

COULD YOU PROVIDE CHAPLAINCY ON BARDSEY ISLAND 2017

Bardsey Island was recently voted one of the top 20 most peaceful places in the UK. It has drawn pilgrims, hermits, farmers, tourists, and holidaymakers for over 1500 years. The Trust welcome s the opportunity to provide chaplaincy cover to all these people as well as the resident community, from April to September inclusive.

What we ask ...

That you are able to

- provide a pastoral ministry to anyone on the island regardless of faith/no faith. This usually means being available in the Caffi area at the farm, daily from 11 am to 1 pm providing a listening ear for visitors and to offer such pastoral and/or spiritual support as may be welcomed
- provide a weekly Eucharist/Holy Communion service if possible
- consider providing creative worship opportunities/ and any other services that may be appropriate
- support the Pilgrim Prayers in Tŷ Betws/The Oratory on Sundays and Thursdays
- exercise a public ministry within the Christian church and are licensed to do so
- not be over zealous in simply providing services in chapel. It is really important to be available and visible for pastoral/spiritual support.

Quotes from those who have already enjoyed this opportunity:

I find it one of the most fulfilling parts of my Reader ministry

The concept of having a volunteer chaplain presence on Bardsey during the summer months seemed to be universally appreciated by weekly and daily visitors I met - Christians and non-Christians alike. There is of course a sense of Bardsey being intrinsically spiritual and even when that spirituality wasn't connected to "God" people were very interested in the Christian heritage of the island and sought the opportunity to talk about that, and sometimes broader faith issues too.

I find this to be an incredibly fulfilling ministry and an opportunity to engage with people at very different levels, through formal worship, through poems and prayer resources, through experiential spirituality "stations" ... and through chatting to the day and weekly visitors as I met them around the island or over a coffee at the farm.

SOME PRACTICALITIES

Planning ahead: It is helpful if the Island Manager knows in advance what you are planning to offer so that an appropriate notice can be translated into Welsh, unless you can do this yourself. About a month before you come we ask that you are in touch with Jo Porter bardseyjo@google-mail.com who offers the Pilgrim Prayers, so that you can liaise with her as to what might be appropriate to offer during your stay. This will vary depending on who is booked into the houses, and how many people may be staying on the island whilst you are there.

Services in chapel: This ministry is not primarily about taking services so we would encourage you to not overload the timetable: any service, apart from a Sunday Eucharist, should be kept fairly short ie probably not more than 30 mins long.

Please record each service in the Service Register held in chapel.

If you feel the need to ring the bell, please only ring it 5 mins before the service is due to commence and only ring it 10 times. The ringing of the bell can be disturbing to holiday makers who are lying in of a morning or who want an early night if it is being rung for compline at 9pm for example!

Wine and wafers are provided for Eucharist. Chalice and paten/cup and plate are also provided. Altar linen is also provided. Please wash after use and return to chapel.

Candles may be lit during a service but must not be left burning unattended as this will invalidate our insurance policy.

There are bilingual Eucharist service books available in chapel. See also <http://www.churchin-wales.org.uk/structure/representative-body/publications/downloads/holy-eucharist-2004>

We ask that these are used - even if you don't speak Welsh - so that Welsh speakers can follow the service in their own language. We would also encourage you to find opportunity to enable Welsh speakers to pray in their own language during the service eg perhaps ask them in advance if they would like to lead the prayers from the book. It is common practice within the Church in Wales at the Lord's prayer to say: In the language of our hearts, as our Saviour taught us etc - this gives people permission to pray in their own language. You may also like to invite any Welsh speakers to read one of the Scripture passages in Welsh. We recognise that many chaplains will not speak Welsh and that is absolutely fine. However, please be as inclusive as possible when leading services.

If you are leading an informal service and would like to finish with the grace then please do invite people to pray that in the language of their hearts.

Pilgrimage



Increasingly people are visiting as Pilgrims, helped in part by the North Wales Pilgrim Way <http://www.pilgrims-way-north-wales.org> . Many recognise they are on a spiritual journey and will be walking with questions that are worth exploring. Many come to Enlli as in centuries gone by, to 'seek the place of resurrection'.

The spiritual life of the island is not separate from the work of the scientific group; or from the rich wildlife present on the island; or from the challenges of farming; or political decision making; or from the preservation of ancient important sites; nor from the important work the education com-

mittee is doing with school children. The island also has a rich artistic heritage which continues to find fresh expressions today - through poetry, painting, silversmithing, wool spinning etc. If the chaplain would like to find ways of engaging with any of these strands and help Christian spirituality to be more closely woven into island life, that would be great!



Finally a word about accommodation ...

In return for providing a chaplaincy service there is a slightly reduced accommodation fee of £175. There is priority booking for chaplains in Llofft Carreg, opposite The Oratory. This is very basic accommodation as are all Bardsey houses. There is a downstairs kitchen/dining room with upstairs sleeping accommodation. Compost toilet is in the private yard. There is no electricity apart from a solar powered fridge/freezer. Heat is provided downstairs from a portable gas fire. There is

no running hot water. All drinking water must be boiled before use.

Further details regarding accommodation and facilities on the island can be found online. Please also read carefully the information about travel to and from the island and the costs.

www.enlli.org

We look forward to receiving your application form and thank you for your willingness to share in this important ministry.

Policy on the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

1. Introduction

1.1 Bardsey Island Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults by seeking to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

1.2 Bardsey Island Trust intends to implement this policy by making all staff, tenants and volunteers and individuals / organisations which organise activities on the island aware of the policy and the guidelines that seek to support it.

2. Managing Risk

2.1 The following steps will be taken to minimise the risk to children and vulnerable adults in activities organised by the Trust.

- Identify the situations where there is a significant risk. When it is proposed that the Trust should organise any activity project which involves substantial contact with children and vulnerable adults, the risks should be identified and mitigated before the activity takes place. If, in the opinion of the Trust Executive there are significant unmitigated risks then the activity will not proceed.
- Unsupervised, one to one contact with children and vulnerable adults should be kept to a minimum.
- All staff, volunteers, island residents and Council members should be open and sensitive to any concerns or worries that are raised with them and should communicate them immediately to a member of the Trust Executive.
- If activities are organised by other groups and organisations which will involve children and vulnerable adults, the Trust should ensure that the organisers of the activity have appropriate policies for health and safety for the activities planned and for the protection of children and vulnerable people
- 3. Staff and Volunteers

3.1 Recruitment

As part of the recruitment process applicants should be asked:-

- to disclose any criminal conviction
- to provide evidence of their identity
- give details of any past work with children & vulnerable adults

3.2 Disclosure

It should be made clear to all members of staff and volunteers that it is their duty to bring to the notice of the Trust Executive any suspicious behaviour and report promptly any allegations.

4. Responding to concerns

4.1 Any concern should be shared with the designated project leader and the chair of Bardsey Island Trust. The chair should as soon as possible be informed that an investigation has begun, and who is carrying out that investigation.

4.2 Time should always be taken to reflect on the information, think through possibilities and plan a course of action. There should be an awareness of the impact on staff, volunteers and families and the need for support during any process of investigation.

4.3 Information should be collected with regard to:

- The nature of the concern
- Where the information came from
- What other information is known about the individual and their family
- The member of staff or volunteer's view

All information collected should be treated as confidential and only to be discussed with the project leader and those trustees involved in the investigation.

4.4 Emergencies

- If someone is seriously injured a member of staff or volunteer should ensure the individual receives medical attention as soon as possible

4.5 Whoever is carrying out the investigation should:

- give a written report to the board of trustees
- recommend what action should be taken
- inform other authorities such as the police or social services if appropriate

4.6 After any concern has been investigated the board will review the effectiveness of its procedures.

Reviewed and agreed by Bardsey Island Trusts Board of Trustees on 9th February 2013

Chaplaincy Application Form 2017



Name (including title):

Address:

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Telephone: Email:

Denomination:

If ordained / authorised minister:

date, place, person and denomination that authorised the appointment

A generous legacy left to the Carreg Trust means we are delighted to offer you a £100 towards the total cost of your stay. We want this to be used as a thank you for you giving of your time to support this work, Please indicate if you would like to take up this kind offer YES/NO.

Dates for which I would like to offer chaplaincy: (A first and second choice if possible)

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What I hope to offer:

(If you can let us know what you plan to do then we can upload this to the website in due course.)

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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (see

I have read the Bardsey Island Trust policy and agree to abide by it at all times.

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Signed:

Date:

Essential Information including details re travel from the mainland to the island is on the website www.bardsey.org Have you read this? YES / NO

References:

Please supply the name and addresses of two people from whom we can take references before accepting your application. As an ordained/licensed minister then one of these referees must be your bishop/archdeacon/methodist superintendent/Army Captain/person issuing you a licence. If you are not ordained, then one of the referees must be a minister/elder of your church. References will be taken up for all new applications. For any returning chaplains the person issuing the licence will be re-contacted in order to verify that there are no Safeguarding issues. New chaplaincy applications must include a second referee who is not currently a member of the Bardsey Island Spirituality Committee or a Trustee.

Name (1):

Position:

Address:

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Email:

Tel:

Name (2):

Position:

Address:

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Email:

Tel:

I will be bringing a group with me YES / NO (If yes, the Office will assist with booking all the accommodation.) (If no, it is assumed you will want to stay in Llofft Carreg)

Thank you for your application. We aim to take references up within two weeks of receiving an application. We will be back in touch with you when we have received references and checked availability of your preferred weeks.

Please return this form to: **Pam Hollinshead** pam.c.hollinshead@googlemail.com