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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



Diolch yn fawr

As well as using our weekly mailing to announce new appointments to our diocese, it is also an opportunity for us to say 'thankyou' to all those who have served faithfully in ordained ministry for many years and have now retired or to those who have moved to serve elsewhere. We are tremendously grateful for the ministry they have offered.

Rev'd Andrew Hutchinson (of the East Cardiff Ministry Area) left the Diocese on 31st December and we send with him our thanks and best wishes.

Please continue to pray for one another and for the life of our diocese as we each seek to be faithful to all that God

asks of us; may God continue to bless you in all that you are and all that you do in your service of the gospel.



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 \(thirtyoneeight.org\)](https://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: SarahEJones@churchinwales.org.uk



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 – [Ministry-Area-Development-Fund-2021.docx \(live.com\)](#)

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.

Training and Events

New Church Service in Spanish

Beechwood Ministry Area are launching an experimental service in the Spanish language at St. John's, Maindee, starting on the Epiphany, **6th January 2023 at 17:00** and continuing afterwards each Sunday at 17:00 (Epiphany is a really big deal in Spanish-speaking countries, so it seemed a good moment to start!).

Honestly, this is a bit of a shot in the dark from a priest (Fr. William Ingle-Gillis), who just happens to love the language ... and is well-aware that there may be little call for it around South Wales! That said, we all picked up a lockdown-skill in the last couple of years and this is one of his. In case there isn't much of a local congregation, we'll also be broadcasting on YouTube (at <https://youtube.com/@padrewill>). But if there's anyone interested out there – whatever your level (or lack thereof) of Spanish – we would love to welcome both established speakers and those who, like Fr. William Ingle-Gillis, are just looking for opportunities to use a skill they've learned. Even if you're just curious, the experience of praying in another language opens fresh doors (as

we're sure our local Welsh learners will happily attest).

Whether or not you come, we seek your prayers that God will make something good out of the attempt, even — perhaps especially — something unexpected.

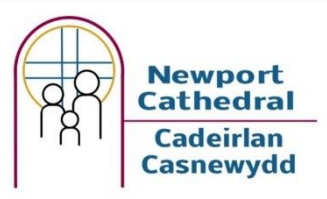


SAINT JOHN'S
MAINDEE

06.01.2023 - 17:00
ST. JOHN'S, MAINDEE
TAMBIÉN EN YOUTUBE/@PADREWILL

La Epifanía

UN SERVICIO EN ESPAÑOL
PARA QUE DEMOS LA BIENVENIDA
A LOS REYES MAGOS.



Newport Cathedral hosting Radio 4's 'Any Questions?' - Friday 13th 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 [here](#) and goes live from Friday 16th December.

Ignite - Clergy Only - Last chance to book

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.

Deadline to book - Monday 9th January.

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



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 Crucorney
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 rebeccaiones@cinw.org.uk

Rural Ministry Refreshment Day - 16th February

Refreshment Day for

Rural **Ministers**

Clergy and Lay

Thursday
16th
February
2023

At Llanarth
Village Hall
10am until 4pm



Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

A day for all those ministering in rural communities to receive spiritual refreshment, mutual support and fellowship, and to share ideas.

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Please book in with; Rural Life Advisor - Rev'd Canon Tim Clement
rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

DOWNLOAD: [Rural Ministry Refreshment Day - February 2023](#)

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.

YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMURU THE CHURCH IN WALES

Climate Leadership Training
~ ONLINE ~
three Thursday evenings during February 2023

In partnership with **tearfund**

Does your church want to do more on climate?
Do you want to help the Church in Wales reach Net Zero by 2030?

Tearfund is running an evening course specifically for Church in Wales' churches during February 2023. The online course consists of three short, evening sessions looking at theology and practice. You will receive resources and ideas on how you can engage with the climate crisis, both in your church and in your wider community. The course is designed for people who are leading (or interested in leading) climate issues in their church, so you might like to forward this to someone you know who is passionate about the environment!

Ideally, if you find a couple of people or more from your church to sign up, you will already have a core team to initiate action! And you will also get chance to meet other, like-minded people from across the Church in Wales keen on tackling climate change.

- Together, we can!

Dates for the Climate Leadership Training		
Thursday evenings		
7.30pm - 9.00pm	2 nd February 2023	Speaker: Ruth Valerio*
7.30pm - 9.00pm	9 th February 2023	Tools and Approaches
7.30pm - 9.00pm	16 th February 2023	Engagement and Outreach

* Dr Ruth Valerio is a renowned environmentalist, theologian and social activist, who lives out her faith sustainably and inspires others to do the same. Ruth, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, will speak on God's Big Gospel Story.

For more information and to register your interest, email: juliaedwards@churchinwales.org.uk

YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMURU THE CHURCH IN WALES

Hyfforddiant Arweinyddiaeth Hinsawdd
~ AR-LEIN ~
Tair nos lau yn ystod mis Chwefror 2023

mewn partneriaeth â **tearfund**

Ydy'ch eglwys chi am wneud mwy o ran yr hinsawdd?
Ydy'ch chi am helpu'r Eglwys yng Nghymru i gyrraedd Sero Net erbyn 2030?

Mae Tearfund yn cynnal cwsr min nos yn benodol ar gyfer eglwysy'r Eglwys yng Nghymru yn ystod Chwefror 2023. Mae'r cwsr ar-lein yn cynnwys tair sesiwn min nos sy'n bwrw golwg ar ddiwyddiaeth ac ymarfer. Fe gewch chi lwyth o adnoddau a syniadau ar sut i fynd i'r afael â'r argyfwng hinsawdd, yn eich eglwys chi yn ogystal ag yn eich cymuned ehangach.

Mae'r cwsr wedi ei gynllunio ar gyfer pobl sy'n arwain (neu sydd â diddordeb mewn arwain) ar faterion yr hinsawdd yn eu heglwys, tellyr efallai yr hoflech anfon hwn ymlaen at rywun y gwyddoch sy'n frwdfrydig ynglŷn â'r amgylchedd!

Yn ddefnyddol, os cechw gwpl o bobl neu ragor o'ch eglwys i gymryd rhan, bydd gennych chi gnewyllyn tîm i gychwyn gweithredu ar unwaith! Ac fe gewch gyfle i gwrdi ag eneidiau hoff cydlyn o bob cwr o'r Eglwys yng Nghymru sy'n awyddus i fynd i'r afael â newid hinsawdd.

- Gyda'n gilydd, fe allwn ni!

Dyddiadau Hyfforddiant Arweinyddiaeth Hinsawdd		
bob nos lau		
7.30pm - 9.00pm	2 Chwefror 2023	Siaradwraig: Ruth Valerio*
7.30pm - 9.00pm	9 Chwefror 2023	Offer a Dulliau Gweithredu
7.30pm - 9.00pm	16 Chwefror 2023	Ymrwymiad ac Estyn Allan

* Mae Dr Ruth Valerio yn ymgyrchydd amgylcheddol, ddiwyddol a chymdeithasol adnabyddus, sy'n byw ei fydd mewn modd cynaliadwy ac yn ysbrydoli eraill i wneud yr un peth. Testun anerchiad Ruth, sy'n Gyfarwyddwraig Dylanwadu ac Einolaeth Fyd-eang gyda Tearfund tydd Stori Eifangyl Fawr Duw.

Am ragor o wybodaeth ac i fynegi'ch diddordeb, a fydddechystal ag e-bostio: juliaedwards@churchinwales.org.uk

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 Teilo'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 –

	Conference Members		Members of Ministry Teams together 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 starts
		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!



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	Transforming Conversations	St
Padarn's		

There are several others however being held via Zoom:

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

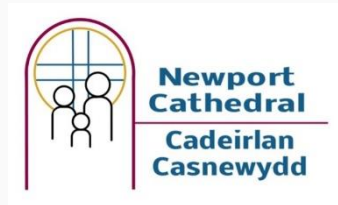
May 9th 2023 from 7pm-9pm at St Mark's, Gold Tops

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 for Epiphany, this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

ESGOBAETH MYNWY – GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Dyddiad <i>Date</i>	Amser <i>Time</i>	Lleoliad <i>Venue</i>	Gwasanaeth <i>Service & Tl</i>
Ionawr 14 <i>January 14</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Ionawr 15 <i>January 15</i> Dydd Sul / <i>Sunday</i>	4.00 pm / y.h.	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport <i>Cathedral</i>	Plygain
Chwefror 7 <i>February 7</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	7.00 pm / y.h.	St Mary Magwyr / <i>Magor</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>

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

For further information contact Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

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

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



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