

Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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

News

Pause for Prayer

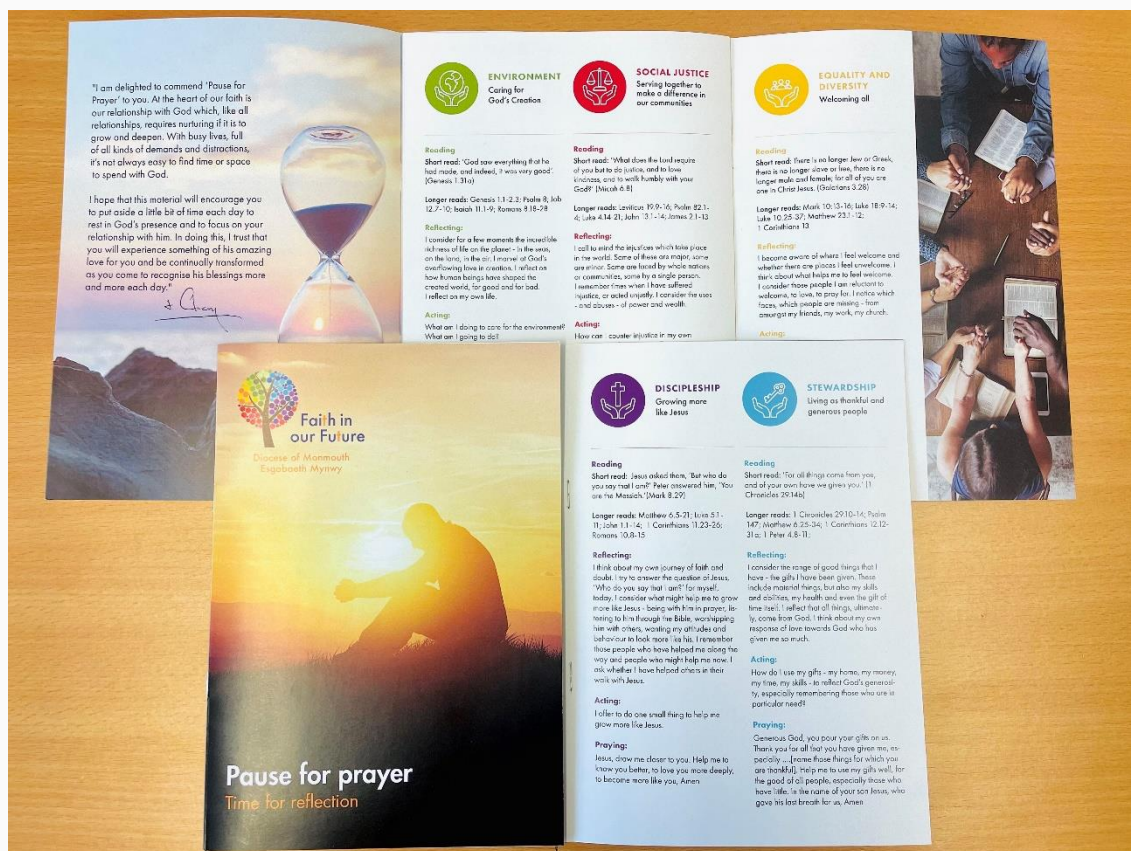
As part of the Diocesan Vision launch, prayer resources have been prepared by Revd Jane Butler (Prayer and Spirituality Advisor) which we hope people will find useful as they take time to prayerfully reflect on our five branches. Pause for Prayer can be used daily. A children's version has also been developed by

Rebecca Morteo (Head of Education).

A digital copy of the resources is available on the diocesan website or you can download a copy below. If you would like to request printed paper copies, please contact admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

DOWNLOAD: [Pause for Prayer \(PDF\)](#)

DOWNLOAD: [Children's Pause for Prayer \(PDF\)](#)



Link Sunday - 30th October

We invite you to join us once again as we celebrate Link Sunday and our connection with the Diocese of the Highveld on the final Sunday of October - 30th October 2022.

We're pleased share this year's 'Link Intercessions' written by Bishop Charles:

DOWNLOAD: [Link Sunday Intercessions \(PDF\)](#)



Safeguarding Sunday - 6th November

The Diocese of Monmouth is marking Safeguarding Sunday on November 6th and we urge you to take part in whatever way you can. It's an important opportunity to remind people of our commitment to being a safe church and the responsibility we all have to protect vulnerable people. It's also a chance to check people know who their Ministry Area Safeguarding Officers are and how to report any concerns they have.

thirtyone:eight

The Church in Wales is partnering with the Christian safeguarding organisation thirtyone:eight to produce bilingual resources that you can download and use.

The resources should be available by late September on the thirtyone:eight website:

<https://thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday/>

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Safeguarding Sunday

Lord God, you have called us to be a part of the family of your church and to use our gifts to encourage and build one another up in love.

Help each one of us to play our part in creating a safe and caring church where every one of your children, from the youngest to the oldest, may flourish as they are respected and valued.

Keep us ever watchful, so that we may continually build a holy fellowship in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Church in Wales Food and Fuel Campaign

People suffering the 'devastating' impact of the cost of living crisis will be helped by a campaign launched by the Church in Wales today.

The Food and Fuel campaign will address the causes of food and fuel poverty by putting pressure on the Government to address the spiraling costs which is forcing families to choose between heating or eating.

With foodbanks across Wales struggling to meet the increasing demands for donations, the campaign includes an open letter to all supermarkets calling on them to increase their range of basic essential items and to donate more items to food distribution charities.

A series of public lectures exploring the biblical and theological imperative of responding to the cost of living crisis is planned for later this year. Speakers confirmed include the Bishop Barry Morgan, former Archbishop of Wales, Welsh theologian Canon Trystan Hughes and Steve Chalke MBE, founder of Oasis Charitable Trust.

Announcing the launch of Food and Fuel campaign, The Archbishop of Wales Andrew John said, "Our churches are witnessing first-hand the devastating impact of the cost-of-living crisis in Wales' communities. With more and more people struggling to make ends meet, the collective voice of the Church in Wales is best placed to advocate on their behalf.

"It is scandalous that foodbanks were only intended to be a short-term emergency service but have now become an essential part of everyday life for so many. I find it outrageous that as the 6th largest economy in the world, the UK has so many families living in poverty and so many people struggling to pay for food and heating."

The Archbishop is calling on all churches to join the Food and Fuel campaign, "As Christians we are called to speak out against poverty. Our mission in Wales is to live out the gospel message of hope, justice and love. We are a church for all who struggle to make ends meet. We are a church for those who are forced to choose between eating or heating.

“Together we can raise our voice and campaign for change. It is our duty to be a channel of God’s love in the world.”

To join the campaign go to the [Food and Fuel Campaign page](#).

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:



Hear what Conference Members think

We caught up with a few delegates at this year's Diocesan Conference to see what they thought of our new 'look' as we launched our vision.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Discipleship Resources



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 \(PDF\)](#)

We're also excited to announce monthly in-depth reviews of each of our five branches. This November will launch our branch focus months with Archdeacon Ian's thoughts on Discipleship. We'll be publishing weekly videos - watch this space for more details.

For your prayers

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@churcheinwales.org.uk and we will assist you as quickly as we can. We appreciate your patience. Diolch yn fawr.

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.churcheinwales.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:

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 Padarn's CMD Autumn Training Programme

St Padarn's is currently offering a series of half-day and full-day training courses to be delivered through Autumn 2022 and early 2023 for clergy and licensed lay ministers with both 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/>

The courses below are at risk of cancellation if the requested minimum number of attendees is not met. If anyone would like to go to one or more of the courses, follow this link to

book: <https://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/ministry/continuing-ministerial-development/provincial-cmd-autumn-2022-course-for-clerics-and-readersllms/>

- Friday 4th November - Effective Communication - Ruth Hassall - St Padarn's, Cardiff*
- Wednesday 9th November - Managing Time Effectively - Kathryn Delderfield - Zoom
- Thursday 17th November - Managing Change - Ruth Hassall - Zoom
- Thursday December 1st - Managing Conflict - Bridge Builders - Nantgaredig, Carmarthen*
- Thursday 8th December - Effective Communication - Ruth Hassall - St Thomas, Swansea*

Gofal ein Gwinllan Autumn Series - tonight

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:

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

Meg Elis

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

Professor Sioned Davies

To book your place click: <https://bit.ly/3SZd5s9>

* The session will be in Welsh but translation will be available



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>

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'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

Housing Justice 'Discover the World of Hosting' online event - **tomorrow at 6.30pm**

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

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>

Housing Justice Cymru

Chwilio Nrhawdd i'w Rhwyddiadau
Deddfu'r Cymuned
Yn Gyson
Yn Gyson
Yn Gyson

Church Army Discovery Events



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Last one for 2022 and first for 2023

Could this be for you?

Online – Wednesday 9th November 2022 from 7pm – 9.30pm

Online – Monday 27th February 2023 from 7pm – 9.30pm

**In Person (Sheffield) – Saturday 25th 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 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](#)

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 15th 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.

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 27th 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](#)

Concert to support Machen church buildings and The Parish Trust Charity - 24th November

Following the recent conservation of St Michael's Church and our efforts to improve St John's Church (with repairs starting this week), I aim to hold events all year round at both churches.

Our programme will cover concerts and other events, some of which will focus on local history and Machen's rich heritage.

On **Thursday 24th November** there is an Evening of Argentine Tango Music at Lower Machen Church with the **Christian Coliazo Trio**. A proportion of the

evening's income will be donated to The Parish Trust charity which supports the needy in our local communities.

An Evening of Argentine Tango Music

St Michael and All Angels, Lower Machen, NP10 8GU

A Concert with International Musicians
Christian Collazo (Argentina), Fernando
Herrera (Spain) and Dario Polonara (Spain)

Thursday 24th November

Doors Open 7:30pm

Prices £10 (booked), £12 (on door)

lowermachenchurch@gmail.com / urbantangonights@gmail.com



St Michael & All Angels Church
LOWER MACHEN

More details can be found at-

Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-argentine-tango-music-at-lower-machen-tickets-443204084347

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1712348432478451>

Christian, Fernando & Dario will continue their journey from Bristol airport to Swansea to perform at the International Tango Festival in Swansea - more details at-

<https://urbantangonights.com/welsh-international-tango-festival/>

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.

Services and Resources



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

Healing, Wholeness, and Wellbeing

On **Sunday 30th 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.

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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helping farming people

Help Needed

Night Shelter Volunteers - Newport Cathedral

Newport Cathedral is hoping to provide a winter night shelter on Wednesday nights in January, February, and March, but needs additional volunteers.

If you would be interested in volunteering, it would be every other week commitment, please contact Phae Cole by the end of November.

Phae's email address is: coo.newportcathedral@gmail.com

Vacancies

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**



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>

**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

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

Closing date for applications: **Monday 14th November 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:

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

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

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 18th 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

Please apply online to 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 11th November 2022

Interviews will be held 25th November 2022

Please contact chair@cytun.cymru if you have any problems

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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