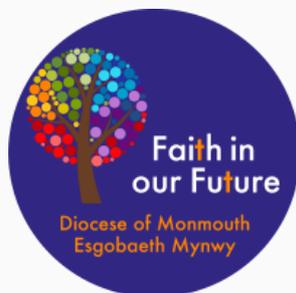




Midweek Mailing

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

News



Diocesan Vision - Discipleship

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing five films which reflect some of the conversations and discussions taking place as we develop our Diocesan Vision together.

The Vision is based on the Five Marks of Mission and the films show clergy and laity from across our diocese discussing the key themes of discipleship, stewardship, environment, equality and diversity, and social justice.

The films reflect how people are already thinking of ways in which these themes can be developed across each of our Ministry Areas.

Introducing the films, Bishop Cherry explains how she hopes that, as plans are developed and ideas are shared, the “enthusiasm to use this vision confidently and to work for spiritual and numerical growth in our churches will become contagious.”



Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area Commissioning Service

A special commissioning service was held on Thursday 26th May to mark the formation of the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area.



Held at St Cadoc's Raglan, the service was a real celebration and included contributions from many of the churches across the new Ministry Area.

During the service Revd Kevin Hasler was licensed as Ministry Area Leader as well as Revd Sally Ingle-Gillis (Team Vicar) and Barbara Stone (Lay Minister). The Ministry Team will also be made up of a number of members given permission to officiate by Bishop Cherry.

Heart of Monmouthshire is the 8th of our new Ministry Areas to be inaugurated so far this year.

You can watch the service back here,



Newport Cathedral Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk

Newport Cathedral had their sponsored pilgrimage walk raising funds for the Bishop of Monmouth's new Social Responsibility Fund on Saturday (28 May).

Revd Canon Andrew Lightbown said,

"In all nineteen walkers from across the diocese took part in the Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk from Llandaff Cathedral to Newport Cathedral. We were also joined for a seven-mile stretch, along the Welsh Coastal Path, by four very well-behaved dogs. The group walked together, talked together, ate together, and

prayed together, which I guess is the essence of pilgrimage. In total we covered eighteen miles. It was wonderful, from a cathedral perspective, to get to know friends - fellow Christians - from across the diocese. We can't yet give a totally accurate figure for the amount raised. but it will be in the region of £5,000 with this sum including £2,000 from the cathedral congregation and chapter. The walkers were supported by a team of drivers, podiatrists, and refreshment makers. We enjoyed a wonderful tea when we arrived, wearied but elated, at the cathedral and special thanks must go to the team at St. Bride's Wentlooge for the tea, coffee, and very probably the best Welsh Cakes ever baked! This was the first of two sponsored walks the cathedral has arranged. On the 15th of July, the choristers are walking across The Severn Bridge and back, once more for the Social Responsibility Fund. Today, as I left the cathedral after Evening Prayer, I happened to glance at the visitor's book, and the last entry seemed apt. The address given was simply this: Kharkiv."



Revd James Henley & Revd Dean Roberts attend Buckingham Palace Garden Parties

Revd James and Revd Dean both attended Buckingham Palace Garden Parties earlier this month, James to represent the diocese and Dean in recognition of his work founding The Parish Trust.

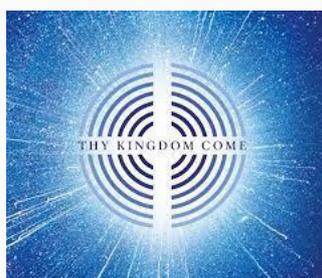


James said, "We're so grateful to Bishop Cherry and the Church in Wales for the nomination to attend one of this year's Garden Parties. It was a privilege to be able to represent our Diocese and share some of the ways in which so many of our local churches supported their local communities through the Covid pandemic. The afternoon started out rainy and overcast but thankfully the sun came out midway through, just as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived, and we were able to make the most of the opportunity to explore the wonderful palace gardens!"

Dean said, "I was incredibly honoured to have been invited to a Garden Party by The Lord Lieutenant on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen. I do not do what I do for thanks, but it is nice to be assured that the work of my incredible team (both staff and volunteers) at The Parish Trust is truly making a positive difference, and is seen and appreciated by those at the highest echelons of society.

It's definitely a boost and encouragement to keep going...The Parish Trust has been championed by so many people. Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive of our work."





Praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension to Pentecost.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost (May 26th – June 5th), Christians from over 172 countries will be praying specifically for three things:

Firstly, that their own faith might be strengthened and deepened.
Secondly that the five people they commit to praying for daily will come to faith.
Thirdly, that the Holy Spirit will empower all of us to be more effective in our witness.

To pray the words 'thy Kingdom come' is to express a desire and a hope for the world to be a better place: a world where lives, relationships and communities are based on the love, justice, freedom and peace that we find through faith in Jesus.

The Thy Kingdom Come website www.thykingdomcome.global is full of resources to support our prayers, including a Novena and a Prayer Journal, both written by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I encourage you to use these 11 days to pray for a renewing of your faith, for an empowering of the Holy Spirit and for five people you know to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.



Ordination Service & Ember List

All clergy and licensed lay ministers are invited to attend this year's Ordinations Service - held at **11am, Saturday 25th June 2022** at **Newport Cathedral**.

If you are able to attend, please let Vicki Stevens (Bishop's PA) know by Friday 18th June 2022. In your response, please confirm whether or not you will be robing for the service.

Email: monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk

Phone: 01633 263510

You can join the service online [here](#).



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

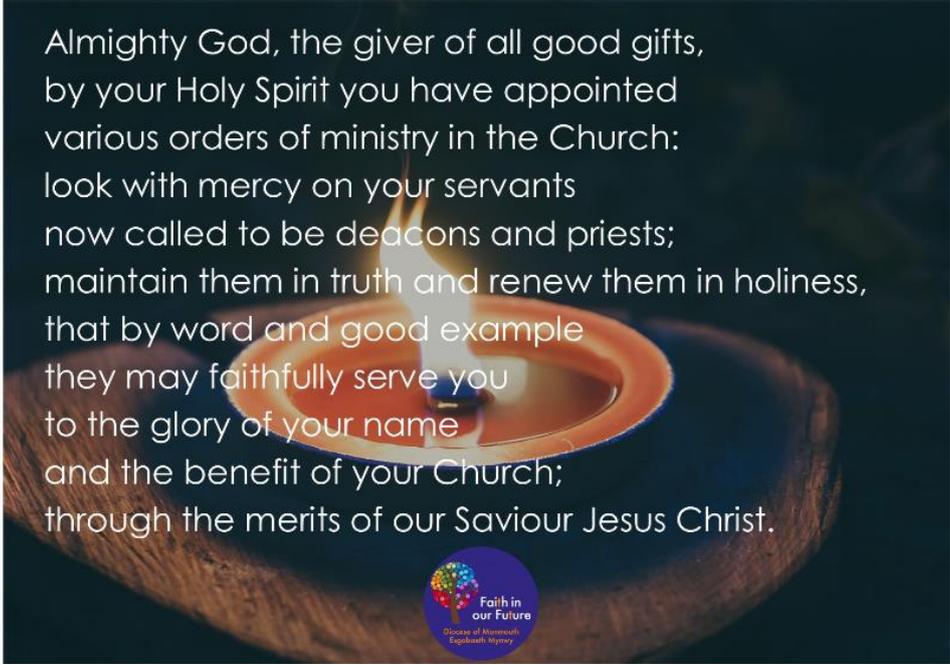
To be ordained Deacon:

- 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 Bedwellie 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
- Janet 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 Cwmbran Church in Wales Ministry Area with Revd Nick Perry

 Faith in our Future
Diocese of Monmouth
Egobaith Mynydd



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 Banister Charitable Trust

Capital grants usually between £2,000 and £50,000 are available to UK registered charities that are working in the areas of conservation and the protection and improvement of the UK's physical and natural environment.

Bristol-based family grant-making charity, the Banister Charitable Trust is an environmentally focussed grant-making charity which regularly awards grants exceeding £1 million in total each year.

UK registered charities may apply for a grant for projects that conserve, improve, promote and protect the physical and natural environment in the UK. Grants are normally awarded for capital projects. The Trust is a regular supporter of RSPBs, Wildlife Trusts and River Trusts.

Previous awards have been made for:

- Bird boxes for churches and village halls.
- Education centre gardens and wildlife areas.
- Habitat restoration, and
- Purchasing land.

Applications may be made at any time in writing, there is no website but contact details for the Trust, as provided in its Charity Commission entry, are:

The Banister Charitable Trust
Ludlow Trust Co Ltd
Tower Wharf
Cheese Lane
BRISTOL
BS2 0JJ
Tel: 0117 313 8200
Email: charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com

Annual Returns & Accounts - one month left to submit

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

There is now one month left to get them submitted.

If you need login details to submit the Annual Finance Return online or a copy of the paper form to post please contact Helen Clifford, helenc Clifford@churchinwales.org.uk

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts 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).



Platinum Jubilee

'Give thanks for our Queen' – Bishops' statement



The Queen has won the hearts of her people through a life of dignity, respect and commitment to them, say the bishops of the Church in Wales.

In a statement to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, the Bishops give thanks for the Queen's long reign and dedicated service and remember, in particular, her visits to Wales.

The Bishops' full statement follows. You can also read it online at <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/give-thanks-for-our-queen-bishops-jubilee-statement/>

The Church in Wales has issued special prayers for the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. They can be read here:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/prayers-for-the-celebration-of-the-platinum-jubilee-of-her-majesty-the-queen/>

Churches and cathedrals across Wales will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Platinum Jubilee Bishops' statement

As Her Majesty the Queen celebrates the remarkable achievement of reaching her Platinum Jubilee we send her our heartiest congratulations. We give thanks for her long reign and the dedicated service she has given to the UK and the Commonwealth over seven decades, fulfilling the promise she made on her succession to the throne. Throughout her reign, Her Majesty has been guided by her Christian faith and has won the hearts of her people through a life of dignity, respect and commitment to them.

We particularly appreciate the Queen's fondness of Wales and remember with gratitude her many visits here, whether they were to celebrate with us or to share our times of grief and sadness. Her presence has so often been a source of comfort, reassurance and steadfastness to many as the years have gone by.

We continue to pray for Her Majesty, that she shall be guided and comforted by her faith and her love of God for the rest of her life.

The Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Bangor, Andrew John

The Bishop of St Asaph, Gregory Cameron

The Bishop of St Davids, Joanna Penberthy

The Bishop of Llandaff, June Osborne

The Bishop of Monmouth, Cherry Vann

The Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, John Lomas

The Assistant Bishop in Bangor, Mary Stallard

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.'



A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen

St Dingat's Church New Tredegar

Thursday 2nd June 2022

10.45am

Followed by reception



Trelleck Jubilee Committee

Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas Church

Friday 3rd June 11.30am

All Welcome

There will be a display of jubilee artwork from the children of Trellech School.

East Cardiff Ministry Area Jubilee Bellingringing

The ringers at St Augustine's Rumney, St Edeyrn's Llanedeyrn and St Mellon's are working together to ensure that the bells at each of the three churches will ring out at 1100 to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The ringing is being timed to coincide with the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and is part of a coordinated national bellringing effort. In the afternoon the bells at Rumney and St Mellons will ring out again with special pieces of ringing to mark the occasion. In the evening, the East Cardiff ringers are also going to ring the bells at Michaelston-y-Fedw as part of the village celebrations.



Queen's Jubilee Service - Newport Cathedral

There is a Special Service to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 3.00pm on Sunday in the Cathedral followed by tea. The choir will be singing the specially composed anthem for the occasion commissioned by the RSCM:

*Words and music by Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)
taking inspiration from speeches by HM our Queen*

You can join the service online [here](#).

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 Schools



Join Our Schools in Celebrating Refugee Week 2022

Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on the 20 June, Refugee Week is also a

growing global movement. Sanctuary Sunday is the last Sunday of Refugee week and provides a focus for Churches. Through a programme of arts, cultural, sports and educational events alongside media and creative campaigns, Refugee Week enables people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as encouraging understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety. Find out more about refugee week by visiting their [website](#).

This year's theme is Healing. For more information and ideas on how to develop the theme in your school or church visit the Refugee Week [website here](#), and Diocesan [website here](#).

Training and Events



Mission to Seafarers – SafeTALK course – 7th June

The Mission to Seafarers is running a SafeTALK course at the Mission to Seafarers centre in Newport (Flying Angel Centre, Alexandra Road, Newport, Wales, NP20) on **Tuesday 7th June at 9.00am**.

For more information click [here](#).

To sign up please select this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/209783988557> or email Mark Lawson-Jones at mark.lawson-jones@mtsmail.org

There are only places for around 12-15 attendees so book now!



safeTALK

Suicide Alertness For Everyone

A half-day, in-person, course that can help you make a difference

Focus: Suicide alertness training for the community

Duration: 3.5 Hours (half a day)

Participants: 10 - 30

Trainers: One SafeTALK trainer and one Community Support Resource person.

Installation of The Revd Stella Bailey

The new Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission, The Revd Stella Bailey will be installed at 4pm on Sunday 19th June 2022, at Newport Cathedral. Invitations to attend the service have been sent out.

The service will also be live streamed [here](#) for those unable to attend in person.



Safeguarding Training

Module B: Understanding Safeguarding in the Church – this module is for everyone who works in the Church (paid, voluntary, clergy and lay). It is divided into two sessions, both need to be completed to finish the module.

We are pleased to announce another set of Module B training dates are now available. These training sessions will be held at **St George's Church, Tredegar (Church St, Tredegar NP22 3DU)**

- Thursday 30th June – 09:30-12:00 – Module B: Part 1
- Thursday 30th June – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 2

Please note that the earlier June sessions at the **Monmouth Diocesan Office (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ)** are now fully booked, however there are still places for the July sessions:

- Wednesday 8th June – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 1 - **Fully Booked**
- Wednesday 22nd June – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 2 - **Fully Booked**
- Wednesday 6th July – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 1
- Wednesday 20th July – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 2

Spaces are available to book via safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk.

If you have any questions please contact rebeccaiones@churchinwales.org.uk

Further dates will be released later in the year to include evening and weekend sessions.

Training for Ministry Areas

Training sessions can also be booked for ministry areas or for individual churches. This is a great opportunity to offer local training and ensure your entire team has completed Module B - Understanding Safeguarding in the Church.

If you would like to arrange a training session for your ministry area directly, please do contact Bec Jones (rebeccaiones@churchinwales.org.uk).



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!

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 Teilo'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 'taster' 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 Teilo'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 Pentecost Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).
Join the Cathedral's Queen's Jubilee Service on Sunday at 3pm [here](#).

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mehefin 2022

Mehefin 15 / June 15

Dydd Mercher / Wednesday

6:30 yp / 6:30 pm

Cadeirlan Casnewydd / Newport Cathedral,

Stow Hill,

Casnewydd / Newport,

NP20 4ED

Hwyl Weddi / Evensong

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.

Vacancies

Vicar - Mountain & Marsh Ministry Area

Mountain & Marsh Ministry Area are looking for a collaborative and supportive priest with a genuine passion for discipleship to join them as they form a new Ministry Area to serve a group of communities in South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is a skilled communicator and effective preacher?
- Has a lively faith and a desire to share God's love with people from all walks of life?
- Has gifts in listening and discernment?
- Understands how to manage change and encourage others in this process?

- Is happy to meet people where they are and celebrate and encourage their gifts?

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

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Dean Aaron Roberts, Ministry Area Leader on 01633 309691 or dean.roberts@bmmr.church

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

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Newport: jonathanwilliams@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Interviews to take place late June / early July 2022

House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire Ministry Area

North Monmouthshire 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 Llanfihangel Crucorney 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.

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 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

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 the Archdeacon of Monmouth:

archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Friday 17th June 2022**

Interviews to take place soon after

House for Duty Priest - Mid Torfaen Ministry Area

Mid Torfaen Ministry Area are looking for a collaborative and creative priest with a pastoral heart to join in the Ministry Area to serve a group of communities around Pontypool and Griffithstown in South Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is a competent and inspiring preacher?
- Has good communication skills and relishes being part of a team?
- Enjoys schools ministry as well as engaging with older members of the community?
- Sees occasional offices as a way of inspiring faith and giving welcome and invitation?
- Embraces inclusive church where all are welcome?

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

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Kate O'Sullivan, Ministry Area Leader on 07854 598269 or revdkateosullivan@gmail.com

Application form and full profile available

at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Newport:

jonathanwilliams@churchinwales.org.uk

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 24th June 2022**

Interviews to take place in July 2022