand the mastery shown by Rev Canon Sally, as she led us through what could have been a boring Annual General Meeting but what was, in fact, a magnificent celebration of all that goes on in our Ministry Area.



For those who were not able to be present (and 120 people were!), Sally managed to weave all we are doing into hymns, readings, reports and prayers that followed the Diocesan Principles of Discipleship, Stewardship, the Environment, Social Justice and Equality and Diversity. All of this has also been published in a fantastic Annual Report for 2024 which, I must add, is the envy of many other Ministry Area. Heart of Monmouthshire again leading the way!

We also elected all the members to the Ministry Area Council and hence to its two committees, Management and Mission. The results of nominations and elections being incorporated into the prayers, which also included thanks to those who were stepping down from various roles. For information I will list the people elected as an addendum to this report. We also chose 6 people to represent us all at the Diocesan Conference.

We have now completed three years as a Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area – amazing I know – and moving forward we are in the throes of becoming a CIO, Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which puts less responsibility on its trustees. This has meant a change to our Standing Orders which we have coupled with Terms of Reference for the committees who operate under the Ministry Area Council. We give great thanks to Sandy Blair for his input and knowledge in writing these with Rev Sally and I; a tremendous amount of work! These will now go to Council and the two committees, Management and Mission for ratification. If anyone else is interested in the contents I would be happy to forward them.

So, here's to the next three wonderful years! I look forward to working together with a great team. Of course, the list below does not include our wonderful administrator, Gemma, who takes our minutes and is a general go to for all things admin!

Kay Spencer

Diocesan Conference Representatives

Cathryn Brooker Bob Evans

Sarah Byford Scilla Greenland

Neville Crump Kay Spencer

MAC members -

Lay Co-Chair - Kay Spencer

Rector's warden - Kay Spencer

People's Warden - Neville Crump

Treasurer - Rita Edwards

Secretary - Clare Bradly

Property Lead - Sandy Blair

Safeguarding Lead - Scilla Greenland

Health and Safety Lead - Sarah Phillips

All Licenced Clergy

Mission Trustees: - Duncan Anstey; Cathryn Brooker; Sarah Byford; Lesley Evans; Peter Foden; Gerry Hawkins, Jan Millett; Stuart Prichard; Hilary Rebeiro; Sue Russell; Jo Thompson; Ian Thompson.

Stewardship

Over the last couple of months, the ministry area has organised a series of stewardship workshops, led by Zoe Ward from the diocesan office.

Twenty people from around twelve of our churches attended one or more of the workshops, which were designed to offer advice and help us build on the brilliant work already being undertaken by people across the ministry area to support our churches.

Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen James



Welcome Hannah!

Last but by no means least we extend a warm HoMMA welcome to Rev'd Hannah Robinson together with her husband Peter and their cocker spaniel Benson.

Hannah will be licenced as a Team Vicar by Bishop Cherry, at 7.30 Sunday 13th at St Peter's Church , Goytre.

All are welcome!

Finally - a big thank you to all who have made such worthwhile contributions to this newsletter (responding with remarkable good humour to my nagging and cajoling.!)

My thanks too to my amazing proof reader, and to Gemma for circulating. If you would like hard copies for those in your churches who are unable to receive e mail please let me know how many and I will print them for you.

There is so much that is wonderful and positive going on throughout the MA – as is so evident in the Annual Report so let's continue to share the good news! - with this mind the date for copy for the next (Harvest) issue is **Friday 10th October** - where possible in 'word' please with photos where possible sent separately as jpeg

Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed summer!

Sarah Byford - **Editor**

A note from the Editor. I look forward to your contributions for the Harvest edition– in ‘Word’ format please - to usksarah456@gmail.com.- no later than

Sarah Byford