



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

From Bishop Cherry



Bishop Charles and his wife Tabogo are going to be visiting our diocese immediately after the Lambeth Conference; from August 8th to 11th. As Bishop of our link diocese, The Highveld, +Charles was present for my consecration and enthronement two and a half years ago. Sadly, because of Covid, a planned return visit in 2020/21 was not possible. So we are delighted that he will be here again for a couple of days before flying back to South Africa.

Various events are being planned for their stay, including a diocesan event at the Cathedral on the evening of **Wednesday August 10th at 6.45pm**. We hope that many will come to meet +Charles and Tabogo that evening, to enjoy a buffet meal together and listen to them speak about their diocese and the importance to them of our link. We will also be hearing from some of those who have visited the

Highveld and who have maintained a much valued link with churches there. With the worst of the pandemic over, now is a good time to look to strengthening our links and building on the important relationships that have been established over the years.



If you would like to book a place to attend the evening with Bishop Charles and Tabogo, please contact Vicki Stevens at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk or 01633 263510 by **Friday 29th July**. When booking a place, please include any dietary requirements you may have.

News

New House for Duty Priest appointed for North Monmouthshire MA

The Archdeacon of Monmouth is pleased to announce that the Bishop has invited the Revd David Roberts to become a House for Duty Priest in the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area and David has accepted that role.



Announcing the appointment, the Ven Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth, said: "I'm delighted with this appointment. This is a lovely group of churches in a developing Ministry Area. David will bring a real pastoral heart combined with a vision for working with local people and the many visitors that come to the area."

Whilst working across the Ministry Area David will be living in Llanfihangel Crucorney and primarily working in the 3 churches in that area. He will hopefully be licensed in September to his new role.

David says, "Let me say: how delighted I am to accept this position; and how much my wife and I are looking forward to becoming part of the community.

Read more on the website [here](#).



Sea Sunday 2022

The Second Sunday of July is set aside as Sea Sunday, it is a time when the Christian Church remembers the work of seafarers and their families. There are 1.6 million seafarers, they keeping the global economy moving, bringing us over 90% of the things we need; fuel, food and supplies of all kinds, for building and construction, taking away waste and bringing us household goods.

Read about what Rev. Mark Lawson-Jones, Mission to Seafarers South Wales Port Chaplain got up to [here](#).





Praying for the Lambeth Conference

The Lambeth Conference is a meeting of all the Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion and has been taking place roughly every 10 years since 1867. This year will be convened and hosted once again by the Archbishop of Canterbury between 26th July and 8th August.

I am writing to ask for your prayers over the coming weeks as the Anglican bishops from Wales and over 160 other countries prepare to gather for retreat and prayer, for bible study on the First Letter of Peter and for mutual support and encouragement. The following is from The Brotherhood of St Gregory in the Episcopal Church of the USA. Please use it in your daily prayers.

O God, by your grace and Spirit you have raised up witnesses and servants in many lands and cultures: pour out your blessing upon the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion and upon their leaders as they prepare to gather for fellowship in the Lambeth Conference, that their diversity may enrich their common witness and service to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Training and Events

Pride Y Fenni - Abergavenny Pride - Saturday!

All are welcome to attend Abergavenny Pride on Saturday 16th July which is taking place at St Mary's Priory Centre in Abergavenny.

Bishop Cherry will be presiding and preaching at a Pride Eucharist in St Mary's Priory Church at 11.00am on the Saturday morning before Pride itself starts at 12 noon.

We will be holding a 'Faith Space' in the Tithe Barn when Bishop Cherry, Fr John Connell, the Rector of Abergavenny, and other LGBTQIA+ Christians will be speaking about the relationship between faith and human sexuality and will be available to answer questions from those present from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Abergavenny Pride is a family-friendly occasion with live music, entertainment, food and refreshment, including St Mary's own Pop-up coffee shop in the Tithe Barn.

All are welcome, whether members of the LGBTQIA community, or not. Do come along and join us for this celebration of Pride and share details with your congregations, especially those who are members of the LGBTQIA community and those who have family members and friends who identify as LGBTQIA.

Equality and Diversity is one of the 'Five Branches' of our diocesan vision 'Faith in our Future' and the diversity of human sexuality one important aspect we need to consider when reflecting on our 'Equality and Diversity' as a church.

A warm welcome awaits all attending Pride from the clergy team here in Abergavenny.



ABERGAVENNY PRIDE Y FENNI

SATURDAY 16th JULY
THE PRIORY CENTRE, NP7 5ND

MAIN EVENT

12-6pm

FREE ENTRY

Live Entertainment

Music

Craft Stalls

Food & Bar

Kids Area

Think.Space

mindfulness, discussions and
cafe in the Tilhe Barn

AFTER PARTY (OVER 18s)

7.30-10.30pm

Live DJ

Bar

Karaoke

entry
£3

www.abergavennypride.co.uk



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Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation - **last few days to book!**



Diocesan Service for
Healing, Wholeness &
Reconciliation

Led by Revds Glyn & Audrey Jenkins
Reflection by Revd Beverley Smith

Monday 18th July
at 7.30pm via Zoom

• Register on Eventbrite •



The Diocesan group for Healing Wholeness and Reconciliation invites you to join us for an online service on **Monday 18th July at 7.30pm**.

Healing and reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith.

Whilst anointing and the laying on of hands will not be possible, there will be an opportunity for each person present to be prayed for in small break-out rooms as part of the service.

This is an invitation for us to draw nearer to Christ and open ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

[Book a place](#)

The Human One - Exhibition Launch

Wednesday 20th July, 7pm

St Mary's Priory Abergavenny

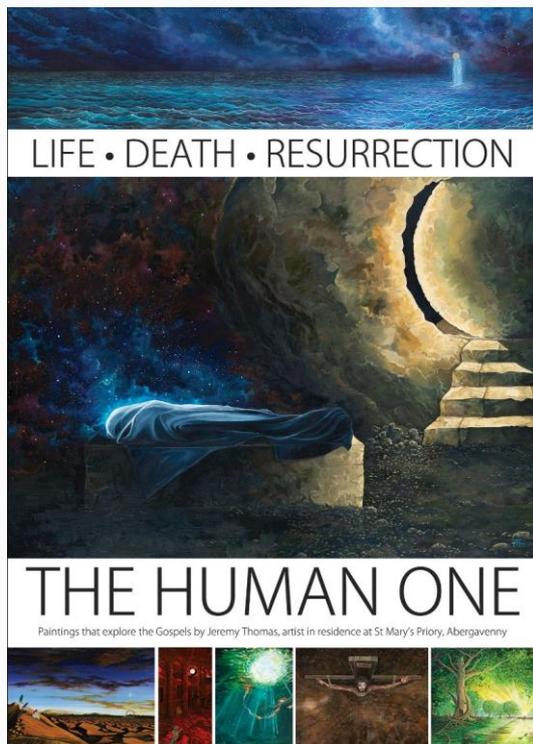
Fr John Connell says,

"Do come and join us here at St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny on Wednesday 20th July at 7.00pm for a viewing of a series of 30 paintings by our artist in residence Jez Thomas. From the incarnation and birth of Jesus through to his passion, death, resurrection and ascension and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost the paintings have layer upon layer of rich symbolism. These are true icons, windows

into the deepest mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ. I promise you will leave moved and inspired by these incredible paintings.

The viewing starts at 7pm with a few words of welcome and introduction and then you will have opportunity to view the pictures before they go on the next stage of their tour. They have recently returned from an exhibition at St David's Cathedral and will soon be in display at Newport Cathedral and a number of other cathedrals across England and Wales.

Drinks and nibbles will be served. Entry is free and there will be both an opportunity to meet the artist and to buy prints and a guide to the pictures."



Services and Resources



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

Celtic at the Cathedral

For three evening services over the 'summer season' the cathedral will offering a Celtic style service, with folky hymns, and all are welcome. The dates are:

24th July, preacher The Venerable Stella Bailey, Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission.

14th August, preacher The Rev'd Canon Becca Stevens

21st August, preacher The Rev'd Justin Groves

The services will start at 5 p.m.

In these services there will be a specific focus on praying for the City of Newport and for the mission of the Monmouth Diocese.

All are very welcome, and refreshments will be available after the service.

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Awst 2022

Awst 9 / August 9

Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday

Ardal Weinidogaeth Islwyn / Islwyn Ministry Area

Manylion i'w cadarnhau / tbc

Cymanfa Ganu / Singing Festival

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



LLANGASTY

RETREAT HOUSE

Llangasty Retreat House

Llangasty Retreat House is a Christian centre, and a place for individuals and groups to develop their spirituality by means of retreats, conferences and study groups. A place of Christian worship and prayer, set in surroundings of peace, beauty and tranquility, with wildlife in abundance that never fails to catch the retreatants attention.

- Llangasty Retreat House has been used as a place of retreat by Church groups, The Mothers Union and study groups to name but a few, for over 50 years.
- Llangasty Retreat House is also used by Christian organizations such as, Creative Arts Retreat Movement with their 'Painting and Prayer' retreats and the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer.
- Llangasty Retreat House is also an ideal place for the individual to get away from the stresses and strains of modern-day life, the views from the lounge window entice you to sit, relax and marvel at God's creation.

Contact Details:

Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7PX

Tel: 01874 658250

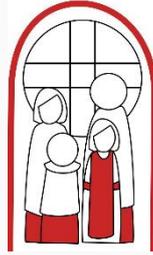
email: enquiries@llangasty.com

For further information and a list of retreats, please visit the website at www.llangasty.com

Charity Number 1060743

The Retreat House greatly values the link with the Diocese of Monmouth and hopes that more parishes from the Diocese will take advantage of this very special facility. Please remember Llangasty in your prayers and ask your parish to put them in their intercessions.

Vacancies



Newport Cathedral has vacancies for altos, tenors and basses

from September 2022

Be part of a traditional cathedral choir

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For further details please contact the Director of Music, Emma Gibbins:

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Organist needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk



Organist needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk

for Sunday services, where a mix of traditional and modern hymns/songs are sung and the Malcom Archer Mass setting is used.

The role would also involve accompanying the church choir in services, the occasional Monday evening rehearsal, and playing for weddings and funerals.

For further details please contact Judith Lee (Director of Music) on 01291 675404

or musicalee@aol.com.

A part time role may be considered.

