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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News

National Grid - Scam Callers Alert

****IMPORTANT MESSAGE****

Please note that we have been alerted to a scam whereby a caller pretending to be from the National Grid reports that electric meters need to be changed.

National Grid do not replace meters therefore this is a scam.

Please ignore and do not give the caller any information.

2024 Church Times Green Church Awards



The Church Times Green Church Awards have two objectives: to celebrate the remarkable efforts made in recent years by individuals and congregations to offset the damage being done to the earth, and to set good examples before others who might be inspired to follow suit.

The 2024 Church Times Green Church Awards are organised jointly with the Church of England's environment programme, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army, and Eco Congregation Scotland. They are open to church groups and church schools of any denomination, in the UK and Ireland.

To find out more about the award categories and how to nominate projects please read the full article in the Church Times [here](#).

Training and Events

Behind Closed Doors: Changing the Story of Domestic Abuse



Clergy and interested people are invited to an event in Cardiff on **Friday 12th April**, jointly hosted by the Diocese of Llandaff, Restored, and Mothers Union, to explore the role the church can play in speaking up against domestic abuse and supporting survivors. This has been motivated by the stark statistic that one in four church-going women in England and Wales will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, but just two in seven feel their church is equipped to support them.

Guest speakers will include Revd Dr Helen Paynter from the Centre for the Study of the Bible and Violence, and the team from Welsh Women's Aid.

There will also be a panel discussion/Q&A on the role of the church alongside public and third sector organisations,

Lunch will be provided.

All attendees will also receive a free copy of the brand new Welsh Edition of Restored's A Guide for Churches to Address Domestic Abuse.

Further details and how to book can be found here: <https://www.restored-uk.org/wales-conference/>

Save The Date

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

ST MARY'S PRIORY, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND

On Saturday May 18th, Bishop Cherry will be leading a service at St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny, celebrating the life of the diocese.

Tea and coffee will be available from 10am and the service will start at 11am.

This will be a celebration for all ages, including activities for children and youth. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to meet people from across the diocese.

On behalf of Bishop Cherry, we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to join us for this celebration. Abergavenny is a wonderful place for making a day of it as well, so please encourage groups to come and enjoy the day!

This service marks the end of our Diocesan 9 Days of Prayer and Mission. For more ideas on how to take part in that, take a look here - [Vision in Focus - 9 Days of Prayer and Mission.pdf](#). But remember, everyone is welcome at our celebration service in Abergavenny and we look forward to seeing you there.

Resources

Journey to Net Zero



Along with the rest of the Church in Wales, we are working to become Net Zero through a series of steps. This will involve the diocesan office, parsonages, churches and churchyards which form part of our wider culture as a diocese and province.

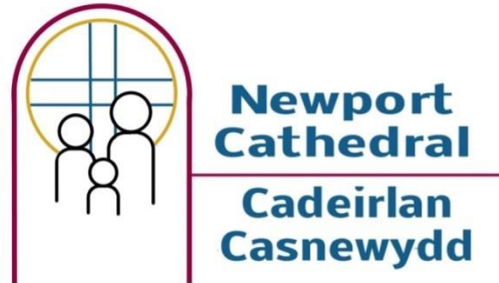
The next step of this journey is to identify the churches in the diocese who have the largest carbon footprint so that resources that can be prioritised where they can have the most impact. This will be done by completing the Church in Wales Energy Footprint Tool which is a simple online survey. We are mindful that we don't want to create extra work for any of our clergy or volunteers so we are completing as much of this form as we can on behalf of our churches.

Through discussions with Ministry Area Leaders, we have a list of the churches that we think have a high energy footprint, based on their size and how often they are used. We would like to start completing the Energy Footprint Tool for these churches. Although we can do the majority of the work, we might be contacting treasurers to ask for some information about energy bills. This will involve asking for a copy of your latest bill and some brief information around your tariff.

Although we are prioritising our largest churches for now, all our churches can complete the Energy Footprint Tool. You might be interested to discover the carbon footprint of your church!

If you have any questions or are interested in completing the Energy Footprint Tool yourself, please contact Libby on **07508 801511** or libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk

Services



Please note that there are **no services** for Easter 2 **Sunday 7th April** as the Cathedral is closed due to tree maintenance works.

Join us for the Patronal Festival service from the Cathedral, **Wednesday 10th April** at **7:30pm** Eucharist [here](#).

Should the link above not work a recording of the service will be made which will be available at a later date.

Vacancies

Personal Assistant / Ministry Area Administrator - Mountain and Marsh MA



Job Title:

Personal Assistant and Ministry Area Administrator

To support the Ministry Area Leader in prioritising and managing their time effectively. To support the Ministry Area with its administrative duties, ensuring compliance with statutory and Church in Wales requirements.

24-month fixed term contract
Part-time, 15 hours per week

Salary:

£9,360 per annum

Responsible to:

Ministry Area Leader

Location:

St Mary's Church, Marshfield

Main Working Contacts

Ministry Area Leader, Lay-Co Chair,
Ministry Area Wardens, Ministry Area Secretary,
Ministry Area Treasurer.

Please visit the following link for more information [Mountain and Marsh Personal Assistant /Administrator Profile](#)

Closing date for applications: **5th April 2024**

Team Vicar - Mynydd Bedwellte MA



MYNYDD BEDWELLTE MINISTRY AREA

Team Vicar

Mynydd Bedwellte in the heart of the Welsh Valleys is a vibrant and exciting group of churches. If you thrive working as part of a team ministry with supportive colleagues, then maybe God is calling you to join us in ministry at a time when we are blessed with additional resources to support us.

We are seeking a priest as Team Vicar with an understanding on how you develop community links and relationships in an area which is impacted by the issues of poverty and deprivation. A priest who has a heart to walk alongside people in their journey of faith and encourages them to be beacons of God's presence in their communities.

There is great potential in this ministry area for the person who is able to have a vision to engage with the local community and nurture the gifts of congregation and community to bring about God's hope and love.

Are you someone who:

- loves people from all walks of life and can help develop a culture which will help the church family to thrive?
- can facilitate and encourage people into action?
- is a good manager of time, projects, and people?
- has excellent communication skills and good use of IT?

If you think this could be you then we would very much like to hear from you.

We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome applications from all suitably qualified clerics.

For an informal conversation please contact Rev Matt Davis
on 07800750259 or mattdavis@ciw.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: stellabailey@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 8th April 2024

Interviews to be held on Friday 19th April 2024



Canon for Worship and Congregational Life (Precentor-Pastor) - Newport Cathedral



Canon for Worship and Congregational Life (Precentor-Pastor)

The Bishop in consultation with the Dean wishes to appoint a full-time additional Canon Residentiary for Newport Cathedral with responsibility for worship and congregational life.

This is a new post following reorganisation of roles.

The role combines the traditional ones of precentor (40%) and pastor (60%). We are looking for:

- a creative liturgist with human warmth and an eye for detail,
- an open, relational, engaging person, who delights in pastoral work with all ages,
- a mission-minded priest, able to develop the life, faith and ministry of the congregation and broaden the demographic balance.
- a collaborative colleague for a small team of clergy and laity.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales, one of the largest conurbations in Wales, with excellent road and rail links.

Further details and application pack: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 8th April 2024.

Interviews over Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024 (both days).

For an informal conversation, please contact the Dean, The Very Revd Ian Black, ianblack@churcheinwales.org.uk, to arrange a time to talk.

We are committed to equality of opportunity and welcome applications from everyone who feels they meet the requirements of the role. The appointment will be made on merit.



House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire MA



NORTH MONMOUTHSHIRE MINISTRY AREA

HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST

We are looking for a collaborative and caring priest with a genuine passion for working with others, lay and ordained, in a beautiful part of Wales.

Based in the lovely village of Llanddewi Rhydderch and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of the Ministry Team covering the new Ministry Area of North Monmouthshire which has 17 churches.

We hope for a Priest who will be:

- ❖ **Caring** - has a strong pastoral heart and passion for encouraging the members of each of the congregations in discipleship
- ❖ **Collaborative in nature** - working well with the Ministry Team, lay and ordained, within the Ministry Area and is a good team player
 - ❖ **Community focussed** - being a visible presence in the Ministry Area
- ❖ **Engaging** - has energy and commitment to engage with the local communities and is sympathetic to the needs of rural communities

If you think you might be that person... we would very much like to hear from you.

We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome applications from all suitably qualified clerics.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk

Application form and full profile available at
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:
archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Monday 15th April 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after



New Church Community Hubs



You are likely to have already heard something about our diocesan evangelism project but, now that funding is secured, we want to share with you some details so that you have a better understanding of what is planned. This is an exciting project for the whole diocese, and we hope that you will all share in that excitement as we bring more people to faith and look to welcome new worshippers to the diocesan family.

Monmouth Diocese is planting four new church communities, aimed primarily at bringing under-40s to faith. The first two will be launched this year in Chepstow and Tredegar, with the remaining two following in 2026 (locations to be decided). The churches will be focused on sharing the gospel message with the community and creating a 'family' within the church for everyone to belong to – including lots of under 40s.

The landmark £3m project was announced at the start of the year and young people and families will be the focus. The funding comes from the Church in Wales' Evangelism Fund, set up six years ago for diocesan projects to help people engage with the Christian faith in new and exciting ways.

Work on the project has already begun and we are looking for a great team to establish these new worshipping communities, drawing children and families into faith and discipleship.

We are currently advertising for Hub Church Plant Leads and Children and Families' Pioneer, details here [Jobs - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/jobs). If you know anyone who may be interested, please share! For more information, please contact Emilymartins@cinw.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Sunday 21st April 2024**

