



Midweek Mailing

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

News

Archbishop announces £100M investment in church ministry



A major investment in church ministry was announced today (September 7) by the Archbishop of Wales.

The Church in Wales will spend more than £100M of its capital reserves over the next decade to help its churches serve their communities more effectively. Investment will be made in development of new ministries and initiatives, as well as in strengthening existing work.

The Archbishop, Andrew John, made the announcement in his Presidential Address to members of the Church's Governing Body at the start of its two-day meeting today. It was, he said, the "most serious and significant" investment the Church had made since 1920.

He paid tribute to the Church's trustees, the Representative Body, for their "visionary leadership" in agreeing to invest the money. "It was a courageous step of faith. It was predicated on the conviction that the church has the will and the heart to grow and do new things. Across the dioceses and as a province this new funding will build capacity and create momentum which is precisely what we need and I commend that bold step."

The Archbishop said consultations were taking place with others on the kinds of developments likely to be most fruitful.

"This is money we can only spend once and careful planning is required about how it will be allocated and how we will hold each other mutually accountable for its use."

He added, "If we let this time pass and this opportunity dissipate, the consequences will be a Wales that knows less of the love of Christ than at any other time in modern history. But if we commit ourselves to the conviction that God is calling us to be bearers of hope in a new way, we will have done something profound, beautiful and lasting. The task is not to try and spend ourselves out of trouble but to invest in the places where our hearts burn with a new energy and hope. Such an investment brings huge gain and is full of potential."

The Archbishop also announced that a further £37M over the next 10 years would be given to ensure core church ministry is placed on a sound financial footing especially in the newer dioceses, of Monmouth and Swansea and Brecon, which lacked historic funds.

Bishop Cherry has welcomed the announcement. She said 'This is a significant amount of money and I am delighted that the Church in Wales is investing in the future of our churches. This isn't funding to 'prop us up', but to enable growth. The announcement is timely for us, as we will be launching our vision for the future of the diocese at our Conference in October. We are working towards growing a confident and outward looking church and it is exciting that others share in our vision of 'Faith in our Future'.

Addressing the cost of living crisis, Archbishop Andrew announced that the Church in Wales would be campaigning for action over the coming months. He said it was an "outrage" that so many children in the UK were living in poverty

and families were depending on foodbanks to survive. “The reality for many more people across Wales and beyond, unless decisive action is taken in the next weeks, is that people will go hungry and cold and in their thousands. This winter will become unbearable and the cost to livelihoods, our well-being, the effect on household debt, the effect on crime and domestic violence will be considerable.

“It is an outrage that in the 6th largest economy in the world, we have so many children living in relative poverty and so many who depend on foodbanks to survive. What was once intended to be an emergency service is now firmly embedded into the fabric of national life where families and many in employment (but at low wages) cannot survive without a local foodbank. I know the countless numbers who help in foodbanks (whom I thank sincerely for their work) agree that this should not be the case.”

The Archbishop called on supermarkets to do more to help shoppers, such as tripling their range of basics to include more fresh food. He also invited churches to be “practitioners of generosity”. He asked every congregation to donate 10 boxes of basics items for the foodbank distribution network during Advent.

“This would generate approximately 10,000 boxes. If we begin before Advent and make that our focus we will be able to alleviate, for some, the worst effects of winter. Some churches will be able to make many more than 10 and that is wonderful. For others, 10 might be a challenge. The important thing is that in order to advocate change in society, we need to model the generosity we believe lies at the heart of the gospel.”

The Governing Body is meeting on September 7-8 at the International Convention Centre in Newport.

[Agenda and all reports](#)

The meeting will also be live-streamed via a link on the [Church in Wales website](#) and [YouTube channel](#)

[Archbishop's Presidential Address.](#)



Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area Commissioning Service

Our next Ministry Area Commissioning Service will be Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area on Sunday 11th September in St Mary's Marshfield. Watch this space for photos!



Arthur Rank Centre - Rural Church Buildings Resource

Rural church buildings are a major concern for all congregations, but how can you maximise its potential as a tool for mission rather than as a money-pit? This free resource provides you with a wealth of ideas on how to use your church building creatively.

[Find out more here.](#)

Creationtide



Creationtide started on the 1st September and runs until 4th October.

The Season of Creation is an opportunity for churches to include in their liturgy, prayers for the protection of creation and a special emphasis on the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

The following resources www.seasonofcreation.org are available to help your church or community mark this special time in the Christian calendar.

Care for creation is a priority for all Christians and is the fifth Mark of Mission. It is an important part of our new diocesan vision that will be launched in October through two of the five branches - Environment and Stewardship.

For Your Prayers

Revd Bob Greenland sadly died on 9th August, he had a peaceful end at home with his family. He began his ministry as a reader before being ordained in 2017, continuing to serve Wolvesnewton and the surrounding area.

Please hold Scilla, the rest of Bob's family and all who knew him in your prayers.

Training and Events

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey - 11th September

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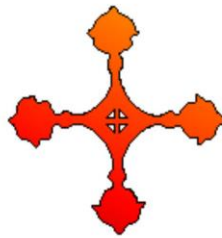
Tintern Abbey

Sunday 11th September 2022, 3pm

An ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer

Speaker: Fr. Barnabas Page

Catholic Parish Priest – Forest of Dean



Choir: Newport Cathedral (St Woolos') Choir

Director Dr Emma Gibbins

Please bring a folding chair. The service will be held in the Abbey grounds due to safety issues. Entry is free for those attending the service.

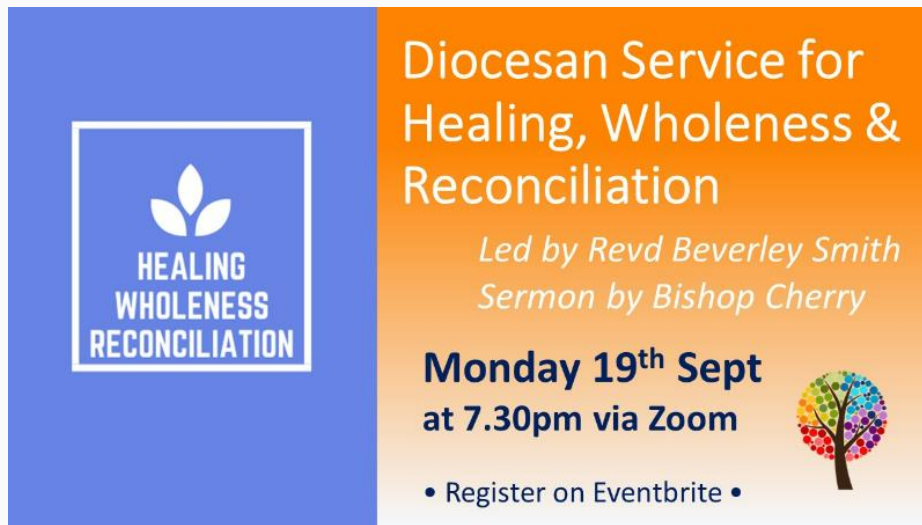
Lunches & teas are available in the Village

Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern

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Tel 01291 624017 (Secretary)

Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation - 19th September



Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation

Led by Revd Beverley Smith
Sermon by Bishop Cherry

Monday 19th Sept
at 7.30pm via Zoom

• Register on Eventbrite •

Book a place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-service-for-healing-wholeness-and-reconciliation-registration-410529423557>



Safeguarding Training Dates

This terms Safeguarding Training sessions are now available. Please see below for details of the modules available and how to book.

Module A: Safeguarding Awareness

The Church in Wales Safeguarding Awareness Course is aimed at everyone within our church communities, and is intended to equip you to help make the church – and keep the church – a safe place.

It can be accessed via our website

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/> and takes approximately 45 minutes. Everyone who needs to undertake any further safeguarding training modules will need to complete this first. There are two in person sessions to book onto if people do not have access to the internet:

20/09/2022	Tuesday	11.00-12.00	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Newport
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18/10/2022 Tuesday 11.00-12.00 Monmouth Diocesan Office,
Newport

Module B: Understanding Safeguarding and the Church

This module is a closer look at safeguarding in the church context and applies it to the ministry, mission or service that our clergy, laity and volunteers undertake. It is an opportunity for people to reflect on their role within the church and to understand what their individual responsibility is within the wider context of safeguarding in the church. It is a requirement that all clergy and anyone who has a role which involves working with children, young people and adults at risk complete this safeguarding training to equip and support them in their work.

The training dates for the Diocese of Monmouth this term are:

20/09/2022	Tuesday	13.00-15.30	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Newport
21/09/2022	Wednesday	18.30-21.00	St David's Fleur-de-Lis
11/10/2022	Tuesday	18.00-20.30	St Teilos School
12/10/2022	Wednesday	18.30-21.00	St Michael's Church, Mitchel Troy
18/10/2022	Tuesday	13.00-15.30	Diocesan Office, Newport
19/10/2022	Wednesday	18.30-21.00	St Tewdric's Church, Mathern
29/10/2022	Saturday	10.00-12.30	Tredegar Park MA, St.Basil's Church Hall
15/11/2022	Tuesday	13.30-16.00	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Newport

Module E: Understanding Safeguarding and the Church for PTOs

We also have Module E now on offer – this is **instead of Module B** for those who are in a PTO role.

15/11/2022 Tuesday 09.30-12.00 Monmouth Diocesan Office,
Newport

Places can be booked via our webform on our Safeguarding Training webpage <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>.

Any questions can be emailed to safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk or rebeccajones@churchinwales.org.uk.



Gofal ein Gwinllan Autumn Series

The next series of Gofal ein Gwinllan, a series discussing the contribution of the Church in Wales to the language, history and culture of Wales, will start on the **28 September**. Would it be possible to share the information with any contacts. Please find attached adverts for Social Media
To book a place use the link below: <https://bit.ly/3K1UDMm>

28 September – 7.00-8.30 pm
(Cuppa and chat 8.30-9.00 pm)

Subjects Discussed:

Peter Bailey Williams and the tourists – Prof. Mary-Ann Constantine
Rowland Williams, Ysgeifiog, and the Gwyliedydd Prof. D. Densil Morgan
If you would like any further information please
contact Angharad.Gaylard@stpadarns.ac.uk



Gofal ein Gwinllan
The contribution of the Church in Wales to the Welsh language, history, and culture of Wales

28 September 2022 - 7.00-8.30 pm
Cuppa and chat-8.30-9.00 pm

Guest speakers:

Peter Bailey Williams and the tourists	Rowland Williams, Ysgeifiog, and the Gwyliedydd
Professor Mary-Ann Constantine	Professor D. Densil Morgan

To book your place click: <https://bit.ly/3K1UDMm>
* The session will be in Welsh but translation will be available

Black Light

This new online course starts 29th September and explores the presence and contributions of black people in the Bible, in church history and in Britain today. It celebrates the remarkable growth of the church in Africa and the exciting 'reverse mission' impact on Europe.

It does not shy away from looking at the legacies of Christendom and colonialism, but it invites creativity and courage in seizing the opportunities that are emerging.

If you do book onto this course, please let Archdeacon Stella know (archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk) so that we can see how we can cascade this learning deeper into the diocese.

For more information, [click here](#).

Diocesan Service for Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation - Feast of St Raphael, 29th September



– SAVE THE DATE –
DIOCESAN SERVICE FOR
HEALING, WHOLENESS
AND RECONCILIATION
FEAST OF ST RAPHAEL
THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
AT 7.30PM
• ST MARY'S PRIORY • ABERGAVENNY •



More details to follow soon!

Rural Clergy Refreshment Day - 29th September

RURAL CLERGY REFRESHMENT DAY

A day for clergy working in rural communities to receive spiritual refreshment, mutual support and fellowship, and to share ideas

Thursday 29th September 2022
At Llanarth Village Hall
10am until 4pm

Bring your own lunch.
Tea and coffee provided.

Please book in with;
Rural Life Advisor - Rev'd Canon Tim Clement
rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Please email rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk to book.

The Year of the Biblical Literacy and Riding Lights Theatre Company

Celebrate the Year of Biblical Literacy with a specially commissioned play, Inspired, performed by Riding Lights Theatre Company. The play will be touring Wales throughout October, the events in Monmouth are:

- Thursday 6th October 2022 – 7pm, Holy Trinity, Abergavenny
- Friday 7th October 2022 – 7.15pm, Newport Cathedral

The cost of tickets is £7.50 per adult and £2.50 per child. Tickets are available from Riding Lights by telephoning (01904) 655317 or by email on ruth@rltc.org Find out more [here](#).

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..THE WORD INTO ACTION**

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JOHN
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"Riding Lights is dynamic, moving, captivating"

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TICKETS: 01904 655317
www.ridinglights.org/inspired

#INSPIRED2022

ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE THE CHURCH IN WALES

Chepstow Priory Friends - Concert

The newly formed Chepstow Priory Friends has organised a concert with the Royal Forest of Dean Orchestra on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm. This concert will be the launch for their Friends programme and proceeds will aid the restoration of St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow. Your support would be welcomed.



ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN ORCHESTRA

Concert

Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm at St Mary's Priory, Chepstow

Leader - Ros Taunton
Conductors - Fiona Crawley
- Will Sharma

Soloist (pictured right) - Caron de Burgh

Programme:

Handel – the Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
Ralph Vaughan Williams – Rhosymedre
Rameau – L'entrée de Polymnee (from Les Boreades)
Marcello – Oboe Concerto in D minor
Faure – Pavane
Mozart – Symphony No 40

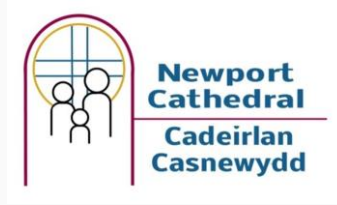


Tickets: £10 - available on the door or in advanced from Hannah's Music and Chepstow Book Shop



CHEPSTOW PRIORY FRIENDS www.rfdo.org.uk  

Services and Resources



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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Medi 2022

Medi 10 / September 10

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday

9:30 yb / 9:30 am

Ewcharist / Eucharist

Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church

Sgwâr Sant Thomas / St Thomas Square

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Trefynwy / Monmouth

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

Vacancies

House for Duty Priest - Monmouth Marches Ministry Area

Monmouth Marches Ministry Area are looking for a House for Duty Priest who will be:

- ❖ Caring - Pastoral care is the most important issue for us as a congregation and as a community. It is only someone who has a strong pastoral heart and a passion for encouraging, not only our congregation, but the extended community, that will be able to build positive relationships in the village and beyond.
- ❖ Collaborative in nature – Someone is needed who will work well with the Ministry Team, both lay and ordained, within the Ministry Area and who is a good team player.
- ❖ Community focussed – Having a visible and well known presence in the local communities and in the wider Ministry Area is really important, helping us to develop both our ministry of service and blessing to our diverse communities and our ministry to all people.
- ❖ Engaging – It is vital to have someone who has the energy and commitment to engage with the local communities and is sympathetic to the needs of rural communities and who is able to help facilitate a growth in cooperation and inter-action within our churches

If you think this could be you they'd love to hear from you.

Based in the lovely village of Llandogo and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of a new Ministry Team covering the Monmouth Marches Ministry Area which has 20 church buildings and distinct communities.

For an informal conversation please contact The Venerable Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth on 07983 684151

The Profile and Application Form can be found [here](#).

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Monmouth: archdeacon.monmouth@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 7th October 2022**