

Get your church noticed

Now is the time to get your church details on the Explore Churches website – part of the project Exploring Sacred Wales, says Caroline Evans, the Diocese Faith Tourism Officer

In the December issue of *Pobl Dewi*, I wrote about the Explore Churches website and the project being organised by the National Churches Trust, with organisations such as Visit Wales [Welsh Government] and the Church in Wales (CiW).

The listing is to act as the main go-to for church information in the UK and most of the CiW churches are already on the list with names and addresses, but many of them are without any further information or pictures, just saying “*More information about this church coming soon.*”

This is where you, our churches, can use this useful lockdown time to get your church details on there. There has even been an offer of help for the churches in Pembrokeshire (contact me).



Add your church

Your church is unique, we would love to include it on ExploreChurches. It's quick and simple.

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The site has a lot of useful information, tips and hints on what and how to post. On the home page, scroll down to find “Add your church”, click on it and it opens up. It does help to pre-prepare your content, text and photos offline and then copy and paste it into the form. Click on the “Add your church form” and have a look through first. It would be helpful to look through some of the information that other churches have put on there. St Brynach’s, Nevern, is a useful example.

On the first page of the form, you can upload your photos, one as a main image and as high a resolution as you can and more images on a “Gallery”. Then you need to input a succinct, one sentence, summary followed by a full description, maximum of 350 words. Moving on, you need to select “Denomination” from the drop down menu and then a box for “Opening times for visiting”, which could be how to find a keyholder, or a contact, if you are not open on a regular basis. You can then select features such as “Captivating architecture” and “Wildlife haven”. Useful information for visitors is next with helpful indications for access and travel. The “Event” section can be added to as you wish. Then it is the usual address and contact details with sections for various links such as Facebook and website.

If you have any queries or would like to be involved then contact me: e-mail stdavidstourism@churchinwales.org.uk or ring 01267 202305.