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



Announcement of Curates

Those to be ordained to the diaconate at St Woolos' Cathedral on Saturday 24 June 2023:

Julia Durham (stipendiary) – Tredegar Park MA (with Rev Christopher Stone) Dawn Lindsay (stipendiary) – Newport North West MA (with Rev Canon Rebecca Stevens)

William Savage (NSM(L)) – Heart of Monmouthshire MA (with Rev Kevin Hasler)

Gracious God, we thank you for your call on our lives and particularly at this time for those you have called to serve your church as ordained and licensed ministers in our diocese. Give them faith and courage and an abiding trust in you; for we ask it in the name of the One who calls us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Office Hours over Christmas

The Diocesan Office will be closed from the 24th December and will open again on Wednesday 4th January.

Next week's Midweek Mailing will be Bishop Cherry's Christmas address and then there will be no mailings until the office reopens in January.

Nadolig Llawen!



Safeguarding Advice - Warm Spaces

We are aware that various diocese are setting up 'warm spaces' this winter. This is a great idea and use of churches.

The safeguarding team want to make sure that Churches and Diocese have considered safeguarding in the set up of these projects and think the link below is a helpful resource is helpful in adding us to consider the safeguarding implications and safe practices for Warm Spaces.

Setting up 'Warm Spaces' safely (thirtyoneeight.org)

We also have an Safeguarding Engagement and Assurance Officer now in place who is available to support and advise from a safeguarding perspective when setting up new projects.

Sarah Jones: Sarah EJones@churchinwales.org.uk



DECEMBER: Social Justice

Throughout December, we will be focusing on another 'branch' of our Diocesan Vision – Social Justice.

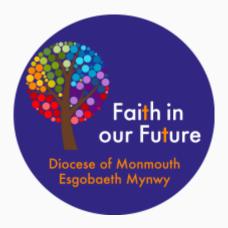
In April, Bishop Cherry launched the Social Responsibility Grant, explaining: "We hope that people will contribute to this fund as it will help our churches support those most in need, when they need it most."

One project which has benefitted from the grant is Breakfast Bites, a breakfast club organised by St Peters Church in Blaina. Fr Dominic McLean, who applied for the grant, shares his story <u>here.</u>









Launch of New Team Building Grant

Good team working is very important for the success of our ministry areas. During 2023, we hope that all ministry areas will have the opportunity to bring together their key teams to build relationships and foster good working practices.

To support this, we are launching a new grant scheme so that each ministry area will be able to apply for up to £1000 for team building. If successful, the money can be used for any purpose which will develop team working within their ministry area. Details of the new team building grant scheme can be found here.

This grant is in addition to the other ministry area grants that also aim to give our ministry areas the best possible start. Details of the ministry area development grant can be found here – <u>Ministry-Area-Development-Fund-2021.docx (live.com)</u>

The DBF has also set aside funds to support Ministry Areas with the initial costs of employing an Administrator. Ministry Area Leaders have the details of this scheme. Full details of all Diocesan Grants can be found in the finance pages of the website with links in the right-hand menu. Finance - Monmouth Diocese (churchinwales.org.uk)

As many of you will be aware, Libby Morgan-Owen, who administers all the diocesan grants, is currently off-sick. However, her e-mail address is still active, and her e-mails are being monitored by the diocesan office team.





First Joint Christmas Message from Wales' Anglican and Catholic Archbishops

Wales' two Archbishops have come together for the first time to issue a joint message, inviting people to come back to church this Christmas.

The Anglican Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, has joined with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia, Mark O'Toole, to offer an

invitation to church this Christmas, saying despite "difficulty and despair", this year, "there have been flickers of light in the darkness".

The two Archbishops, both of whom are relatively new in their role, have struck up a good working relationship over the past year. They wanted to encourage the people of Wales, saying even though "we have met many challenges" over the year, "a warm welcome - Croeso - awaits you" at churches across the country.

The full message is available to read <u>here</u>.



'Gift for Christmas' Appeal

Thanks to everyone who is working hard to bring joy and hope to some of those in our communities who are facing real poverty this Christmas. Here is just one example of what is being done.

Many congratulations to the congregation of Llandegfedd who have worked with their community to create 12 boxes and 3 bags of toiletries in response to the Gift for Christmas Appeal. The gifts have gone to the Croesyceiliog Food Hub for distribution and demonstrate in a wonderful way just what can be achieved when church and community pull together. Not bad for a village of around 150 people!



Commissioning of New Ministry Areas



On Sunday, there were special commissioning services to mark the formation of two new Ministry Areas.

Monmouth Marches Ministry Area inauguration service was held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Mitchel Troy, on a beautiful frosty morning.

During the service for Tredegar Park Ministry Area, held at St Martin's in the Gaer, Revd Chris Stone was licensed as Ministry Area Leader and Bronwen Summers as Assistant Curate.

Both services were a real celebration!



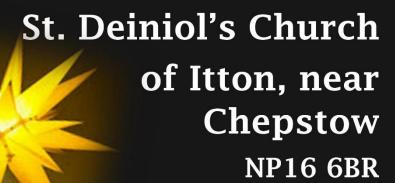
Training and Events

St Woolos Sinfonia - 17th December



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Chamber Music - Carols - Readings



Sat 17th December 2022 7 pm

Tickets (£10, students & under 16 years free) available on the door.

Proceeds in aid of the church.



www.stwoolossinfonia.com

Blue Christmas Service - 20th December

Christmas is traditionally a time of great fun and Joy. However, for many of us, Christmas can also be a reminder for those we miss, situations we regret and a time of stress, anxiety or loneliness. This short service is designed to be a space for people to take a moment to stop and remember or to simply be in a place where they are not expected to be joyful. Instead, Blue Christmas is a space of quiet prayer and reflection to hold those emotions and to give them to God.

Tuesday 20th December at 7pm St Augustine's Church, Rumney All are welcome.





Newport Cathedral hosting Radio 4's 'Any Questions?' - Friday 27th January

Join us for a broadcast of Any Questions? on BBC Radio 4, live from Newport Cathedral!

The programme travels throughout the United Kingdom, inviting audiences to pose questions to distinguished figures from the Arts, Sciences, Business, Law and other areas of public life.

One of the stringent and unchanging rules of Any Questions? is that the panel never sees the questions in advance; the panellists hear them for the first time at the same moment the audience in the hall and at home does.

We need questions from you to make the best programme, so please bring one or more with you to submit to the team on the night, and be prepared to ask the questions yourself on air.

Entry is free, but ticketed.

Timings for the evening:

18:30 Doors open and questions start being gathered.

19:25 Audience welcome, followed by the BBC's warm-up at 19:30.

19:45 The BBC producer calls the questioners to the front row.

20:00 BBC Radio 4 News Live.

20:02 Live broadcast of Any Questions?

20:50 End of the programme.

Please note:

Personal photography is not permitted during the broadcast.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be no car parking spaces available at the cathedral.

The link is <u>here</u> and goes live from Friday 16th December.

Save the Date: Ignite - Clergy Only

JANUARY 19th 2023 - Monmouth Diocesan Office

12.30pm-2.45pm (lunch provided)

Theme: Abundant Life?

In John's Gospel Jesus promises abundant life to those who follow him. In this session we shall explore what this phrase means in John's Gospel, and how it might relate to the reality of mission and ministry in our own experience.

Speaker: Richard Cooke

Richard Cooke was born and grew up in Kent, and went to work in a Church in Coventry City Centre after University. He was ordained deacon in Coventry Cathedral in 1988, and spent 16 years in parishes in Rugby and on the outer edges of Coventry before joining the Coventry Diocesan Staff in 2004, becoming Principal of the Diocesan Training Partnership in 2010. He returned to parish life in 2022 as Rector of a group of parishes south of Stratford-upon-Avon. On a day off you'll usually find him with grandchildren, walking the dog, or watching some cricket.

BOOK A PLACE

To book your place please use the link below:

https://forms.gle/YNAsSuvw35MEPQ3KA

or contact:

admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

01633 267490

Climate Leadership Training - February 2023

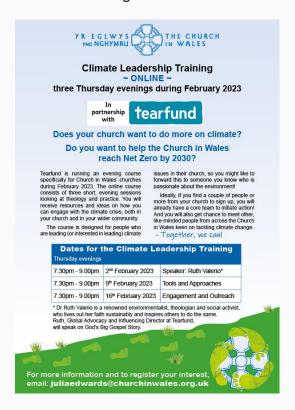
The Church in Wales are pleased to be working in partnership with Tearfund to offer Climate Leadership Training in February next year.

The online Zoom course is over three evenings – 2nd, 9th and 16th February (7.30pm – 9pm)

- 2nd February Dr Ruth Valerio (Saying Yes to Life: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020) will be the speaker for the first session on theology.
- 9th February The second Thursday evening will focus on practical action
- 16th February The final session is on climate-related missional activities

The course is intended for an adult audience – no under eighteens; however, diocesan youth leaders, working with young people, are specifically encouraged to attend.

Ideally, it would also be good if people could accompany others within their particular congregations so that an eco-support group could be formed in each after the training – if one does not already exist at the local church level.





Click image to enlarge.

Download: Climate Leadership Training Poster (English)

Download: Climate Leadership Training Poster (Welsh)

SAVE THE DATE: Ministry Area Networks

Over the past two years a huge amount of your hard work has gone into forming our Ministry Areas and the Bishop, Standing Committee and DBF are very grateful for everything you have done. By the end of January 2023, all of our sixteen Ministry Areas will be formed.

One of the benefits of working as Ministry Areas is that it will enable closer relationships throughout our diocese. A diocese that encompasses the varied communities of the Valleys, Newport, Monmouthshire and parts of Cardiff. Starting in February 2023, we will establish networks for key roles in each Ministry Area so that we can better learn from one another and allow an opportunity for everyone's voice to be heard. With only sixteen Ministry Areas, these will be small networks where we will have an opportunity to discuss current issues facing our churches.

The following dates and venues have been set for the first meeting –

Ministry Area Treasurers' Network – Each Ministry Area Treasurer will be invited to

St David's, Oakdale on the 13th February at 7pm.

In addition to Ministry Area Treasurers, the Chair of the DBF, Archdeacons, Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Accountant will be present at this meeting.

Ministry Area Wardens' Network – Both Ministry Area Wardens for each Ministry Area will be invited to St Mary's, Croesyceiliog on the 2nd March at 7pm.

In addition to Ministry Area Wardens, the Archdeacons and Diocesan Secretary will be present at this meeting.

Ministry Area Safeguarding Lead Network – each Ministry Area Safeguarding lead will be invited to St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny on the 16th March at 7pm.

In addition to Ministry Area Safeguarding Leads, members of the Provincial Safeguarding Team, the Archdeacons and Diocesan Secretary will be present at this meeting.

Lay-Co Chairs' Network - Each Ministry Area Lay Co-Chair will be invited to

St Peter's, Blaina on the 23rd March at 7pm.

In addition to Lay Co-Chairs, the Bishop, Archdeacons and Diocesan Secretary will be present at this meeting.

Ministry Area Property Lead Forum – each Ministry Area Property Lead will be invited to St Michael's, Mitchel Troy on the 30th March at 7pm.

In addition to Ministry Area Property Leads, the Archdeacons, Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan DAC and Property Officer will be present at this meeting.

If you hold any of these positions in your Ministry Area, please put the date in your diary but an invitation will also be sent in the New Year when we have a full list of those holding each position in each Ministry Area.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Conference + Ministry Day

Saturday 11th March 2023 - St Teilo's High School

Next year we will be holding a Spring Diocesan Conference and a Team Building Day for Ministry Teams both in St Telio's High School and both on Saturday 11th March 2023.

Spring Diocesan Conference

The purpose of the Spring Conference will be to agree changes to the Diocesan Constitution necessary to implement the Deanery motion passed at our 2022 October Conference - making Deaneries co-terminus with Ministry Areas. The Spring Conference will also be asked to debate a paper proposing streamlining our diocesan committee structures with the aim of improving our decision-making structures. Following the debate in March a motion could be brought to the October 2023 Diocesan Conference.

Ministry Teams Team Building

Because we know that time is precious, we have amalgamated our Spring

Conference with a half-day team building session for Ministry Teams, MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs with Bishop John Lomas providing the keynote address. Both events will take place St Teilo's High School on Saturday 11th March and Conference members are very welcome to stay for Bishop John's address.

Lunch will be provided for both events following Bishop John's address so it will also be an excellent opportunity to socialize with friends and colleagues from across the diocese.

Each Ministry Area will be asked to invite members of their Ministry Team - consisting of Stipendiary Clergy, Non-Stipendiary Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers together with their MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs.

The schedule for the whole day will be as follows -

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	Conference Members		Members of Ministry Teams toge with MA wardens and Lay Co-Chairs.
8.45am	Conference Members arrive		
9.15am	Opening Worship		
9.30am	Start of Conference business		
10.30am	End of Conference business		
10.30am	Tea/Coffee Break	10.30am	Ministry Team Members arrive for tea/coffee
11am	Keynote Address - Bishop John Lomas	11am	Keynote Address - Bishop John Lomas
12pm	Lunch	12pm	Lunch
1pm	Conference Members leave	1pm	Ministry Teams Team Building st
		2.30pm	Tea/Coffee Break
		3.30pm	Plenary with Bishops Cherry and John
		4pm	Ministry Team Members leave.

We appreciate that this will be a long day for those of you who are Conference members as well as members of your Ministry Team, but we hope that you agree that this will make the best use of your travel time and avoid disrupting another Saturday for you in the first few months of the 2023.

Invitations will be sent to Conference members soon, and we are beginning the process of collating the names of all the Ministry Team members, MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs. However, if you are aware that you are a member of Diocesan Conference and/or a member of your Ministry Team, a Ministry Area Warden or a Lay Co-Chair then please put the date in your diary and await your

invitation.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this exciting event!



Safeguarding Training Dates

Safeguarding Courses will be available across the Diocese in 2023 to ensure that everyone has the right level of up to date training for their role and has a good understanding of their role in Safeguarding in the Church.

Module A is available online and can be undertaken independently without a trainer and without booking. The course is designed to support all of us within our church communities and aims to equip everyone to help make the church – and keep the church – a safe place. It should be completed by all clergy, everyone with a church office and anyone requiring further safeguarding training. It can be accessed on our webpages or by following this link: https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/church-in-wales-safeguarding-awareness-module-a/

Module B needs to be completed by all clergy, anyone with a church office and all in the church who have a role with children or adults at risk. It is a closer look at safeguarding in the Church context, developing an awareness and understanding of the safeguarding processes related to roles and responsibilities within the Church in Wales. The dates for Module B next term are:

Date	Day	Start Time	Location
17/01/2023	Tuesday	2pm	St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Crucorne
19/01/2023	Thursday	6.30pm	Magor Church Centre, Magor
28/01/2023	Saturday	9.30am	All Saints Church, Newport
28/01/2023	Saturday	10.30am	All Saints Church, Newport
13/02/2023	Monday	6pm	Tintern Village Hall, Tintern
27/02/2023	Monday	6pm	St George's Church, Tredegar
14/03/2023	Tuesday	10am	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Newport

These are available to book onto by using our webform at https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/safeguarding-training-booking-form/ or by emailing safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Trainer - Bec Jones if you have any questions at rebeccajones@cinw.org.uk



Provincial CMD Courses: January-March 2023

Following consultation with the respective Directors of Ministry early in 2022, St Padarn's launched quite an extensive programme of CMD Courses.

In January-March 2023, we are pleased to be able to offer the final series of this particular programme of courses, all of which are available free of charge to clergy and LLMs. During this period, most of the in-person courses happen to be running in North and West Wales, but there is one (Transforming Conversations) being held at St Padarn's in March.

20th March 2023 Padarn's **Transforming Conversations**

There are several others however being held via Zoom:

26 th January 2023	Clergy Finance and Financial Planning	Zoom
6 th February 2023	Leading Collaboratively	Zoom
16 th February 2023	Effective Communication	Zoom
23 rd February 2023	Churchyards and Buildings	Zoom

Please book your places via the Ministerial Development section of the St Padarn's website, where you will also find a full list of the Winter CMD programme:

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

SAVE THE DATE: Commissioned Ministry Celebration

May 9th 2023 from 7pm-9pm at St Mark's, Gold Tops

We have new training schemes available for lay worship leaders and pastoral visitors which will be piloted after Christmas. The new training will be launched officially on this evening where we will also take the opportunity to celebrate the crucial role that licensed and commissioned lay ministers play in the life of our churches across the diocese.

We hope that current licensed and commissioned lay ministers will come along as well as anyone interested in training for these ministries. We are also encouraging clergy to come along and celebrate the importance of Ministry teams of lay and ordained people working together.

Services and Resources



Join the Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am here.

Newport Cathedral's Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday 18th December 4.00pm – Christingle Service

Christmas Eve – 24th December 4.00pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 11.00pm – Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity

Christmas Day – 25th December 8.00am – Holy Eucharist 10.30am – Christmas Morning Eucharist

Sunday 1st January 2023 – Naming of Jesus 10.30am – Cathedral Eucharist

ESGOBAETH MYNWY – GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Dyddiad	Amser	Lleoliad	Gwasanaeth
Date	Time	<i>Venue</i>	Service & Th
Rhagfyr 17 December 17 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	I'w gadarnhau /	Beaufort	Gwasanaeth Advent Servi
Ionawr 14 January 14 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30	St Thomas	Ewcharist
	am /y.b.	Trefynwy / Monmouth	Eucharist

Ionawr 15	4.00	Cadeirlan	
January 15	, .	Casnewydd <i>Newport</i>	Plygain
Dydd Sul / Sunday	pm /y.h.	Cathedral	

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com
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Vacancies

Team Vicar - Islwyn MA (part-time)

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 us 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.

We 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... we 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

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

Closing date for applications: Friday 3rd February 2023

Application form and full profile available at https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/

Applications should be submitted by email to: archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk

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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