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News



Two New Cathedral Canons

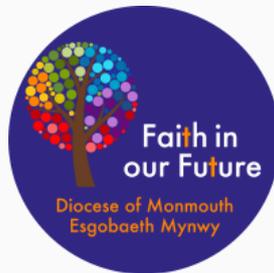
Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce that the Revd John Connell and the Revd Becca Stevens have accepted her invitation to become Canons of St Woolos Cathedral. After consultation with the Dean and the Bishop's Staff Team, the invitations were made in recognition of the gifts, skills and experience that John and Becca will bring to the life of the Cathedral, gained through the ministries that each of them has exercised in the Diocese and in the wider Province.

John was ordained in the Cathedral in 1994 and served his curacy in Caldicot and Risca. He has served as a parish priest in Llantilio Pertholey and Rumney and is now Ministry Area Leader elect in the churches of Abergavenny and surrounding area. John was Area Dean of Bassaleg and has served the Church in Wales at a Provincial level on the Governing Body and at a number of Electoral Colleges.

Becca was also ordained in St Woolos Cathedral in 2014 and served in curacies in Bedwas with Machen with Michaelston-y-Fedw with Rudry as well as in Cwmbran.

She is now Ministry Area Leader in the Newport North West Ministry Area and is Director of Vocations for the Diocese. Becca was on the Governing Body as a lay person before ordination and has been an elected cleric on GB since 2017. She too has attended a number of Electoral Colleges.

John and Becca will be welcomed formally as Canons at a service in the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday July 3rd. Further details of that service will be sent out nearer the time.



Ministry Share Thank-you

We have now received the Ministry Share payments for the first quarter of 2022, receiving an impressive 93% already. Despite encountering problems and frustrations with banks, you have persevered to resolve these issues, and we expect this share percentage to reach 95% once the last of these are sorted. Thank you so much to all of you who have worked hard to ensure that this payment to fund ministry throughout the Diocese of Monmouth continues.

Although the Covid restrictions across Wales have now eased, our communities are still facing considerable challenges. The cost-of-living crisis is already having an impact on everyone, but we know it will most affect those among us who have the least. By continuing to support the cost of ministry across the diocese you are helping ensure valuable pastoral care in our communities. Importantly, this exists way beyond our regular church congregations, helping to fulfil our calling to share God's love as widely as possible and to maintain and even increase our presence. As we move forward with planning our new diocesan vision, ministry - both lay and ordained - is vital as we express confidence in our faith in our future.

Throughout the challenges of the last two years, your unfaltering commitment to work together and make the most of the money we receive is incredibly heartening and gives me great confidence in our future.

Peter Lea

Chair of Monmouth DBF

Ember List

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Ordinations to be held at **11.00am**
on **Saturday 25th June 2022**,
at **Newport Cathedral**.

To be ordained Deacon:

Ruth Rowan to serve in the Islwyn Ministry Area with Revd Canon Mark Owen

Tina Parry to serve in the East Cardiff Ministry Area with Revd James Henley

Sarah Rosser to serve in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area with Revd Kevin Hasler

Rachel Nelmes to serve in the Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area with Revd Matthew Davis

Daniel Damon to serve in the Monmouth Ministry Area with Revd Timothy Dack

Glen Wilkins to serve in the Beechwood Ministry Area with Revd Dr William Ingle-Gillis

Janel Pain to serve in the Monmouth Ministry Area with Revd Karen Dack

To be ordained Priest:

The Revd Mandy East to continue to serve in the Netherwent Ministry Area with the Revd Canon Jeremy Harris

The Revd Andrew Nelmes to continue to serve in the Islwyn Ministry Area with Revd Canon Mark Owen

The Revd Karin Pardoe to continue to serve in the Cwmbrian Church in Wales Ministry Area with Revd Nick Perry



Faith in our Future
Diocese of Monmouth
Esgobaeth Mynyw

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Hilary Williams

to be licenced as LLM (Reader)
to Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area
with Revd Dean Roberts and
Revd Richard Mulcahy

Licencing to be held at **11.00am**
on **Saturday 2nd July 2022**,
at **Newport Cathedral**.



Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
now called to be deacons and priests;
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example
they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



Please click on the images to enlarge.



The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

The Newport Committee of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children is holding a Supper Party at Bishopstow on Friday 1st July 2022, by kind permission of Bishop Cherry. The event will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be obtained from Chris Edwards (01633 430768), Chris Purkiss (01633 422051), or from any member of the committee.

The AWFC provides financial support to a wide range of children's projects, and backed 20 enterprises in 2019 and 14 in 2020. The Newport Committee (Monmouth Diocese) was specifically thanked in the 2019/20 report for raising the largest percentage of the money donated. We note, however, that only **one** project in this diocese was supported in 2019 and a further **one** in 2020. Out of a total of £23,556 allocated in 2019 only £3,000 went to Monmouth, and only £454.20 of £16,669.70.

We would therefore like to encourage local groups and churches who are about to undertake any projects supporting children to apply for help via the [AWFC website](#). It's easy to do!

Join The National Churches Trust in celebrating Her Majesty The Queen and her outstanding support of churches as a part of the Jubilee commemoration

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II has been Patron of the National Churches Trust since 1953 when the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, its predecessor charity, was founded. In that time, they have supported over 12,000 churches with grants and loans in excess of £100 million.



National Churches Trust say, ' To mark Queen Elizabeth's support for churches, we have produced a special Jubilee Proclamation which thanks her for her patronage of church buildings and heritage.'

'We will be publishing the proclamation in some national and specialist newspapers and magazines, but are calling on churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout the UK to join us in publishing this special proclamation in parish magazines, newsletters, on church websites and as posters on church noticeboards.

We have produced a number of resources to make this easy. There is a special press release as well as ready-to-use artwork, available in several different formats, for you to download. All the information that you need as well as answers to any questions you may have can be found on our website at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/TheQueen

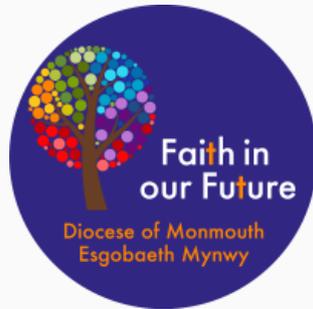
We hope that you will join us in celebrating this important occasion and will be able to publish this Jubilee Proclamation ideally at the end of May or start of June 2022.'



Platinum Jubilee

If your church is planning anything to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee we'd love to feature it as part of the Church in Wales round up.

Please send details to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk



Our Five Branches

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newest Diocesan small groups course. The post-Easter course '**Our Five Branches**' looks at the 5 main themes from our Diocesan Vision.

Download: [Our Five Branches \(PDF\)](#)

Download: [Our Five Branches \(WORD\)](#)

This course was written by Archdeacon Ian Rees, Revd Rebecca Stevens, Revd James Henley, Revd Canon Jeremy Harris, Revd Sally Ingle-Gillis, Revd Will Ingle-Gillis, and Revd Philip Averay.

Our sincere thanks for all their hard work in putting it together.

We hope you enjoy the course!

The banner has an orange background. On the left, it features the same circular logo as above. To the right of the logo, the title 'Our Five Branches' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below the title, '2022 post-Easter Course' is written in a smaller, white font. Further down, a paragraph of white text reads: 'We are pleased to announce that in early May we will be launching a new course for small groups; looking at the main themes from our Diocesan Vision – look out for more details and start planning your small groups now !'. At the bottom of the banner, five themes are listed in a white font, separated by small colored dots: 'Discipleship' (purple), 'Equality & Diversity' (yellow), 'Environment' (green), 'Social Justice' (orange), and 'Stewardship' (blue).

Our Five Branches
2022 post-Easter Course

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Discipleship • Equality & Diversity • Environment • Social Justice • Stewardship

Contact Details for Orthodox Churches in Wales

You will be aware that via different schemes within the UK, numbers of refugees from Ukraine will settle in Wales. We have been asked to make contact with you regarding the presence of Orthodox churches in your area. The hope is that refugees will be able, if from an Orthodox background, to worship in these communities and our churches may have a role in facilitating this. We have been asked to simply make contact with these Orthodox churches, if this seems appropriate. Attached is a poster which lists five Orthodox churches which are most closely connected to the Ukrainian community, but there will be others as well. We hope you find this useful.

Helping Ukrainians

The Orthodox Churches in Wales

For many Ukrainians, religious practice plays a more significant part in daily life than it does here in Britain, and the religion of most of those who practice is Orthodox Christianity.

Consequently, if we are to care for Ukrainians who are coming to live amongst us, it is worth asking them if they wish to be connected with a nearby Orthodox Church – especially as most of our churches are already home to Ukrainian- and Russian-speakers who will be pleased to welcome those fleeing war.

To this end, there are *five parish communities across Wales that are especially prepared to welcome Ukrainians, and we would ask you to get in touch if you know of anyone who would like to be connected to one of these parishes, or if you would at least let them know we are here so that they can make contact with us themselves.

CARDIFF
Kazan Icon of the Mother of God
meeting @ St John the Evangelist Church, CF5 1NX
every **Sunday at 11:00**
Priest: Father Mark
Phone: 07593 239 947

CARDIFF
St Theodore & St Teilo Orthodox Church
meeting @ Conway Road Methodist, CF11 9NT
every **Sunday at 15:00**
Priest: Father Jacob
Phone: 07305 802 705

LLANELLI
St David & St Nicholas
meeting @ Vivian Hall, Swansea, SA3 5AS
every **Sunday at 10:30**
Priest: Father Luke
Phone: 01554 755 690

LAMPETER
Three Hierarchs and St Cybi
meeting @ Soar Chapel Hall, SA48 7DF
every **Sunday at 10:30**
Priest: Father Timothy
Contact: frtim@hotmail.co.uk

BLAENAU FFESTINIOG
All Saints of Wales
meeting @ Church of All Saints of Wales, LL41 4AF
every **Sunday at 10:00**
Priest: Father Deiniol
Phone: 01766 831 272

*There are many others as well, and you are encouraged to look them up. It is just that the five listed here are the most connected to the Ukrainian community.

Annual Returns & Accounts

Treasurers should now have received login details to submit the Annual Finance Return online or a copy of the paper form in the post.

If you have not, please contact Helen Clifford, helenc Clifford@churchinwales.org.uk

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts, including a Balance Sheet, should be sent to the diocesan office, this can be via post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ), or email (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

The Membership and Church Fabric Returns are not required this year.

If you have any questions please contact Libby (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their returns and accounts.

Training and Events

Concert and Compline in Aid of Ukraine at St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny

Fr John Connell, Rector of Abergavenny writes... ' One of our choristers here at St Mary's has close family living in Ukraine and the choir decided to organise a concert in aid of the Christian Aid Ukraine Appeal to show our support and solidarity for their fellow choir member and her family. Do come along, bring your friends and help us support our sisters and brothers in such great need at this time.

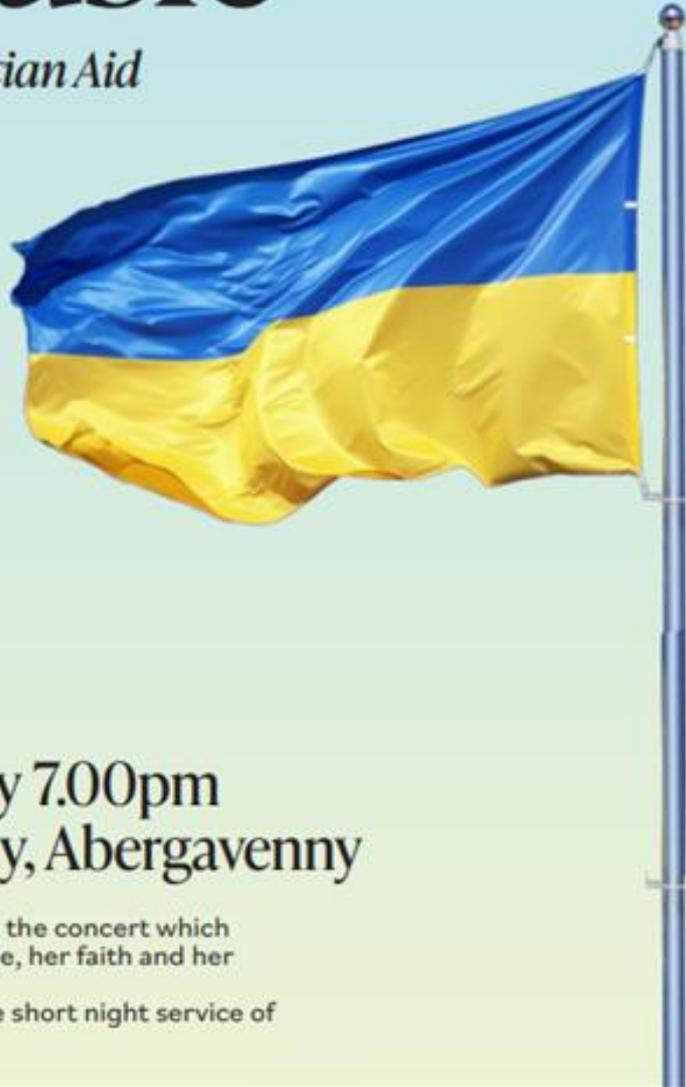
THE
PRIORY CHURCH
OF ST MARY
ABERGAVENNY

An Evening of Music

*in aid of the Christian Aid
Ukraine appeal*

FEATURING

The Choir of
St Mary's Priory,
Abergavenny



Friday 13th May 7.00pm
St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny

There will be special items in the concert which
reference Ukraine, her people, her faith and her
culture.

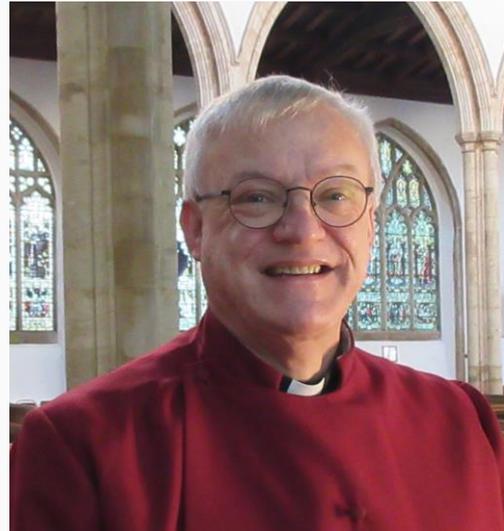
The evening will end with the short night service of
Compline by candlelight.

Retiring Collection.

Training for Intercessors

Following the success of the training evenings in leading intercessions in church, held earlier this year, Cathedral Dean the Very Revd Ian Black will be leading a Saturday morning session at **St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny, on May 14 at 10am.**

It is open to both those who currently exercise this ministry and anyone who would like to start leading these.



During the morning 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.

St Mary's holds two regular Saturday morning services – we pray the Rosary at 8.45am followed by Eucharist at 9.15am – why not join us for those before the training session. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-intercessions-training-session-with-very-revd-ian-black-tickets-321238150957>

Desert Island Hymns

Cardiff East Churches in Partnership

DESERT ISLAND HYMNS

Songs of Praise Service

Supporting christian aid

Sunday 15th May
4pm
Christchurch, Llanedeyrn Drive

With Guest Speaker from Christian Aid Cymru

Optional: Fancy Dress for the occasion!

Bereavement Training for Children & Young People – 18th May

Would you like to know more about how young people manage loss? We have the opportunity to host an online training session on handling bereavement with children and young people. Pete English from Ataloss.org has over 25 years of experience working with young people through counselling in schools and leading church-based youth work.

The diocese has been able to fund 15 places to attend this course on **Wednesday 18th May from 7-9pm via Zoom** – only a few places are remaining. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rachel Nelmes as soon as possible:

Email rachelnelmes@churchinwales.org.uk

Jubilee Concert - 21st May

A concert to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with the combined choirs of the Unicorn Singers and the Welsh Camerata, comprising a programme of music with Royal connections including Tallis's awe-inspiring 40-part motet

Spem in Alium

and Britten's Choral Dances from Gloriana as well as anthems sung at the Coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.



21st May 2022
7pm • St Woolos Cathedral • Newport

Tickets £12 available at www.unicornsingers.co.uk

Proceeds to:



Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk with Newport Cathedral – 28th May



Newport Cathedral is hosting a sponsored pilgrimage walk in order to raise funds for the Bishop of Monmouth's new Social Responsibility Fund.

The walk will begin at Llandaff Cathedral at 9.30am and will then follow along an old pilgrimage route to Newport Cathedral by 3.30pm for a well-earned afternoon tea with cake and refreshments. There will also be a break for prayers for Ukraine at one of the churches on route. The walk is approximately 14 miles in total and should take about 5 hours to complete. Participants are welcome to join in for as much distance as they would like to cover or are welcome to join at one of the meeting points for fellowship if they prefer.

[More details are available here.](#)

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up, please contact Revd Canon Andrew Lightbown at andrewlightbown@cinw.org.uk

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022
GWYL WEDDI

SATURDAY 9th JULY 2022
10:00AM to 4.30 PM
A DAY TO EXPLORE
SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER
www.festivalofprayer.live

EXPLORE ENERGISE ENJOY

ABOUT THE DAY: The Festival of Prayer Day began in 2016 and until the Pandemic went from strength to strength. The Festival will be held in St Tello's Church in Wales High School, Circle Way East, Cardiff CF23 9PD

The day begins with the Eucharist and Address at 10am.

This will be followed by three sessions throughout the day.

The Llandaff & Monmouth Festival of Prayer provides 'laster' workshops in many different prayer techniques and spiritual traditions, and sessions that go deeper. The breadth of content will be delivered in a gentle pace with lots of renowned Welsh hospitality making the day suitable for beginners and the more experienced alike.

Among the riches on offer are different ways of praying, 'Your Will be Done', 'God's Amazing Plan', 'To Hell's Mouth', 'Does God Love Sport?', 'Icon of Annunciation and Pentecost', 'Music and Faith', 'Julian of Norwich', 'The Compassionate heart', 'Poetry and Prayer', 'What does God need with a Starship? Encountering the Divine in Star Trek', to name but a few.

There are lots of workshops to choose from, each standing alone and lasting an hour, with most offering a time of prayer in the appropriate style except the Islamic one which will not include sharing in prayer.

To help you choose the details of each session, and information about their leaders, are much more detailed online at www.festivalofprayer.live

There will also be an opportunity to experience personal time of prayer at lunchtime by either walking the Labyrinth or walking in the school grounds.

The cost for the three Workshops, teas, coffees, and lunch, is £25 per person, or £20 per person for Group Bookings of 5 or more. St Tello's School is wheelchair accessible and an excellent venue.

If you are unable to access the internet please contact Rev Moira Spence on 01656 881960 for further details, any queries about the Festival, and to book.

Places are still available for the 2022 Festival of Prayer - held on 9th July 2022 from 10am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

This will be 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.

Bishop Cherry will be presiding at the opening Eucharist and giving this year's Address.

To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Services and Resources



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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mai 2022

Mai 14 / May 14

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday

9:30 yb / 9:30 am

Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Church,

Sgwâr Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Square,

Overmonnow,

Trefynwy / Monmouth,

NP25 4ES

Ewcharist / Eucharist

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

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

Mobilising Community Climate Action - £500 Grants Available

Grants of up to £500 are available for climate-related community activities over the summer.

The grants are for local groups who are participating in or arranging activities. These might include activities around EcoChurch, Churches Count on Nature in June, or locally devised events.

The eligibility criteria has been updated to state that climate action events and community projects from faith groups are eligible.

WWF have said “We cannot fund religious services or activity where the primary objective is to promote a particular set of beliefs. We welcome applications for climate action events and community projects from faith groups, but activity should benefit and be inclusive of the wider community. Community groups are welcome to discuss nature, climate and the urgency of the challenges we face through their own lenses and in the language they are most comfortable with.”

Download: [WWF - Small Grants - Eligibility Criteria \(WORD\)](#)

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For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/what-can-i-do/mobilising-community-action/re-granting>

The application deadline has been extended to 13th May.