

# Esgobaeth Mynwy

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## Diocese of Monmouth

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

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## News

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**2022 Diocesan Conference**



Our Diocesan Conference this year was full of hope, joy, energy and excitement – and certainly showed our commitment to ‘Faith in our Future’!

With the launch of a new vision for the diocese, the announcement of additional funding from the Representative Body and the ability to all come together in person, there was certainly a ‘buzz’ and a feeling of positivity.

But, as Bishop Cherry reminded us in her presidential address - “we have a job

to do!”

Speaking about emerging from the pandemic, Bishop Cherry, said: “.... let’s not either slide back into some sort of comfort blanket, content to feel safe and secure in our old familiar ways. Because we have a job to do.

“...we don’t have to look far to see the challenges we face as we emerge from the pandemic. If we’re honest with ourselves (and honest we have to be), the challenges were there even before the pandemic. But we see them now all the more clearly.”

She highlighted three main challenges – declining number of people attending our acts of worship; implications for our church buildings and cost of living crisis.

However, she added: “there’s hope and joy, there’s energy and even excitement, because we continue to believe that God holds out before us a hopeful future. As our headline vision statement proclaims, we have faith in our future.

“And this isn’t just an empty rallying cry devoid of any substance. There are good reasons to be hopeful and joyful....”

Bishop Cherry shared the news that the Representative Body had agreed additional funding for the Diocese of Monmouth for £6.7m over the next 10 years to enable us to build and grow. It’s not a ‘magic wand’ but shows ‘an extraordinary vote of confidence in us as a diocese and in our potential.’

Exciting times ahead!

You can read Bishop Cherry’s full conference address [here](#)

You can watch Bishop Cherry’s full conference address below:



**Monmouth  
Diocesan  
Conference  
2022**

**Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> October**

St Teilo's CiW High School

Diocese of Monmouth  
Esgobaeth Mynwy

Faith in  
our Future

Bishop Cherry's Conference Address

[Read more about Conference 2022 on our diocesan website.](#)

## Launching our Diocesan Vision

Following lengthy discussions and consultations with many members from our church family, an exciting vision for our future was launched at our recent Diocesan Conference.

Under the strapline of 'Faith in our Future' the vision was incredibly well received by the 150 delegates who were all keen to take the vision and interpret it in their ministry areas.

The Ven Stella Bailey introduced the new vision, explaining that it had been developed "...to apply the five marks of mission into our context to bring meaning, momentum, fruit and growth to our common life.

[READ MORE](#)

Watch the Vision Launch below:



## New Discipleship Courses



Archdeacon Ian Rees is pleased to release the newest diocesan discipleship course which follows on from our previous course (Our Five Branches) and takes a more detailed view of how we can put our Vision in action.

The Vision isn't about survival of our churches, but about growth. As we rebuild confidence in our churches, and as we seek to rebuild, renew and refresh ourselves and congregations everywhere, we have a wonderful opportunity today to be part of a church that is not fearful for the future, but confident in our ideas and vision for growth and above all, in God who accompanies us wherever we are.

**DOWNLOAD:** [Faith in our Future \(PDF\)](#)

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## BEIS Survey

BEIS in UK Government are holding a survey collecting evidence of the needs of non-domestic customers – including churches and chapels – for further assistance with energy bills after March 2023, when the current assistance scheme ends. The survey must be completed by the **end of Monday October 24**.

Because of the survey format, Cytûn cannot reply on behalf of all our members collectively as it asks for details of the energy bills of individual organisations, to which we do not have access. I realise that this will also be true of most denominational offices, but **we strongly advise you to reply to this survey with as much information as you have and explain further in boxes 2.10 and 3.2**. Cytûn will do the same.

You may wish to send the survey to local churches, or a sample of them, asking them to respond directly to the survey. The more responses are received from churches and chapels, the stronger will be the evidence base in our favour. We are grateful to Faith Action for supplying the answers to questions 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 – see below.

*The survey is designed for a wide range of organisations, but the following is useful for VCFSE sector organisations to be clear on:*

***Question 1.2: Please select the standard industrial classification (SIC) code for the industry in which your organisation operates.***

*Where appropriate to include, SIC codes can be found here: <https://resources.companieshouse.gov.uk/sic/>*

**Question 1.3: Please provide a description of the industry in which your organisation operates (e.g. hospitality).**

*Please use one of the options from the following list to denote your primary focus.*

- *Charity: General charitable purposes (including grant making)*
- *Charity: Education and training*
- *Charity: Advancement of health or saving lives*
- *Charity: Disability*
- *Charity: Prevention or relief of poverty*
- *Charity: International development/humanitarian aid*
- *Charity: Accommodation/Housing*
- *Charity: Religion*
- *Charity: Arts/Culture/Heritage/Science*
- *Charity: Amateur sport*
- *Charity: Animals*
- *Charity: Environment/Conservation*
- *Charity: Economic/Community Development/Employment*
- *Charity: Armed Forces/Emergency Services Efficiency*
- *Charity: Human Rights/Religious or Racial Harmony/Equality or Diversity*
- *Charity: Recreation*
- *Charity: Other*

OR

- *Youth services*
- *Social enterprise*

**Question 1.4: Is your organisation a non-profit organisation? (e.g. a charity)**

*Organisations that select 'yes' will be asked to provide their charity number, where applicable, at Question 1.5.*

[Complete the Survey!](#)

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## For your prayers

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As many of you will have already heard, one of our valued members of the diocesan office team, Libby Morgan-Owen, has been unwell and in hospital. Please hold Libby and her family in your prayers as she continues to recover.

If anyone is waiting for any correspondence from Libby then please contact [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk) and we will assist you as quickly as we can. We appreciate your patience. Diolch yn fawr.

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## Training and Events

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### 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 also in person sessions to book onto if people do not have access to the internet - further dates TBA.

#### **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:

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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk) or [rebeccajones@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:rebeccajones@churchinwales.org.uk).

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## **St Padarn's CMD Autumn Training Programme**

As you will hopefully be aware, St Padarn's is currently offering a fairly comprehensive series of half-day and full-day training courses to be delivered through Autumn 2022 and the first few months of 2023 for clergy and licensed

lay ministers. The courses themselves are a mix of online and in-person events. The full list of courses for the Autumn programme can be found here:

<https://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/ministry/continuing-ministerial-development/>

Whilst the take up for the courses has been generally good, there are a number where bookings are low and which, without additional participants, there is a risk that they may need to cancel them where facilitators have requested a minimum number of attendees. The in-person courses in Wrexham, Nantgaredig, Swansea, and Cardiff shown below are most at risk.

Tuesday October 25th - Managing Conflict - Bridge Builders - Hope St, Wrexham\*

Thursday December 1st - Managing Conflict - Bridge Builders - Nantgaredig, Carmarthen\*

Thursday 8th December - Effective Communication - Ruth Hassall - St Thomas, Swansea\*

Friday 4th November - Effective Communication - Ruth Hassall - St Padarn's, Cardiff\*

Thursday 17th November - Managing Change - Ruth Hassall - Zoom

Wednesday 9th November - Managing Time Effectively - Kathryn Delderfield - Zoom

If anyone would like to go to one or more of the courses please click on the link above to book.

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# A Night at the Opera - Newport Cathedral

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS  
& ST. JOHNS MAINDEE CHORISTERS  
together with

OFFSTAGE OPERA  
present

HANSEL & GRETEL

A NIGHT  
AT THE  
OPERA

at  
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL  
St. Woolos

CARMEN

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022 at 7pm  
with GAER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022 at 7pm  
with ST. WOOLOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TICKETS: ADULT £8  
CHILDREN £4

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE CATHEDRAL BOX OFFICE;  
at [newportcathedral@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:newportcathedral@churchinwales.org.uk)  
TEL: 01633 267464



Purchase Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-at-the-opera-tickets-438877744147>

Tickets will also be available on the door.

## Gofal ein Gwinllan Autumn Series



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

**26 October 2022 - 7.00-8.30 pm**  
Cuppa and chat-8.30-9.00 pm

**Guest speakers:**

<b>Thomas Richards, Darowen, and his sons</b>	<b>'Two literary ladies: Mair Richards Darowen, and Angharad Llwyd'</b>
<b>Meg Elis</b>	<b>Professor Sioned Davies</b>

**To book your place click: <https://bit.ly/3SZd5s9>**  
\* The session will be in Welsh but translation will be available

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ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

 YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU THE CHURCH IN WALES

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 **26 October**.

To book a place use the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3SZd5s9>

**26 October – 7.00-8.30 pm**  
**(Cuppa and chat 8.30-9.00 pm)**

Subjects Discussed:

**Thomas Richards, Darowen, and his sons Meg Elis**

**'Two literary ladies: Mair Richards Darowen, and Angharad Llwyd'**

**Professor Sioned Davies**

If you would like any further information please contact Angharad

Gaylard, [Angharad.Gaylard@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:Angharad.Gaylard@stpadarns.ac.uk)

## Housing Justice 'Discover the World of Hosting' online event - Thursday 27th October 6.30pm



**DISCOVER THE WORLD OF HOSTING**  
**THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 6:30-8:30PM VIA ZOOM**

**Housing Justice Cymru**

**Discover the World of Hosting online event**  
People from all over the world are seeking sanctuary in Wales. The Hosting community offers safety and solidarity.  
Come and find out about:

- Who needs hosting and why
- What it means to be a refugee
- The power of the Hosting community
- How Housing Justice Cymru and EYST support hosts and guests.

This is an opportunity to ask questions and hear from experienced Hosts.

**Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p89jhx7>**

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Thom Gwynn

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## Service of Light and Hope - 6th November

# SERVICE OF LIGHT AND HOPE

Coming together to reflect on life's losses and looking forward, with hope, to the future.

LLANARTH VILLAGE HALL, NP15 2AU

**Sunday 6th Nov. 6.30pm**

**FREE HOGROAST & CASH BAR**

Contact David Williams 07549916533 for more information

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## Church Army Discovery Events



### Church Army Discovery Events

**Last one for 2022 and first for 2023**

**Could this be for you?**

**Online – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 7pm – 9.30pm**

**Online – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 from 7pm – 9.30pm**

**In Person (Sheffield) – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-3pm  
(specifically focussed on CA training)**

Do you have a passion for seeing people come to know Christ? Are you exploring

vocations or wanting to find a network of like-minded people for support and encouragement? Are you sometimes unsure where you fit? How about considering Church Army?

We are a Mission Community as well as a trainer and employer of Pioneer Evangelists across the UK and Ireland.

We host a series of **Discovery Events** throughout the year and our next ones are listed above with the full list for 2023 on the website link. Come and find out what we do, how to train with us, about working for us or about joining the Mission Community. The in-person days in **Sheffield** are especially for anyone considering training with us to be a Commissioned Church Army Evangelist.

To book a place please click the link below or find us online at [churcharmy.org/discover](https://churcharmy.org/discover) or for more information, please contact [Andrew Payne](#), in the Community & Vocations Team.

The link will show all forthcoming Discovery events to the end of 2023 so please book onto later ones if earlier ones above are not convenient.

[Click here to view, and sign up for, our upcoming Discovery Events](#)

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## Red Lines and Resilience - 15th November

Newport Cathedral are delighted that Peter Leonard, who was until recently the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, and prior to this Canon Chancellor at Portsmouth Cathedral, will be leading an evening on Red Lines and Resilience on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 7: 30 p.m. (*note change of date*) in the Cathedral.

Peter is the Chief Executive of Family Links - The Centre for Emotional Health.

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## Newport Rugby - Newport Cathedral Remembrance Lecture

On Thursday 17th November at 7.30 pm, historian Peter Jones will be giving a lecture on the remarkable life of Charlie Pritchard at Newport Cathedral. Charlie was one of the very early giants of Newport Rugby and was a member of the Wales team who beat the New Zealand All Blacks in 1905. Charlie was one of thirteen Wales Internationals to be killed in the first world war. Please do come and learn about his remarkable life. On display will be the shirt that Charlie

wore in that famous 1905 victory and other memorabilia. Copies of Peter's biography of Charlie will be available in the Cathedral Shop.

Housing Justice Cymru will be holding an online event on 27<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm to raise awareness of the issues faced by refugees seeking sanctuary in Wales (please see attached flyer above).

Housing Justice Cymru feel that it is important that our communities understand why people flee their homes and come to Wales, and also understand the challenges they are faced with after arriving. They will discuss issues of destitution, homelessness, and exploitation, as well as explaining the difficulties presented by asylum law and policy.

There will be an opportunity for attendees to 'Discover the World of Hosting' and ask questions. There will also be guest speakers who are happy to discuss their experiences of hosting (some of whom are current hosts and some of whom have been helped by hosts during their asylum journey).

By partnering with EYST for this event, we will explain the history of hosting in Wales, how people can register to become hosts, and how Housing Justice supports hosts.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for those interested in hosting to learn more with no obligation! Here is the link to register for a free ticket:

[Discover the World of Hosting Tickets, Thu 27 Oct 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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## **LLM Dates for the Diary - 2023**

We've had notification of the dates for the Provincial meetings next year for your diaries. These will be:

### **LLM SPRING DAY**

Saturday March 18th 2023

10:00-16:00



Zoom

## LLM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday 15th September –

Sunday 17th September 2023

Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod

Further details will follow closer to the time.

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## Services and Resources

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

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## Healing, Wholeness, and Wellbeing

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October** (choir half term) Newport Cathedral's 'alternative worship,' will be a service of well-being. During the service Hilary Sloan, who works for Mind and is the Cathedral's lay lead for 'Mind on the Hill' will introduce a few ideas and techniques to help promote wellbeing.

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# Vacancies

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## 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](mailto:fathermarkowen12@gmail.com)

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

Applications should be submitted by email to:  
[archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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## **Archdeacon of Wrexham - St Asaph Diocese**

Under God, the Diocese of St Asaph is calling an Archdeacon of Wrexham to promote change and mission for the growth of God's Kingdom in north east Wales.

The new archdeacon will be:

- Christ centred Leader
- Visionary
- Encourager
- Church Builder
- Team Player
- Ground Breaker
- Change Maker

Applications should be received by **5pm on 9 November 2022**.

A discernment centre will be held on 21-22 November 2022

For more information: <https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Archdeacon-of-Wrexham-in-Wales-jn10606>

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## **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 interaction within our churches

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.

Application form and full profile available at

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

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto: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: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:

The Venerable Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth on 07983 684151.

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## **Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area**

**Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area are looking 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
- Committed to and understanding of the special nature of rural ministry with a desire to serve these communities and farming networks.
- Creative and imaginative in their approach to working with children, young people and families in schools and across the Ministry Area.

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

Application form and full profile available at

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

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:

The Rev'd. Kevin Hasler, Rector and Ministry Area Leader on 078 3679 5753.



## Cytûn Churches Together in Wales

Cytûn, Churches Together in Wales is seeking applications for the post of **Chief Executive Officer** which will become vacant soon because of the retirement of the present post-holder the Rev Canon Aled Edwards.

The postholder will

- provide a visionary lead for ecumenism and public engagement by the Churches of Wales and will enable and carry forward the work programme and priorities set by the Cytun Board of Trustees in the service of the Churches.
- oversee support for the Covenant for Union in Wales through the Commission for Covenanted Churches.
- Support the Free Church Council
- manage a team that delivers the programme of work agreed by the board and member churches
- be a Christian who understands and accepts the basis of Cytûn
- be proficient at communicating in Welsh and English

For more information about Cytûn, the role, and the person we are looking for, see the Cytûn website <https://www.cytun.co.uk/hafan/en/vacancies/> or contact [chair@cytun.cymru](mailto:chair@cytun.cymru)

Please apply online to [chair@cytun.cymru](mailto:chair@cytun.cymru)

Please include the following:

- A comprehensive CV that includes your recent achievements and the

- details of two referees one of whom oversees your current work.
- An application letter that includes your reason for applying and the qualities that you will bring to the role.
  - Applications must be received by 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Interviews will be held 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Please contact [chair@cytun.cymru](mailto:chair@cytun.cymru) if you have any problems

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For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click [here](#).

You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates [here](#).

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