**COULD YOU PROVIDE CHAPLAINCY ON BARDSEY ISLAND?**

Bardsey Island has been voted one of the top 20 most peaceful places in the UK. It has drawn pilgrims, hermits, tourists, and holidaymakers for over 1500 years. The Trust welcomes 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 café area at the farm, at some appropriate time during the day, 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 activities that may be appropriate, for example pilgrimage. For ideas see the spirituality section on the Bardsey Island Trust website;
  + consider offering a more contemplative prayer focus in Betws/The Oratory e.g. Compline (example on the website and hard copies are available in the chapel and the oratory);
  + provide at least one simple service in chapel. It is really important to be available and visible for pastoral/spiritual support;
  + exercise a public ministry within the Christian church if you are licensed to do so.

Quotes from those who have already enjoyed this opportunity:

*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.*

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

**SOME PRACTICALITIES**

It is helpful to bring a weatherproof notice introducing yourself and stating the times of any fixed services during the week. Please make this bilingual if you are able to, or ask the office administrator to translate it in good time before your arrival; contact Caroline Jones at [post@bardsey.org](file:///Users/joannaporter/Downloads/post@bardsey.org). There is also a blackboard in Tŷ Bach yard where notices can be added.

**Service 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 i.e., probably not more than 30 mins long.

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.

It is suggested that the chapel bell is rung no more than 12 rings to signal the start of a service e.g. 10 minutes before the start.

There are bilingual Eucharist service books available in chapel. See also <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/publications/liturgy/HE04/>

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 e.g., 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, we pray as our Saviour taught us - 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 also pray that in the language of their hearts.

There is a working reed organ/harmonium in chapel and copies of Mission Praise vol 1 and 2.

**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 their 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 committee is doing with school children. The island also has a rich artistic heritage which continues to find fresh expressions today - through poetry, painting, 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 £140 per week. 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. There is no electricity apart from a solar powered fridge/freezer and gentle lighting. Heat is provided downstairs from a portable gas fire. There is no running hot water. All drinking water must be boiled and filtered before use.

Further details regarding accommodation and facilities on the island must be read online before completing your application form. Please also carefully read the information about travel to and from the island. [**https://www.bardsey.org/essential-information**](https://www.bardsey.org/essential-information). Answers to many frequently asked questions can also be found here: [**https://www.bardsey.org/faqs**](https://www.bardsey.org/faqs)

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

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**Bardsey Island Trust Ltd.**

**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 duties when on the island.**  Copy of this is also in Llofft Carreg.

**Daily**

Check chapel is clean and tidy. Any resources needed for cleaning chapel can be obtained from the Island Wardens. If for some reason it becomes very dirty and you need assistance in cleaning, please ask the Island Wardens who will try and find a volunteer or two to come and help.

Please ensure that the two large family Bibles are properly displayed.

Check the leaflet displays in the porch and if stock is running low, please let the Island Wardens know so that they can be replaced.

Weather permitting - try and be available at the café by the farm at some point during the day to meet with visitors/holidaymakers/residents/volunteers etc

**Services**

Chapel Bell - it can be helpful to ring this 10 mins before a service in the middle of the day so that visitors hear it, can ask what it’s for, and have time to get up the track for a service. Please do not ring it for morning or evening services out of respect for people who are on holiday and either want a lie in/early night or maybe both!

Please ensure that the chalice and paten are locked away after use. The Island Wardens have the key.



Ensure any candles are extinguished before leaving.



Please fill in the service register after every service.

Remove any supplementary service sheets/resources from chapel.

**Being involved**

It is not unusual for island-wide activities to sometimes take place in an evening. It would be great if the chaplain joined in with some, if not all, of these.

Any queries/difficulties/delights whilst on the island, please do let the Island Wardens know.

We hope that you are blessed and are a blessing as you provide chaplaincy cover.

**Chaplaincy Application Form**

**Name (**including title)**:** .................................................................................................................

**Address:** .............................................................................................................................................................

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**Telephone:** …………………………………**Email:** .............................................................................

**Denomination:** .............................................................

If ordained/authorised minister:

date, place, person and denomination that authorised the appointment

**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**

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](http://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.

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Position: ...........................................................................................................................................

Address: ..........................................................................................................................................

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**Name (2):** .........................................................................................................................................

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I will be bringing a group with me YES / NO (If yes, the Bardsey Island Trust Office – [post@bardsey.org](mailto:post@bardsey.org) will assist with booking 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: Jo Porter [bardseyjo@gmail.com](mailto:bardseyjo@gmail.com)