

## THE RIGHT REVEREND CHERRY VANN

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Hundreds of well-wishers filled the cathedral to welcome Bishop Cherry to the Diocese of Monmouth.

Clergy and representatives from parishes across the diocese, as well as canons, bishops, diocesan staff, civic dignitaries and ecumenical guests were all there to see the first woman bishop take her seat – or 'throne' – at Newport Cathedral.

During the service, the mandate from the Archbishop of Wales allowing Bishop Cherry to serve as the Bishop of Monmouth was read before she was welcomed by the Dean of the cathedral, The Very Reverend Lister Tonge and the Cathedral Chapter.

The new Bishop was then anointed with the Oil of Chrism, vested with her cope and mitre and presented with the Diocesan Staff – the symbol of her authority in the diocese – before being installed in her seat in the Cathedral, the 'Cathedra; or Episcopal Seat.

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She celebrated that "God has given us a world teeming with difference and diversity..... and that we can often learn most and be the more enriched by those who are different to us, those who challenge us, even those we don't much like." She spoke of her time spent as Chaplain to the deaf Community in Manchester, describing it as the "most significant and transformative period of my 30 years' ministry to date."

She encouraged everyone to "join me in living out, as best as we can, the love of God for one another and for his world and, in doing so, building a world

where all can feel that they have a place, all can belong and all can flourish. Christians call that the Kingdom of God.”

Download: [Bishop Cherry's enthronement sermon \(Word\)](#)

You can also watch the service <https://youtu.be/hWgVXQXRSgl>