



This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our Friday email list.

News



Advent Course

I am delighted to commend a short, three session course for study groups to use during the season of Advent. Exploring the bible and sharing our faith, our doubts, our experience and our questions together is a wonderful way to grow in our Christian discipleship.

Our Director of Ministry, Archdeacon Ian says, “Pre-empting the Church in Wales’ year of biblical literacy in 2022, this 3 session Advent course is being produced in the diocese. Resources will be available early in November from the website or can be emailed out and the discussions for each session can be held in person or online. The sessions will look at biblical passages relating to ‘Waiting for Jesus’, ‘Trusting in Jesus’ and ‘Committing to Jesus’”.

This is an excellent way for us to prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Christmas. Do use this resource as part of your journey through Advent.



Conference 2021

We are pleased to announce this year's Conference will be held digitally. Papers for Conference have been posted out to members this week. If you wish to attend Conference as an observer, a YouTube link be sent out by email and social media in the coming weeks.



Together for Our Planet

The National Lottery are offering from £1,000 to £10,000 of funding to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.

Projects should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. They could cover an area like:

- food
- transport
- energy
- waste and consumption
- the natural environment.

You do not need to be an expert in any of these areas to apply. They're particularly interested to hear from people starting to think about taking action on climate change in their communities.

Application Deadline: 5pm on 18th of November

To help answer any questions you may have about the Together for Our Planet funding programme, including the criteria and what they are hoping to fund a webinar is being held on Tuesday 21st of September at 11am. Sign p for the webinar and find out more about the grant [here](#).

Training and Events



Are you attending the Abergavenny Food Festival this weekend?

A warm welcome awaits you at St Mary's Priory Church in the heart of Abergavenny! Over the Food Festival Weekend St Mary's will be open to welcome visitors and pilgrims from across the Diocese and beyond.

Come and see the world-famous 15th century Jesse carving, featured recently on BBC 2's History of Art in Wales, the exquisitely restored medieval monuments in the Herbert Chapel and the wonderful art of our Artist-in-Residence Jeremy Thomas, portraying over twenty-five different scenes from the gospels and copies of the art are on sale in Jeremy's studio in the Tithe Barn.

Explore the peace and quiet of the Abbot's Garden and enjoy fresh Fair Trade coffee and homemade cakes in our pop-up coffee shop in the medieval Tithe Barn. Here you can also see our Millennium Tapestry and visit our exhibition about the history of the Priory and the community that once lived, worked and prayed here.

Outside in the Priory Courtyard, Made in Monmouthshire are running an Art Village with exquisite work by local artists and craftspeople for sale.

On Sunday 19th, the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity the following services take place at St Mary's

8.00am Holy Eucharist

11.00am The Priory Eucharist, with St Mary's Priory Choir, featuring Mozart's Missa Brevis; 'Day by Day' by Martin How and 'From all that dwell' by Walmisley.

5.00pm Choral Evensong, sung by the renowned choir Academia Musica from Hereford. Responses, Gibbons; Canticles, Brewer in D; Anthem, Rejoice in the Lord always, anon.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Fr John Connell SCP, Rector of
Abergavenny



RSCM International Chorister Day Event

Sunday 19th September, Newport Cathedral, 2-6pm

The Royal School of Church Music is organising "International Chorister Day" as a way of celebrating the opportunities that being a chorister provides.

The official event for SE Wales will be at Newport Cathedral: come and "be a chorister for an afternoon"!

An afternoon of singing, musical activities and games and refreshments, ending with a service (which parents are welcome to attend)

Start time - 2pm

Closing act of worship - 5pm

Contact for more details - Emma Gibbins 07952 514117 / emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

You can register for a place here: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/courses/icd-wales/>

Diocesan Healing Service



We're pleased to announce the next Diocesan Healing Services on **Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm.**

This service will be led by Bishop Cherry and Rev. James Henley with Bishop Cherry delivering the sermon. Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith and we invite you to join us in drawing nearer to Christ and opening ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-healing-service-registration-169638245559>



Why should Christians Campaign?' event happening during the Great Big Green Week

A Rocha are looking forward to joining communities across the UK and contributing ourselves to the [Great Big Green Week](#) (18 - 26 September). The week is organised by The Climate Coalition, of which A Rocha UK is a member. It will have a particular focus on the links between climate change and nature and be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK. The week will be an opportunity to raise the profile of climate change and how it is affecting nature and people, and the places we love, right here in the UK and across the world. You can sign up [here](#) to receive notifications for events happening near you.

On 24 September, A Rocha UK are inviting their supporters to meet online for a first pilot 'Campaign Friday' event. Experienced campaigner (and also CEO of A Rocha UK), Andy Atkins will speak on why Christians should campaign; they'll point towards some key nature related campaigns; and - for those who want - take part in them right there and then! More info and event sign up can be found on the Eventbrite page [here](#).

Calling Conversations

The next session is about Vocations in the Workplace and is on the 28th of September. Join the session [here](#).

- DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH -

**CALLING CONVERSATIONS
VOCATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE**

God is Calling


OUR PANEL

❖ DARREN MILLAR MS – MEMBER OF THE
WELSH PARLIAMENT FOR CLWYD WEST

❖ PENNY HEARD – OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR
OF THE HIGHVELD ANGLICAN BOARD OF
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

❖ IAN LOYND – HEADTEACHER OF ST TEILO'S
CHURCH IN WALES HIGH SCHOOL

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 28TH SEPT AT 7PM • 

The St Deiniol Lectures - Monday October 4, 7pm

Professor John Clarke, Professor Emeritus in the History of Ideas, Kingston University,
London, on:

“Mysticism: its Relevance Today”

followed by open discussion

at Itton Village Hall, NP16 6BP
Itton Road, Chepstow (B4293)

*To allow for Covid safety measures, please pre-book with Anne Octon (01291
641918; anneocton@gmail.com)*

NB: Please wear masks on entry to the hall - you can remove them once seated.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS



Safeguarding training Module B sessions
will resume week beginning the 18th
October 2021

Further information about dates, times and booking will follow
in due course

*(Please note Module A Safeguarding Awareness is still available through the
Church in Wales Website)*

For further information please contact SarahRobinson@cinw.org.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all
church members are cared for and protected.

Email SarahRobinson@churchinwales.org.uk for more details.

Services and Resources

Join a Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).



Nations' Climate Sunday Service: Churches Prepare for COP26 - Live Stream Recording Available

The Nations' Climate Sunday Service was held on 5 September 2021 at Glasgow Cathedral. The service was a partnership between Climate Sunday (an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland), Glasgow Cathedral and Glasgow Churches Together. You can now watch a recording of the livestream on the Climate Sunday website [here](#).

It's not too late to hold a Climate Sunday service!

Monmouth Diocese is designating **October 3rd** as our **Climate Sunday**. We have chosen the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the end of Creationtide that runs through September. There are some excellent resources on the website at www.climatesunday.org to help you to plan for worship and other activities.

Make sure you register your service on the Climate Sunday website. This will ensure that your church can be counted in the total commitment from churches across the UK, which will be presented at COP26 to the UK government.

Esgobaeth Mynwy

Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Medi 2021 – Awst 2022

Date Dyddiad	Time Amser	Venue Lleoliaeth	Service & Theme Gwasanaeth & Thema
Medi September 11 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Hydref October 12 th Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth	7pm / y.h.	St Mary, Magor	Harvest Festival Diolchgarwch am y Cynhaeaf
Tachwedd November 13 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Monmouth	Eucharist: Remembrance Ewcharist: Sul y Gofio
Rhagfyr December 14 th Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth	10.30 am /y.b.	St John, Maindee, Newport	Eucharist: Advent Ewcharist: Adfent
Ionawr January 8 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	5 pm /y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan	Plygain
Chwefror February 8 th Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth	7 pm / y.h.	St Mary, Magor	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mawrth March 12 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Ebrill April 26 th Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth	10.30 am / y.b.	St John, Maindee, Newport	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mai May 8 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mehefin June 15 th Wednesday / Deydd Mercher	6.30pm / y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan	Choral Evensong Hwylol Weddi
Gorfennaf July 9 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
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Medi September 10 th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist

Sight Loss Sunday



20% of your community will experience sight loss in their lifetime.

Sunday 17th October

Take part in Sight Loss Sunday and equip blind & partially sighted people to contribute to church life.

Free resources available from sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday from TORCH TRUST

The poster features a blue silhouette of a church with a cross on top. Below the church, there are silhouettes of five people walking, with one person using a white cane. The text is in white and yellow on a dark blue background.

Find out more at sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday

Vacancies

House for Duty Priest - Monmouth Ministry Area

Monmouth Ministry Area 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 Llanishen and primarily working with 4 churches around that area, you will also be part of the Ministry Team covering the new Ministry Area of Monmouth which has 19 churches.

They 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 focused - 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

For an informal conversation please contact The Venerable Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth on 07983 684151 or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 18th October 2021

Interviews will be held early in November

[Click here for more details and the application form.](#)

Ministry Team - East Cardiff (3 Posts)

East Cardiff Ministry Area are forming a new creative and collaborative Ministry Team, who will help us to grow in our united mission to serve the communities of East Cardiff. Our goal is for each member of our team to work to their strengths, bring their own complementary gifts and skills and, we pray, to flourish in their own ministry and vocation.

Post 1: Vicar for Liturgy and Worship

Are you someone who:

- Has a deep and mature spirituality rooted in the sacraments?
- Values the breadth of worshipping traditions across the Anglican Church?
- Has relevant experience developing vibrant liturgy which draws on sources both ancient and modern?

Our new Vicar for Liturgy and Worship will help us to develop a vibrant and diverse worship and prayer life, taking full responsibility for coordinating public worship across the Ministry Area.

Post 2: Vicar for Belonging and Pastoral Care

Are you someone who:

- Has a pastoral heart, sensitive to the needs of others?
- Is passionate about the occasional offices as an opportunity for hospitality, mission and faith formation?
- Has experience providing one-to-one pastoral care and developing a team of pastoral visitors?

Our new Vicar for Belonging and Pastoral Care will help us to develop our inclusive welcome, ensuring all are able to belong fully to the life of the Church. They will take full responsibility for co-ordinating pastoral care across the Ministry Area.

Post 3: Priest for Children, Families and Community

Are you someone who:

- Has a servant's heart, with a community focused and strengths-based outlook?
- Believes in the profound goodness of children, even the most challenging, and has experience of youth and/or schools ministry?
- Is deeply loving, inclusive and affirming with a highly effective understanding of the challenges and opportunities in urban communities?

St Teilo's, the largest Anglican school in the Province of Wales, is at the heart of the new East Cardiff Ministry Area. Together, we are seeking to develop creative and deeply Christian partnerships within and between St Teilo's and the East Cardiff Ministry Area, our Church in Wales primary schools and other local schools.

Our new Priest for Children, Families and Community will help us to create projects and initiatives focused on wholeness and wellbeing in our schools and local communities, with a particular focus on the poor and vulnerable. They will explore and encourage discipleship by growing opportunities for prayer, hospitality and service.

The salary for the post will be a little over £38,000 and will increase with inflation in line with JNC pay awards. The post is subject to membership of the national Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

For an informal conversation on any of these posts, please contact Reverend James Henley, Ministry Area Leader on 02920 752138 or james.henley@gmail.com

For the recruitment pack and applications forms please click [here](#).

Applications should be submitted by email to: james.henley@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th October 2021



Canon Residentiary

The Dean in consultation with the Bishop wishes to appoint a full-time Residentiary Canon for Newport Cathedral.

This is an exciting time to join Newport Cathedral as a new team is being formed.

The role is both pastor and missionary: to develop the life and faith of the congregation as well as look beyond to draw in new people and broaden the demographic balance. This will also involve nurturing a rich combination of the existing and new styles of worship that will underpin the Cathedral's life and witness.

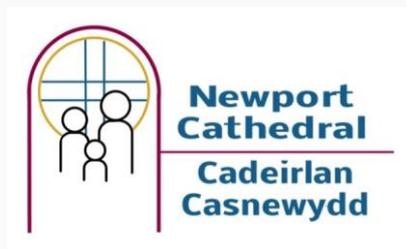
We are looking for a mission-minded, open, relational and engaging person, someone who can think beyond the established, while working within it.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales with excellent road and rail links.

Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 24th September 2021.

Interviews over Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October 2021 (both days).

For further details and application form: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies



Verger and Sacristan (full-time)

Applications are invited for the Cathedral Verger and Sacristan. This is a key position in the functioning of the Cathedral. The verger holds the space and is an ambassador to all who come.

Salary package: 23,000 plus 10% to the approved pension scheme.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales with excellent road and rail links.

Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 8th October 2021.

Application is by submitting the completed application form which includes a confidential declaration – a CV substitute is not sufficient. In addition please write a letter of application stating how you meet the requirements of the post.

Completed applications by email to deanofnewport@churchinwales.org.uk by 12noon on 8th October 2021.

Interviews will be on Friday 5th November 2021.

Further details and application form can be downloaded [here](#).