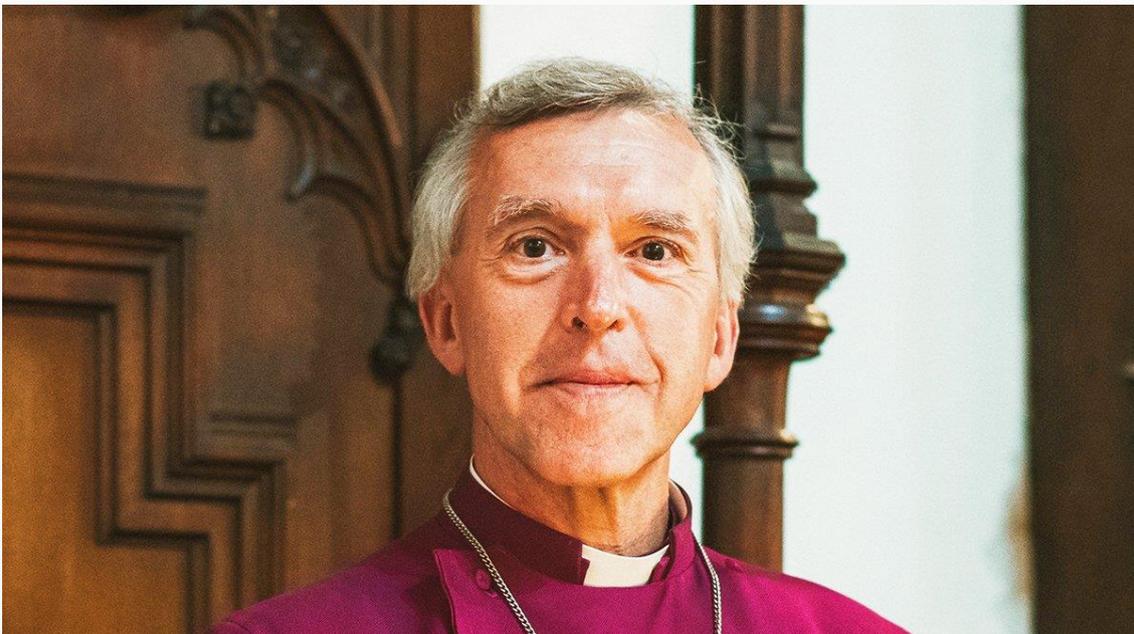




This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our Friday email list.

News

New Archbishop of Wales Elected



A new Archbishop of Wales has been elected.

Andy John who has served as the Bishop of Bangor for the past 13 years, has been chosen as the 14th Archbishop of Wales.

He succeeds Bishop John Davies who retired in May after four years as the leader of the Church in Wales.

Archbishop Andy was elected having secured a two-thirds majority vote from members of the Electoral College on the first day of its meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells. The election was immediately confirmed by the five other diocesan bishops and announced at the door of the church by the Provincial Secretary of the Church in Wales, Simon Lloyd. Archbishop Andy will be enthroned at St. Deiniol's Cathedral, Bangor, in due course. As Archbishop he will continue to serve as Bishop of Bangor.

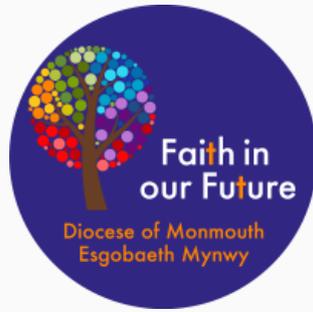
He said, "As we look forward to the future, we face many challenges, but we do so not alone. We face the challenges with God's grace and with one another, because together we are so much stronger, so much better. I am confident that the Church in Wales will be able to respond with energy and vision and vigour. It is my enormous privilege to serve our church to this end."

The Archdeacon of Meirionnydd, Andrew Jones, welcomed the news on behalf of the Diocese of Bangor.

He said, "On behalf of the Diocese of Bangor, I want to congratulate Bishop Andy on his election as the next Archbishop of Wales. His leadership in the Diocese of Bangor since 2009 has been excellent and very much appreciated. He has steered the diocese through uncharted times and has done it with care, compassion and clarity.

"This is a great privilege for us as a Diocese and he becomes the third Bishop of Bangor to be the Archbishop of Wales in the last century - GO Williams in the late 70s/80s and Charles Green in the 30s. Both left a significant mark on the history of our Church and I am certain that Bishop Andy will equally be an outstanding Archbishop, who will lead our Church strategically, diligently and pastorally.

"As a Diocese we pray for Bishop Andy and his family and that he will be blessed in this new ministry and leadership."



Five Themes and Conference Minutes

The second day of the 2021 Diocesan Conference was dedicated to exploring five themes which will underpin our Diocesan Vision. These themes were set by Bishop Cherry and included: Discipleship, Stewardship, Equality & Diversity, Caring for Creation, and Social Justice. The review of these themes involved feedback from small groups which has since been compiled into a comprehensive report for the Diocesan Standing Committee. The Standing Committee wishes to share this report with the rest of the diocese; along with the Minutes of Conference.

The foundations set in this report will be used as we continue to move forward in shaping our Diocesan Vision in 2022. We would like to thank all members of Conference for their contributions to the exercises and discussions. We would also like to thank all the small group facilitators for their work in leading discussions and recording feedback. Thank you all for your support and engagement. We look forward to sharing more details on the continued development of our vision in the new year!

Diolch yn fawr!

[Download the Five Themes Report here.](#)

[Download the Conference Minutes here.](#)

Friday Email moving to Wednesday!

We have received a number of comments that Friday is not best day of the week to receive our update. From the New Year our weekly emails will therefore be moving to a Wednesday.

We hope this change will make it easier for churches and Ministry Areas to use some of our content in their own communications. If you are responsible for your church or Ministry Area communications and would like any of the stories or pictures in a different format, then just let us know.

The last email of the year will be sent on Friday 17th December and they will resume on Wednesday 12th January.

We will continue sending out urgent updates as needed.

Reduced Service over the Christmas Period

Please be aware that the Diocesan Office will be working at minimal capacity over the Christmas period.

Most staff will be on leave between 17th December and the 4th January. We will respond to your enquiries as soon as possible in the New Year.

Help Needed

Re-engage Community Christmas



Bringing generations together

Community Christmas provides a free online directory of local festive events and activities taking place across the UK, all of which are open to older people who would otherwise be spending Christmas alone.



Community Christmas helps to make sure that older people who might otherwise be on their own have a place to go to celebrate the festive season.

Are you an organisation, group, or individual holding an event between 18 December and 1 January? If so, you can advertise your event on our online directory and we'll make sure that older people get to hear about it.

We also welcome events that are not aimed specifically at older people, as long as they are accessible for an older person. Please visit our website reengage.org.uk/christmas for more details and to sign up.

If you know someone who is 75 or older who may be on their own on Christmas Day, you can tell them about the directory or ask them to call **0800 716 543** and we'll help match them to an event in their local area. (This phone number is for event attendees only.)

Re-engage, 2 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0DH, 020 7240 0630
Registered charity in England and Wales (1146149) and in Scotland (SC039377)

reengage.org.uk/christmas

Good News Worth Sharing



Ecclesiastical will be donating £1000 to 10 charities every weekday between the 6th and 21st of December with nominations open until midnight the day before each draw.

Find out more and nominate your church [here](#).

Training and Events

Finding Our Way - Forty Hours of Continuous Prayer

The parish of SS Julius and Aaron are holding Forty Hours of Continuous Prayer on 12-13 December. The church building is open throughout the Forty Hours, day and night, punctuated by Common Worship as set out in the attached poster. The worship space has prayer stations as well as the central focus on the Eucharistic Presence of Christ.

This year, the theme of 'Finding Our Way' reflects the sevenfold offering of these Forty Hours for (1) our Bishop, (2) our Diocese, (3) this nascent Ministry Area, (4) the formation and consolidation of Ministry Areas, (5) the spiritual life

of every community throughout Wales, (6) the whole Church everywhere and (7) the emergence and rebuilding of households, communities and countries worldwide in the ongoing maelstrom of Covid-19 and other events.

The parish priest, Fr David Matthews says, *'I introduced this practice to the Parish a few years before Covid-19 came and I am convinced that this concentrated time of pure prayer has been a critical part of how God's purposes and grace have unfolded among us year by year.'*

FINDING OUR WAY



FORTY HOURS OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER

in the Eucharistic Presence of Christ

Church of SS Julius and Aaron, Newport NP19 7JT

12 and 13 DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

8am	Parish Mass
10am	The Walsingham Litany
11am	Prayers <i>with our Junior Church</i>
12pm	The Angelus
5pm	The Rosary
7pm	Evening Prayer
10pm	Compline

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

8am	Morning Prayer
10am	Mass
12pm	The Angelus
3pm	The Jesus Prayer
5pm	Evening Prayer
8pm	Benediction <i>with Intercessions</i>
11:30pm	Compline

Prayer continues throughout, punctuated by times of Common Worship

**PLEASE DROP IN FOR AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE
AS YOU LIKE**

St Woolos Sinfonia Christmas Concert

The repertoire will include Corelli and Manfredini Christmas concertos, from JS Bach Double concerto for two violins, Humperdinck "Abendsegen" from Hansel & Gretel, and Coventry Rejouissance! for Sax and Strings especially composed for the occasion...



ST WOOLOS SINFONIA

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

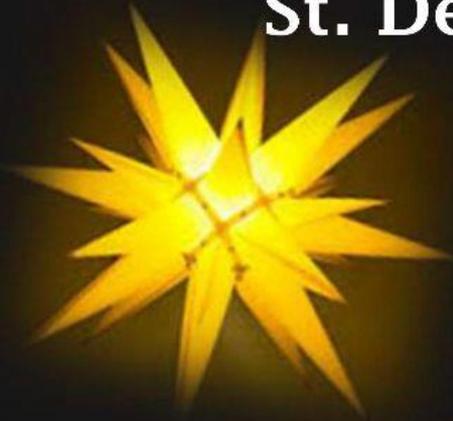
Chamber Music - Carols - Readings

St. Deiniol's Church

of Itton, near

Chepstow

NP16 6BR



Sat 11th December 2021, 7pm

Tickets (£12, under 16 years free)

From Elaine Cavill (Tel 01291-641615) &

Cynthia Matthews (Tel 01291-641901)

or on the door.

Proceeds in aid of the church.

www.stwoolossinfonia.com



St John's Maindee Nine Lessons and Carols

If your church enjoyed the music provided by St John's Maindee in our Diocesan Music Database, you now have the opportunity to enjoy them live at their upcoming carol service. See the details below.

Our Diocesan Music Database is still available on our website: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/monmouth-music/>

If you would like to contribute new music to the database, please send it to admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk



St John's Church, Maindee

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 19th December 6pm

Enjoy singing well known carols, listening to the wonderful and familiar words of the readings, and sit back to listen to the choir singing well loved and new carols, all in atmospheric candlelight.



There will be mince pies and mulled wine to enjoy after the service, along with the opportunity to chat to old friends and new.

St. John's Road, Newport NP19 8GR

A Nativity Encounter – 22nd December



Revd Mandy East of the Diocesan Healing Wholeness and Reconciliation Group is leading an Advent guided reflection on **Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm**. This guided reflection is approximately 1 hour in length and will be held via Zoom.

We invite you to take some time and space for prayer, reflection, and peace during this holy season of anticipation and hope.

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-reflection-a-nativity-encounter-registration-222023687827>

Training for Intercessors

The Cathedral Dean, Very Revd Ian Black, will be leading a training evening on Tuesday 1st February at 7.15pm in the Cathedral on leading intercessions in church. It is open to both those who currently exercise this ministry and anyone who would like to start leading these.

During the evening we will reflect on what it is we are doing and what we are not, look at some resources available to help and explore some pointers. There will be a small bookstall with some resources to buy. Dean Ian has published a number of books of intercessions and prayers, which are used widely.

Further details in the New Year. If there are any who would prefer a session during the day or at a weekend, please let Ian know at the Cathedral and if there is sufficient interest he will look at some dates

– dean@newportcathedral.org.uk

Vocations Conference - 5th February

5TH FEBRUARY
10AM-12.30PM

God is Calling

JOIN US LIVE ON ZOOM
REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

OPENING PRAYERS LED BY BISHOP CHERRY VANN

OUR PANEL:

- ❖ REVD JEREMY DUFF ON ORDAINED MINISTRY
- ❖ REVD ALAN TYLER ON CHAPLAINCY
- ❖ MANDY BAYTON ON LAY MINISTRY
- ❖ BROTHER OSWIN ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS
- ❖ SISTER ELIZABETH ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS
- ❖ SISTER JOANNA ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS

A Vocations Conference to explore ordained, lay, chaplaincy and monastic vocations. We will have talks from various speakers; Revd Jeremy Duff, Revd Alan Tyler, Mandy Bayton, Br Oswin, Sister Elizabeth and Sister Joanna.

There will also be time to go into breakout rooms to have a conversation with our panellists about their discernment and individual journeys.

Bishop Cherry Vann will open the morning with prayer and there will be time for reflection at the end of the morning.

All are welcome to attend!

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vocations-conference-tickets-224046317567>

VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

God is Calling

5TH FEBRUARY 2022
10AM-12.30PM

OPENING PRAYERS LED BY BISHOP CHERRY VANN

OUR PANEL:

- REVD JEREMY DUFF ON ORDAINED MINISTRY
- REVD ALAN TYLER ON CHAPLAINCY
- MANDY BAYTON ON LAY MINISTRY
- BROTHER OSWIN ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS
- SISTER ELIZABETH ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS
- SISTER JOANNA ON MONASTIC VOCATIONS

• JOIN US ON ZOOM •

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE •

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022

Bookings are now open for the 2022 Festival of Prayer. A day of varied and stimulating lectures, discussions and different opportunities for prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to select 3 workshops to attend out of the 19 topics available.



The day also includes a welcome address Bishop Cherry. To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Services and Resources

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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Tachwedd 2021

Rhagfyr / December 14th
Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth
10.30am / y.b., St John Maindee
Ewcharist: Adfent / Eucharist: Advent

You may notice we are starting to add some more Welsh words and phrases to our diocesan communications!

Staff in the diocese office will soon be answering the phone with a 'Bore da' or ending an email with 'cofion cynnes' as we continue our journey to become a bilingual diocese.

Welsh language services that are held regularly across our diocese are a great way to embrace the Welsh identity of our diocese.

Advent Guided Reflection – Christ’s Healing Light

For those who were unable to attend last week’s healing service, the Diocesan Healing Wholeness and Reconciliation Group has recorded the guided reflection and made it available on the diocesan YouTube channel. We invite everyone to pause and take a moment for prayer; especially in this often busy and sometimes stressful season of Advent. Join us in a celebration of Christ’s healing light. We hope you find this a valuable and useful resource; and encourage you to share it with friends.



The Lectio for Families app from 24-7 Prayer

Lectio for Families is a free devotional app from 24-7 Prayer that helps families to read the Bible and explore faith through conversation and prayer together.

Lectio For Families is inspired by Lectio Divina: a way of meditating on the Bible that’s been used by Christians for centuries. Like 24-7 Prayer’s free Lectio 365 app (www.24-7prayer.com/lectio365) for individuals, daily content on Lectio for Families follows an easy-to-remember P.R.A.Y format each day: P – Pause, R- Rejoice and Reflect, A- Ask, Y- Yes to God’s ways.

The Lectio for Families app is designed for families with children aged between 7-11 years old, but is likely to be suitable for those who are younger and slightly older too

The app aims to equip families to read the Bible, talk about faith and pray together in an easy way. Content on the Lectio for Families app has been written for families to do together. It includes daily Bible readings and a weekly memory verse, read by children. Each day there are questions to pause and talk about, and creative prompts to pray in new ways.

Find out more at www.24-7prayer.com/lectioforfamilies

Download Lectio for Families on App Store and Google Play.

Advent Course 2021



**Wait,
Trust,
Commit**

We're pleased to announce the 2021 Diocesan Advent Course is now available. This year's course has been drafted by Archdeacon Ian Rees and Revd Becca Stevens.

'Wait, Trust, Commit' explores the themes of anticipation and hope as we examine our relationship with and commitment to Jesus.

This 3-session course includes prayers, readings, commentary, and questions to enable discussion in your groups.

We hope you will find this a valuable resource.

[DOWNLOAD - ADVENT 2021: WAIT, TRUST, COMMIT \(PDF\)](#)

This course is also available on our [Diocesan website](#).

If you are planning to use this course to lead a group and are open to receiving additional members, please let us know: <https://forms.gle/1fLgdogrcN7cpxcAA>
If you would like to participate in this course, but do not have a local group, please contact the Diocesan Office at admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Vacancies

Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys & Diocesan Director of Mission

The Bishop of Monmouth is looking for an experienced and creative priest to become the Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission.

She/he will work closely with the Bishop as part of her senior team, and with the churches of the newly established Ministry Areas, to embed the five marks of mission throughout the Diocese and develop transformational team working.

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate that they:

- can work as a collaborative team player as well as a leader
- have experience of helping people of all ages to grow in and share their faith
- are keen and able to foster and support new ways of being Church and help existing congregations to be missionally minded
- understand how to support the development of good team working amongst lay and ordained ministers
- have proven ability to communicate easily and effectively at all levels

The Diocese of Monmouth seeks to be an inclusive diocese and welcomes applications from people regardless of gender, sexuality, disability or ethnicity. Applications from BAME and women are especially welcome.

For an informal conversation please contact:

The Venerable Jonathan Williams, Archdeacon of Newport on 01633 215206 or archdeacon.newport@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 14th January 2022

For more details, including the full profile, click [here](#).

Director of Music - St. Mary's Priory Church, Monmouth

Director of Music required for a large town church with a liberal Anglo-Catholic worship tradition.

RSCM rates apply.

Closing Date for Applications: 15th January, 2022.

For further details and an application pack, please contact revcmhaynes@btinternet.com
