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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Diocesan Day of Prayer - Postponed

Please note that unfortunately the Diocesan Day of Prayer that is scheduled for Monday 15th April has been **postponed**. Arrangements will be made to reschedule this for a later date.

Apologies for the short notice and any inconvenience caused.

Please kindly pass this message on to anyone who you think may not be on our email circulation list.

Thank-you/Diolch!

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.

National Memorial Service for LGBT+ Lives Lost



A national memorial service to remember and commemorate all LGBT+ people who have lost their lives to suicide or experienced harm following exclusion from Christian faith communities, will be held at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday, **May 26 at 5.30pm**.

The service is organised by [OneBodyOneFaith](#) with support from the Bishops. Tickets are free and you can book yours here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/memorial-service-tickets-763324021697>

Cynhelir gwasanaeth coffa cenedlaethol i gofio a choffau pob person LHDT+ a gollodd eu bywydau i hunanladdiad neu a brofodd niwed yn dilyn eu gwahardd o gymunedau ffydd Cristnogol yng Nghadeirlan Llandaf ddydd Sul, **26 Mai am 5.30pm**.

Trefnir y gwasanaeth gan [OneBodyOneFaith](#) gyda chefnogaeth yr Esgobion. Mae'r tocynnau yn rhad ac am ddim a gallwch archebu eich tocyn chi yma:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/memorial-service-tickets-763324021697>

Climate Cymru's Great Big Green Week

Join us for Great Big Green Week 8-16th June 2024

Let's swap together for good.

Get inspired by the swaps communities are making everyday to help create a better tomorrow.

Great Big Green Week takes place between 8th and 16th June 2024. All the details are on the website link further on but few things to highlight are noted below.

It is a great opportunity to put on an event, an activity or to announce something and take advantage of being part of a nationwide campaign. You can therefore 'hang' your event on the general publicity and messaging that this week gets in the media, to get local publicity for yours. As the name suggests, it is all about doing something 'green' and drawing people in (including new people from your community) to celebrate environmentally friendly activities while raising awareness of the urgent need for climate action by us all.

There are lots of resources, templates and graphics you can use, which helps cut down on work for you!

It is important to register your event so that local people and local media can see what's happening and attend or give it a plug.

Funding is also available to community groups in Wales to help with the cost of putting on an event. Perhaps churches could work together and put in a joint bid for some funding in a locality - maybe for a series of events in different church locations for example?

Visit the Climate Cymru website [here](#) for more details.

Churches Count on Nature 2024



The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities A Rocha UK and Caring for God's Acre, as well as The Church of England and The Church in Wales, will take place from 8-16 June 2024 (same as Great Big Green Week).

It is open to all denominations and A Rocha UK are especially keen to see more participation beyond the Church in Wales this year. There were 36 events last year in Wales and it would be great if that increased this year.

You could hold an event in your churchyard/ burial ground/ church land as part of GBGW, where you invite local people in to look for and record different species of plants, birds, insects etc. The scheme is in its fourth year and we would love to see more chapels and churches across Wales participate.

Please register your event or activity on the Caring for God's Acre website [here](#).

You will then be sent a pack that will help with identifying species (Welsh language versions are available too).

It is a fantastic way to involve children and young people (maybe the local school or uniformed groups) as they always love a bug hunt! There will be a page on the 'Stories' section of the [Eco Church website](#) soon from churches that took part in CCoN last year to inspire you too.

Training and Events

Diocesan Celebration - 18th May

On behalf of **Bishop Cherry** we invite you to:

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY
18TH MAY**

**ST MARY'S PRIORY,
ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND**

**TEA & COFFEE FROM 10AM
SERVICE STARTS AT 11AM**

Join us for a morning
of worship & fellowship
Celebrating the birth of
our Lord's Church
Including activities for
children and youth

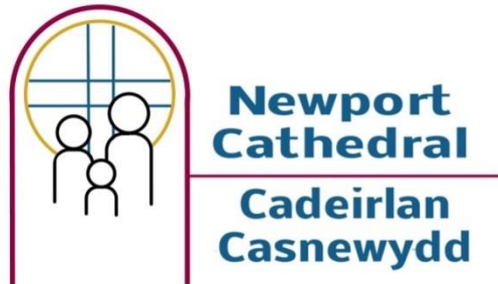
Followed by cake!



**EVERYONE WELCOME
CAR PARK NEXT TO CHURCH
FULL FLAT ACCESSIBILITY
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Services



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

Join us for the Easter 3 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10.30am [here](#).

Join us for the Choral Evensong & Sacred Synod on Wednesday 17th April at 6.30pm [here](#).

Should the links above for the Wednesday services not work a recording of them will be made available at a later date.

Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Netherwent MA



NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA

MINISTRY AREA LEADER

We are looking for a new Ministry Area leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses.

We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

The person we would like for this role will have:

- A heart for community, for mission and evangelism and for nurturing disciples.
- A servant-heart, who is confident, possesses good relational skills and who is prepared to be 'hands-on' whilst not losing sight of the 'bigger picture'.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to forge, maintain and develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families.
- Vision to recognise the contribution and value of each individual church, whilst also seeking to foster a sense of unity and purpose across the Ministry Area as a whole.
- Experience as a good leader and communicator who recognises the importance of teamwork and collaborative ministry.
- A real desire for the excitement and challenge of ensuring an effective structure to help the ministry area to grow. This will be done in conjunction with an innovative and supportive Ministry Area team of clergy and lay people.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Venerable Ian Rees on (07983 684151) or farchdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.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: archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 10th June 2024

Interview date to be confirmed.



For more information on this vacancy please visit our website [here](#).

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 mardvicarage@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



For more information on this vacancy please visit our website [here](#).

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**

