



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

For Your Prayers

Civic Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

A Civic Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held at Newport Cathedral on Sunday 18th September at 4pm.

The special service was attended by civic dignitaries and multi-faith leaders, reflecting the late Queen's concern for all faiths and the freedom of religious belief.

The service was lead by The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth and remembered, with great thanksgiving, the years of dedicated service Her Majesty gave to her realm, praying for her and all who mourn her.

You can watch the service back below.



Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Giving thanks for his devoted service as Prince of Wales,

we ask you bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

flourish among us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News

The five branches of our Diocesan Vision - Stewardship



The Ven Stella Bailey shares her thoughts on what 'living as generous people' means as we explore Stewardship as part of our Diocesan Vision.

You can watch previous videos in the series on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Diocesan Conference



We are pleased to announce this year's Conference will be held in person.

Papers for Conference have been posted out to members, if you haven't received them please email monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk

If you wish to attend Conference as an observer, please also email monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk to request papers.

We are also hoping to livestream Conference, more details about this will follow.

Updated Contact - Zoe Ward

Zoe Ward (Training and Development Coordinator) has a new mobile number - **07951 970876**

Please update your records.

All Diocesan contact details can be found on the [Who's Who page](#) of the diocesan website.

Usk Show 2022 Chaplaincy Tent



An account from Clare Bradley

Once again 10th September 2022 saw Usk Show come to life, and with it our Chaplaincy Tent which we have run since 2017.

With the tent kindly provided free of charge by Monnow Marquees, tables, chairs and mugs collected from St Mary's Usk and most of the other paraphernalia brought from Raglan our tent started to come to life on the Friday evening. Then from 8.00am on show day it sprang to life.

We aim to provide free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits for anyone who wants them, together with somewhere to rest, and baby changing facilities in a horsebox beside the tent kindly supplied by Rev'd Lea Ryder and her husband Miles Kennah. We have a rota of people to man the tent, including clergy, particularly if anyone needs special conversations, servers, washers up, and optional play for children. The Archdeacon, Ven. Ian Rees proved to be an expert in washing up. Bishop Cherry also came and spent some time with us.

It is impossible to say just how many people passed through our space but suffice it to say that we got through well over 100 teabags and almost 12 pints of milk, together with about 150 small packs of biscuits!

Towards the end of the day, we were all astounded to be given a card saying that we had won First in the Best Small Non-Agricultural Trade Stand category as we had no knowledge of such a category, nor that we might be considered, nor when we were judged, although someone thought that a visit we received from the Mayor of Usk might have something to do with it.

Although everything is provided free of charge, many visitors feel they want to give us some money, and we always choose a charity to receive these donations. This year we chose Shelterbox and the money collected on the day amounted to £238.92. Some people are still choosing to make donations so we will wait a few days before sending the money off.

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way. We will no doubt be back next year.



Training and Events



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:

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:

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
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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.

St James' Devauden Calendar Competition

St James Church in Devauden has held a photography competition for the last 3 years, and used the winning images to create a calendar, sold locally, to help raise funds for the roof repairs. This year, for the first time, they will be able to display all the competition entries in church - as they hoped to do every year the competition has run...

St James will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September with the 2022 competition entries on display - so everyone can see how hard the judges task is!

Images from this years' calendar can be seen below.



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**.

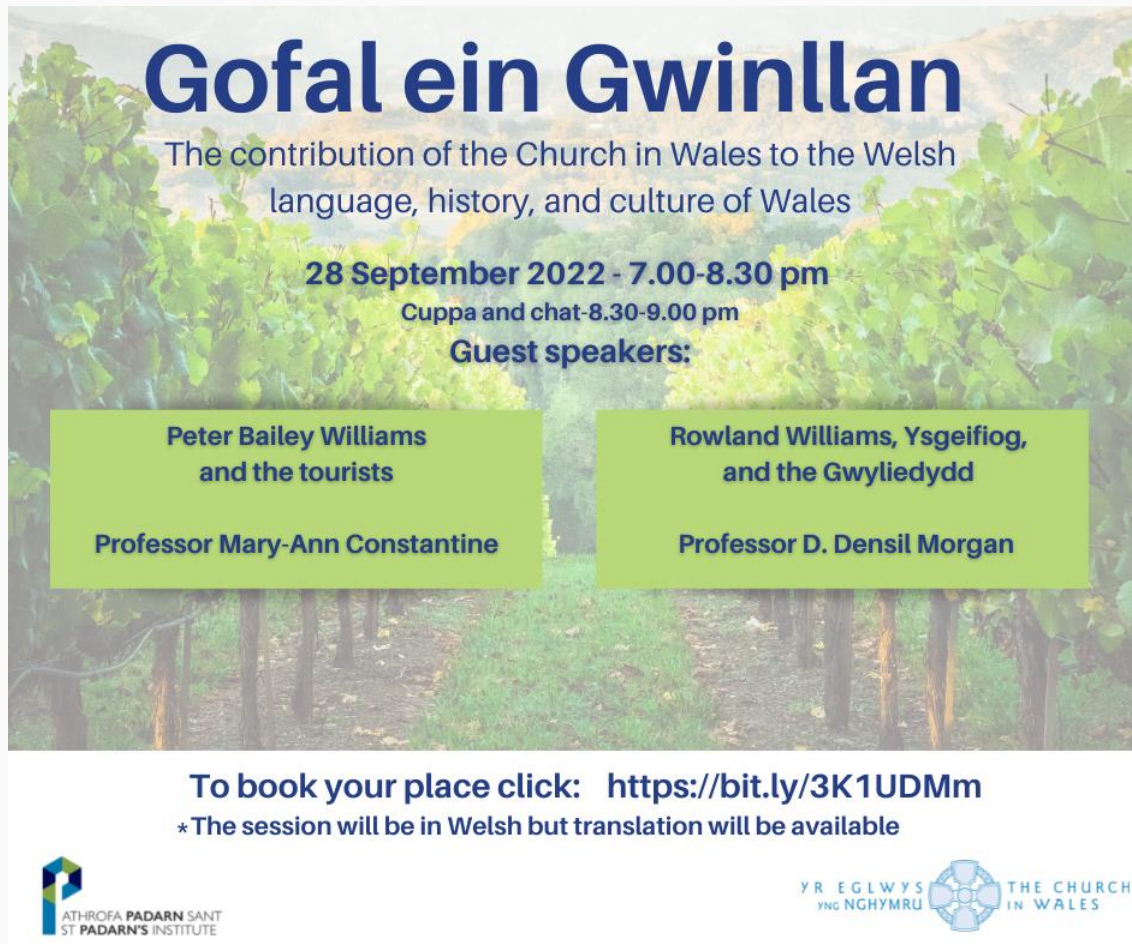
To book a place use the link below:

<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

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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



An integral part of the life of Christ's disciples is to flourish (each of us!). The Diocese of Monmouth invites you to receive the ministry of healing, wholeness and reconciliation, as Jesus taught, for us to flourish in our everyday lives, whatever our circumstances.

Do come along and experience the gentle working of the Holy Spirit. This may be simply about sitting and being quiet. There will be opportunity to experience healing, wholeness and reconciliation in its widest sense. To reflect on our baptism, to receive prayer, to receive forgiveness, to contemplate and recognise new areas of Christ in our lives.

We hope you will come and taste and see.

Our first in-person Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation Service within the Diocese of Monmouth will be held at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Abergavenny and will be led by Bishop Cherry and the Diocesan Healing Team.

Bishop Cherry says,

'It will be a joy to meet together in person for a service of healing, wholeness and reconciliation at St Mary's Priory which will include the laying on of hands and anointing. Whilst the services we have held on line have been a huge

comfort and blessing to those who have attended, we have sorely missed these important elements in our prayers for healing. I hope that many will feel able to come and know the healing presence of Christ in the silence, in the prayers and in our worship of God together.'

Rural Clergy Refreshment Day - 29th September - last chance to book

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](#).

Please share this event with anyone you think may be interested.

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**Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - 8th
October, 11am**



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service – Wales

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8 OCTOBER, 2022 AT 11AM

**A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.**

[SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG](https://sayinggoodbye.org)

sayinggoodbye.org

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.



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



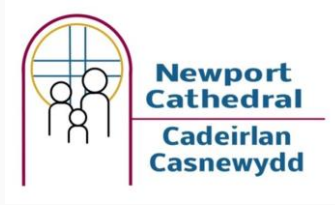
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Services and Resources



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



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Baby Grand Piano Available

A baby grand piano is available in Pontypool to any church which is interested. Please contact Huw Stephens for more details, 01495 785302, huw52@yahoo.co.uk

Vacancies

Churches Resources Officer

Monmouth Diocese are looking to appoint someone to this exciting new post to support the diocesan vision for a period of five years. The person appointed will work with ministry areas to share stories and good practice about stewardship and lay ministry. To support, guide and deliver good quality training and to work with ministry areas to help build confidence and enable those of all ages within our congregations to realise their gifts. The priorities for this role will be to –

- To deliver training that will encourage and motivate the whole people of God to consider where and how God might be calling them to serve him. This training will help to ensure that we have suitably equipped lay worship leaders delivering good worship and lay pastoral visitors offering warm pastoral care.
- To publicise and share discipleship resources.
- To support the Diocese of Monmouth's stewardship strategy.

It is not envisaged that this will be a desk-based role, but rather a person who will spend a large proportion of their time talking and listening to the church communities within our ministry areas. They will need to build good relationships and be able to meet those church communities where they are, tailoring this strategy to the particular needs of that ministry area.

For the full job description and more information about the role please click [here](#).

Salary: £29,271.

The application form as well as the Equality & Diversity monitoring form are available [here](#). Applications should be sent to Isabel Thompson, Diocesan Secretary isabelthompson@cinw.org.uk

Closing Date: **Friday 7th October 2022**

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, who 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 interaction 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**

Part-time Team Vicar - Islwyn Ministry Area

Is God calling you to South Wales and the welcoming communities of the Valleys?

Will you thrive working as part of a supportive team?

Would you like to explore new ways to connect with your community?

Can you enable others in discovering and using their gifts for God?

Then join Islwyn Ministry Area to 'Live out a Love without Limit'.

Based in the area of Blackwood and the surrounding communities you will be part of the Ministry Team covering the Islwyn Ministry Area with a focus on Oakdale and Fleur-de-lis.

They hope for a Priest who will:

- *Inspire us to join God in mission*
- *Lead worship in a variety of styles*
- *Be a builder of community relationships*
- *Engage with and Support people of all ages*
- *Take Risks for God*

If this is you... they would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Canon Mark Owen, Ministry Area Leader on 01443 836805 or fathermarkowen12@gmail.com

Application form and full profile available [here](#).

Applications should be submitted by email to:

archdeacon.gwentvalleys@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 28th October 2022**
