

# 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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**NOVEMBER: Discipleship**



# Discipleship

Living as Saints



**The Ven Ian Rees**  
Archdeacon of Monmouth  
and Director of Ministry

We're excited to announce monthly in-depth reviews of each of our five branches. This month, we're launching this series with Archdeacon Ian's thoughts on Discipleship. We'll release a new video each week.

Our first video reflects on 'How do the Saints inspire our discipleship today?'

## Safeguarding Sunday - 6th November

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THE CHURCH  
IN WALES

### 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.**

[www.churchinwales.org.uk](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk)



This weekend, the Diocese of Monmouth will be marking Safeguarding Sunday (November 6).

It is a special day in the calendar when we are reminded of our commitment to being a safe church and that we all have a part to play in nurturing the well-being of all.

Safeguarding ‘needs to be embedded in all aspects of the life and ministry of the Church’ and safeguarding training is key to achieving this.

The training is relevant, informative and practical and helps equip anyone who is committed to making their churches safe and welcoming for all.

Here’s what people who have attended the course have said

*“It was great to understand how safeguarding works and really encouraging. It gives me enormous hope that the church is working towards being a safe place for children and vulnerable adults.”*

*“It was a really helpful afternoon and incredibly confidence boosting.”*

*“It was easily the most trauma-informed safeguarding training I’ve ever had, and has really helped me to feel confident about recommending the training to other survivors of abuse and trauma.”*

*“There was positive feedback from all the people who attended and it was such a great way to help everyone understand the importance of safeguarding in our churches.”*

We urge you to support Safeguarding Sunday and 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.

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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 last Wednesday.

The Food and Fuel campaign addresses 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.

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."

The Archbishop is calling on all churches to join the Food and Fuel campaign, "As Christians we are a called to speak out against poverty. Our mission in

Wales is to live out the gospel message of hope, justice and love."

[Read More](#)

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

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## A Gift for Christmas

A further initiative, supported by the bishops in Wales, is 'A Gift for Christmas.' We are inviting congregations to make up boxes full of toiletries only (shower gel, toothpaste, sanitary products etc). We do not wish to prescribe what exactly each box contains nor how large the box but are simply wishing to commend the idea. Our hope is that every congregation will participate and produce at least 10 boxes. This will be a formidable challenge for some and for others they may be able to produce many more. Our suggestion is that we make these gifts available from the 21st of November.

Churches may wish to arrange the distribution of the boxes themselves. Alternatively, please let us know if there is a food bank or another source near you who might be able and willing to assist.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cherry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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## Unique Commemoration of Two Queens



Over four hundred years ago the people who then lived in Llantrisant near Usk built a tower onto their church. To mark this, one of them carved an inscription to the then Queen Elizabeth into a stone high up on a gable wall:

**1593 ER XXXV**

This week a matching hand carved stone plaque commemorating the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II was affixed to the same wall:

**2020 E I I R LXX**

The new plaque was blessed and dedicated this past Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in the presence of the High Sheriff of Gwent.

View the [Press Release \(PDF\)](#)

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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, 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 - **Final dates for this term**

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.

### **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 final training date for the Diocese of Monmouth this term is:



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

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## 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\*

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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 pm** 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.

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## **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), we 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 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Doors Open 7:30pm  
Prices £10 (booked), £12 (on door)

[lowermachenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lowermachenchurch@gmail.com) / [urbantangonights@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-argentine-tango-music-at-lower-machen-tickets-443204084347)

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

## Curry and Quiz Night - 25th November

Gwent Valleys Centre of Mission and St Peter's Church, Blaina are hosting a joint fundraising Curry and Quiz night on Friday 25th November.

We are selling tickets online in advance via this

link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/curry-and-a-quiz-tickets-414553178717>

There is a Facebook event page with some info

here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/curry-and-quiz-night/602108051699040/>



The poster features a central image of a curry dish in a black pan with rice. Overlaid on the right is a circular logo for 'Faith in our Future' with the text 'Diocese of Monmouth Esgobaeth Mynwy'. Below that is a circular logo for 'CHURCH ARMY .ORG'. The text 'St Peter's Church, Blaina and Church Army invite you to a:' is followed by the main title 'Fundraising Curry and Quiz Night'. Event details include 'Friday 25th November 2022 at 7pm' and 'St Peter's Church, Blaina'. Ticket prices are listed as '£9 for curry' and '£10 for curry and quiz'. Contact information for Jenny is provided: '07458315743'. Ticket purchase instructions are at the bottom: 'Please buy your tickets in advance from https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/414553178717 or by contacting jenny.falconotero@churcharmy.org'.

St Peter's Church, Blaina and Church Army  
invite you to a:

# Fundraising Curry and Quiz Night

**Friday 25th  
November 2022  
at 7pm**  
St Peter's Church, Blaina

**£9 for curry  
£10 for curry and quiz**

**For more  
information**  
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by contacting [jenny.falconotero@churcharmy.org](mailto:jenny.falconotero@churcharmy.org)

## 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

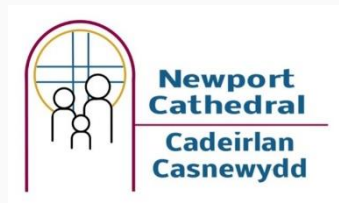
Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod

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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## **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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Support Centre  
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## Spanish Mass - St John's Maindee

¿Conoces a alguien cerca de Newport o Cardiff que se interese en servicios en español? Actualmente estamos planeando una misa española semanal\* en la Iglesia San Juan Evangelista, en Maindee, para comenzar el primer domingo del Adviento, el 27 de noviembre 2022, a las 17:00. También la transmitiremos por YouTube.

Les daríamos la bienvenida a hispanohablantes nativos y estudiantes del idioma igualmente. Si eso te interesara, por favor envíame un mensaje por texto (07722500805) o correo ([father.william@bma.church](mailto:father.william@bma.church)).

(\*bi-semanal hasta enero 2023)

*Do you know anyone near Newport or Cardiff who'd be interested in services in Spanish? We're currently planning a weekly\* Spanish mass at St. John's, Maindee, starting on the first Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022, at 17:00. We'll also be broadcasting on YouTube.*

*We would welcome both native Spanish speakers and language learners. If you are interested, please send me a message by text (07722500805) or email ([father.william@bma.church](mailto:father.william@bma.church)).*

*(\*bi-weekly till January 2023)*

**LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL  
CADA SEMANA**

LA IGLESIA SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA, MAINDEE

DESDE EL DOMINGO, 27 DE NOVIEMBRE 2022  
A LAS 17:00, Y TAMBIÉN POR YOUTUBE

SAINT JOHN'S  
MAINDEE

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## **Books Available**

The following items are available for free.

- Full set of William Barclay N.T. Commentaries
- Other Barclay publications
- Various theological books

Contact: Donald Maxfield (Retired LLM) - 01633 894193



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# Help Needed

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## 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](mailto:coo.newportcathedral@gmail.com)

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# Vacancies

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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 inter-action 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  
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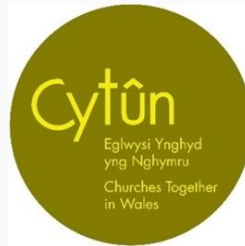
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Closing date for applications: **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:  
The Rev'd. Kevin Hasler, Rector and Ministry Area Leader on 078 3679 5753.

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## **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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