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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 John Hughes retired as Associate Priest from the benefice of Llantilio Pertholey with Bettws Chapel and Llanddewi Skirrid on 31st December.

Rev'd John Humphries retired as Priest in Charge from the benefice of Llanarth with Clytha and Llansantffraed St Bride with Llanddewi Rhyderch and Llangattock-Juxta-Usk on 8th January.

Rev'd Samuel Patterson finished as Curate in the Netherwent Ministry Area on 15th January.

Rev'd Dean Roberts, who will be leaving his role as MAL of Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area, following Easter Sunday.

We would like to thank each one of them for their ministry across the diocese and wish them all the best in their futures.

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.

North Monmouthshire MA Inauguration



St Teilo's in Llantillio Crossenny hosted the 14th of the 16 ministry area inauguration services for the diocese, as the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area was formally launched.

In a full church, four people, representing different areas of the new grouping,

spoke of the journey so far for the ministry area, mentioning some of the challenges and fears but also how well people had already begun to come together. An example of this was the ministry area 'Pop Up Choir' led by Philip Norman, who were singing at their third service in the area and which has been a real success in bringing people together, as well as enhancing the worship. A presentation was also made by the Bishop to Leila, a 5 year old from one of the local schools, who won the competition to design a new logo for the Ministry Area.

In the service, the Bishop spoke of recognising the challenges faced already and also of the need for more work ahead, but assured those present of the benefits of building lasting relationships through the conversations that will take place over the coming months, something which other Ministry Areas have already begun to experience.

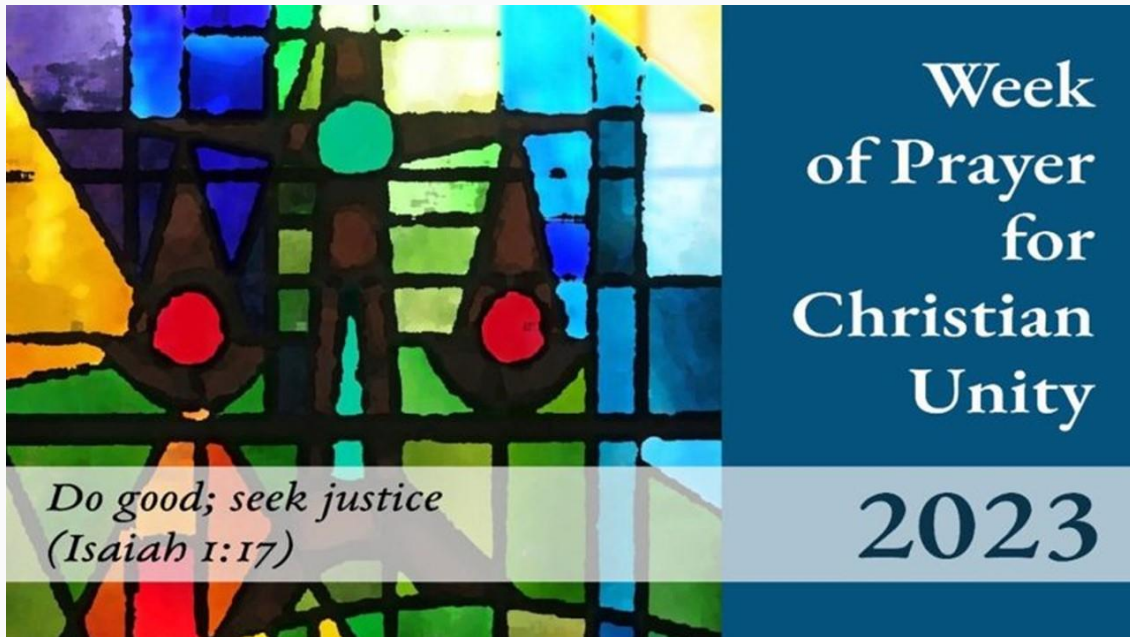
A really positive service was followed by wonderful refreshments and an enjoyable time of fellowship.



Week of Prayer

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on **Wednesday January 18th**. This year's resources come from Minneapolis and focus on racial justice following the death of George Floyd.

They can be found here: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023](#)



Holocaust Memorial Day

Each year on 27 January people across the world keep Holocaust Memorial Day to remember the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest of the Nazi death camps. This year the Council of Christians and Jews has produced a

special resource for churches, to equip Christians to raise awareness of this poignant and important day, to pray for all who suffer cruelty through the hatred of others and to pray for a fairer, more just world.

The resources may be found here:

[Holocaust Memorial 2023 -V2](#)

A civic service is being held on that day in the Cathedral at 11am. All are welcome.

Vocations

As the New Year begins, could God be prompting you to think again about vocation?

Mandy Bayton, the Officer for Evangelism in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, has put together this reflection to help us think about the God prompts as we start 2023.

A prayer for vocations this New Year: At the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. Amen

Please contact the Diocesan Director of Vocations for more information on RebeccaStevens@cinw.org.uk



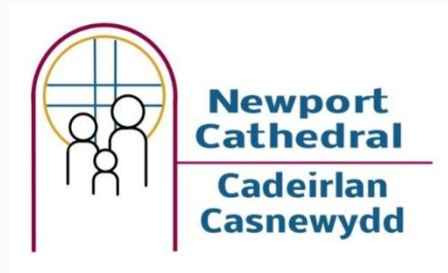
Training and Events

Celebrating Chaplaincy - 22nd Jan 2023



Chaplains work on the front line. Whether in hospitals, prisons or schools or with seafarers, deaf people or army cadets, chaplains (both lay and ordained) make connections with people outside the context of church and community, offering ministry to those who may never have set foot inside a church building.

To celebrate this distinct ministry, we are holding a service of celebration in the Cathedral on **Sunday January 22nd at 4pm**. Come along if you can.



Installations of Canons at Newport Cathedral

The Cathedral are pleased to invite you to the upcoming installations of two new Canons.

On **Wednesday February 1st** at 6.30pm, Manon James will be installed as Honorary Canon Theologian.

Please RSVP by 24th January.

On **Sunday February 12th** at 4pm, Ian Loynd will be installed as Lay Canon.

Please RSVP by 3rd February.

If you would like to book a place at either event, please email Luisse.bannister@newportcathedral.org.uk confirming whether you will be robing (if applicable) and whether you will be bringing any guests on the day.



DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

Newport Cathedral, Sunday 5th February 2023

**You are invited to join the Cathedral Choir for a Diocesan Choral Festival,
celebrating choral singing across the diocese.**

ALL WELCOME!

Service: 4pm
Rehearsal: 2.30pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

If you would like to sing, please let the Director of Music know:
Emma Gibbins: emmaqibbins1978@gmail.com / 07952 514117

REPERTOIRE:

Introit	If ye love me – Tallis
Responses	Ayleward
Canticles	Stanford in C
Anthem	Evening Hymn – Balfour Gardiner (sung in Latin)

Please ensure you have your own copy of all this music.

If you don't have access to copies, please see below for links to downloadable copies which can be printed and duplicated.

Copies of the hymns and Psalm will be available on the day.
Please get in touch with the Director of Music if you would like copies in advance.

Psalm 147
Hymns Angel voices
 When in our music God is glorified
 O praise ye the Lord

Introit

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/4/4a/Tallis-If_You_Love_Me2.pdf

Responses

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/6/65/Ayleward_Responses.pdf

Canticles

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/d/dd/Stanford_magnificat_and_nunc_dimittis_in_c.pdf

Anthem

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/5/5f/Gardiner_Evening_hymn_2022.pdf



Quiet Days at Tymawr Convent

**The Society of the Sacred Cross
Tymawr Convent**

Centenary Year of Women of Prayer

On St. Telio's Day 1923, a small group of women came from Chichester, West Sussex, to Tymawr, near Monmouth, to begin a life of contemplative prayer dedicated to God and living off the land. The present day community of contemplative sisters invite you to join them in this programme of Quiet Days honouring Women of Prayer. The Quiet Days are open to all.

There will be 7 Quiet Days in 2023, starting on Saturday **11 February 2023** entitled **Contemplative Prayer and Mission led by Dr. Jane Williams** who is McDonald Professor in Christian Theology at St Mellitus College. She is the author of a number of books, including *Lectionary Reflections*; *Why Did Jesus have to Die?*; and *The Art of Christmas*. Introducing the Quiet Day, Jane writes: "Whether we notice it or not, our practice of prayer is deeply connected to the character and purposes of God. Far from being a private, life-style choice, to be a pray-er is to be drawn into the action of God for the world."

The first **Quiet Day** begins at 10.00am (the Office of Morning Prayer at 9.30am is optional), followed by our speaker for the day and time for rest and prayer before the midday Eucharist. After a 'bring your own' lunch, our speaker will lead the afternoon session, which will end after Vespers at 4.00pm.

Please book your place for each Quiet Day by email to SSCchaplain@gmail.com or by post to The Chaplain, Tymawr Convent, Lydart. Monmouth NP25 4RN.

For the full list of all dates and speakers, download this: [Quiet Days 2023](#)



The Royal School of Church Music - Meet the South East Wales Area Team

Saturday 11th February 2023

10.30am – 12 noon

St John the Evangelist, Newport, NP19 8GR

- Meet the new SE Wales Area Team
- Find out about what we've got planned for the coming year
- Find out more about the Voice for Life Scheme
- Listen to some recent Voice for Life award winners
- Q+A
- Coffee, biscuits and chat with other church musicians!

All are welcome!

There will be a retiring collection for St John's Church

For more information, please contact Emma Gibbins

emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

07952 514117



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 Cr
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

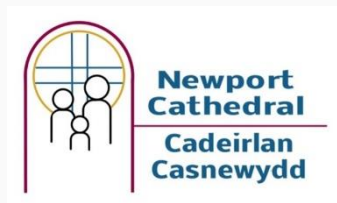
Services and Resources



Lent Courses 2023

We are not doing a specific diocesan Lent course this year, but the attached list gives some ideas including the two most recent diocesan courses. There will also be short daily reflections sent out in the mailing for individual use.

DOWNLOAD: [2023 Lent Course recommendations](#)



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

ESGOBAETH MYNWY – GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

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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>
Mawrth 11 <i>March 11</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Ebrill 18 <i>April 18</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	10.30 am / y.b.	St John, Maindee, Casnewydd / <i>Newport</i>	Ewcharist: S <i>Eucharist: Si</i>

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

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

Vacancies

Bookkeeper/Administrator for Monmouth Marches Ministry Area

A Bookkeeper/Administrator is needed for the new Monmouth Marches Ministry Area. This came into existence in January 2023 and unites 19 Church in Wales parishes into one group led by the Ministry Area Leader, Revd. Tim Dack and managed by a Ministry Area Council. The post is initially for one year and for 6 hours per week.

The Bookkeeper will work closely with the Ministry Area Treasurer, Mr Steve Martin, to develop and maintain the financial records for the ministry area and its churches and to assist in some administrative functions. The initial focus will be on establishing the financial systems.

This is a new post and will develop and possibly change as the ministry area becomes established and develops. The ministry area covers all the Church in Wales churches and halls, from Monmouth to Tintern, Llanishen, Dingestow, and St Maughan's. The post holder may work two three-hour sessions weekly and be based in Monmouth. There will also be an expectation that the

bookkeeper may attend approximately one meeting per month with local church treasurers and/or other ministry area members.

It is an exciting opportunity to play a significant role in bringing the churches together and establishing simple but effective working arrangements. Applicants will need to be well organised, able to handle confidential information and be self-motivated.

For details of the post and the application process, please email Steve Martin on

MMMATreasurer@gmail.com

The closing date is: **Friday 3rd February at 5.00pm.**

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/team-vicar-islwyn-ma/>

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

Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire MA

We 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.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Kevin Hasler, Rector and Ministry Area Leader on
07836 795753

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 10th February 2023**

Application form and full profile available at
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/team-vicar-heart-of-monmouthshire-ma/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:
archdeacon.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

Admin Assistant in the Diocesan Office (1 Yr Fixed Contract)

- Are you a good team player with excellent people skills?
- Are you confident with a range of IT packages, including Word, Excel and Outlook?
- Do you have good organisational and time-management skills?

We'd love to hear from you!

The Diocese of Monmouth are looking to appoint someone who will take on general admin and receptionist duties in the Diocesan Office. Their responsibilities will include welcoming visitors and responding to phone or email enquiries, taking room bookings, formatting documents and assisting with data entry, and working flexibly as part of the Diocesan Office team.

Salary: £21,255.00 (FTE).

Hours: 9.30am - 2.30pm or 10am – 3pm (5 hours per day and open for negotiation on either 4 or 5 days a week).

Closing Date: **Monday 13th February 2023**

Interview date: **Friday 17th February 2023**

Start date (negotiable): as soon as possible

Application forms and full profile available at

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/admin-assistant-1-yr-fixed-contract/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:

clareking-smith@churchinwales.org.uk

Vicar for Liturgy and Worship - East Cardiff MA

Are you someone who:

- Has a deep and mature spirituality rooted in the sacraments?
- Values the breadth of worshipping traditions across the Anglican Church?
- Has relevant experience developing vibrant liturgy which draws on sources both ancient and modern?

Our new Vicar for Liturgy and Worship will help us to develop a vibrant and diverse worship and prayer life, taking full responsibility for coordinating public worship across the Ministry Area.

If you think this could be you then we would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact Revd James Henley, Ministry Area Leader on

07955 402871 or james@eastcardiff.church

We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome

applications from all suitably qualified clerics.

Closing date for applications: **Friday 17th February 2023**

Application form and full profile available at

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/vicar-for-liturgy-and-worship-east-cardiff-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:

jonathanwilliams@cinw.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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