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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.



Many of us feel a little more patriotic on St David's Day, even more proud of our heritage and language. As a diocese we are committed to increasing the use of the Welsh language and have a Welsh language group which meets regularly to discuss how this can be achieved.

There are lots of resources on the Church in Wales website such as, saying the Lord's Prayer in Welsh and how to make Welsh visible in your church.

For more information, see here: [Welsh Resources](#)

News

Scam Alert!

Please note one of our treasurers has received an email appearing to be from their Ministry Area Leader, asking for money to purchase gifts for the ministry team.

Please be vigilant and **if asked for money through an email, even if you think you know the person asking, always phone them to check.** Do not click on links or attachments from emails if you have any doubt as to their authenticity.



Llongyfarchiadau Revd Dr Catherine Haynes!

For the past ten years, with support from the Finnish Government, the Revd. Catherine Haynes has been undertaking research for a doctorate in theology at the University of Helsinki. Following an MA in Christian Liturgy at Sarum College, she became interested in some previously unresearched liturgical prayer manuals for children which appeared to have changed the liturgical and theological direction of the Church of England.

The title of the Thesis is *'Ritualism, Children and Liturgy in the late Nineteenth Century Church of England.'* It is available free to view [here](#).

As the final part of her doctoral journey, Catherine travelled to Helsinki at the end of January in order to participate in the university's doctoral defence ceremony. This required formally presenting the thesis then responding to questions from an Opponent who was an expert in her field of research. Her Opponent, Professor Frances Knight, is the author of many works on nineteenth century Church History. The defence lasted two hours, after which the Opponent stated that Catherine could now be recommended for the doctorate. This has now been confirmed and she has received the title of the Revd. Doctor Catherine Haynes!



New Interim Head of Christian Aid Wales

International development charity Christian Aid has announced its new interim Head of Wales will be Andrew Sully. Andrew, who has been a keen Christian Aid advocate for many years, will be stepping in for Mari McNeill while she is on maternity leave.

Born, in Munster, Germany, where his father was teaching at an Armed Forces school, Andrew then grew up in Newport and later studied around England – from Southampton, to London, and Birmingham.

Thirty years ago, he and wife Mary were ordained by Rowan Williams into ministry in the Church in Wales, and since then the pair have moved around the country before settling in Cardiff, with their two daughters, where Mary will take up a new role as Bishop of Llandaff.

Andrew said: *“I am a passionate advocate for justice, peace and the integrity of the creation. Human dignity, equality between people and global justice issues have been my deepest concerns in life and I look forward immensely to a role focussing on this vision through Christian Aid in the coming year.”*

To read more about this announcement, download here: [Christian Aid](#)

To read the announcement in Welsh, download here: [Christian Aid \(Welsh\)](#)



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

It is our hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow him.

Join others across the diocese in praying for God's renewal. A simple place to start is to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part and join in as an individual or as a church.

For more information, ideas and resources for all ages check out this website: [Thy Kingdom Come](https://thykingdomcome.global)



Building Improvement Grants Programme

Protecting and enhancing Christian buildings

As part of a new-look grants framework, the Benefact Trust have just launched their Building Improvement Grants Programme to protect and enhance Christian buildings, ensuring their continued use for generations to come and safeguarding their rich heritage.

The new programme is open to applications from churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, and Christian charities. It will support capital costs such as essential repairs and improvements, conservation and restoration, and energy efficiency measures – just to name a few!

They recognise that protecting these buildings and spaces is vital when it comes to supporting worship and the needs of the wider community.

To find out more and see the new grants scheme, go here: [Benefact Trust](#)



Is your church looking to celebrate the King's coronation with your community?

National Lottery Awards for All funding (£300 to £10,000) is available to support events and activities that celebrate and commemorate The King's Coronation on or around the weekend of 6th-8th May 2023.

The awards themselves don't have a deadline but it can take up to 12 weeks

from the point of application to receiving funding. For more information, [click here](#).

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK: **Spring Conference and MA Team Day - 11th March**



Invites for the special Spring Conference 2023 and Ministry Area Team Day went out last month and we are fast approaching the deadline for booking on!

As we are providing lunch and therefore need information regarding dietary requirements, the deadline to book on is **Friday 3rd March**.

Conference members have been invited to the morning and ministry team members (consisting of licensed clerics, LLMs, MA Wardens and MA Lay Co-Chairs) have been invited to the afternoon.

We are aware that some people's invites have gone straight into their junk mail folder so if you are still waiting for an invitation, please check there first. We would also be happy to send an invite out to you or answer any questions, if you don't know which part of the day you are invited to, just email admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

We look forward to having you with us on the day!

Cardiff University Faith Research

People across Wales are invited to participate in an online study into the impact of faith practices on people's lives.

Participation will involve conducting a faith practice for just 10 minutes a day for one week.

Please click on the following link for more information and to sign up:

https://uk01.z.antigena.com//pvuocbzmRHcG4m_ZI2sBXQCaS_TCLxdy_AIYHjxvpkPtFprvUs2rwMnjPz1vZwGkO_CrKG_rYJ3xdXwdIMbb8aGy1iC_34JHhVvsZrj~UNsbYVcYAT3g7SLEHd8am7xYaztZnYjKyaBZY4GCEC7c5_8HPQdnjAHftYoTQQytVC3E4QcEqIFcNQdfHw1BTXSyFPWpoEROYZ8unwFgwj



Ministry Areas and Deaneries

The end of January 2023 saw the final commissioning service to celebrate the creation of the sixteen ministry areas in the Diocese of Monmouth. In preparation for this the Diocesan Conference, at its meeting in October 2022, agreed to increase the number of deaneries in the Diocese from eight to sixteen, with each ministry area also being a deanery and with the Ministry Area Leader taking on the role of Area Dean. The ex-officio, elected and co-opted members of the Ministry Area Council will also be the Deanery Conference. This change will come into effect on 1st May 2023. This means that at the next Annual Vestry Meeting in each of our ministry areas the appointments and elections to the Ministry Area Council will also create the new Deanery Conference.

Each Ministry Area Council will determine its own pattern of meetings, but it will be a requirement that they meet as the Deanery Conference before the

end of June 2023 so that the nominations of candidates for election by the Diocesan Conference can be determined, including nominations for membership of the Governing Body and the Representative Body. Further details of these elections will be issued by the Diocesan Office in due course.

We would like to thank all those who have been members of the current Deanery Conferences and especially those who have taken on officer roles in the deaneries. Particular thanks go to those who have taken on the role of Area Dean during this time of significant change and restructuring.

Ven Jonathan Williams, on behalf of the Bishop's Staff Team
February 2023

Training & Events



CYNNAL | SUSTAIN
CYMRU | WALES

Free Online Training on Eco-Literacy

Churches in Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport are being offered free online training on eco-literacy by Cynnal Cymru as part of its Nature Wise programme.

The remaining dates are:

1. Tuesday 28 February 2023 10 am – 12.30 pm
AND Thursday 2 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
2. Tuesday 14 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
AND Thursday 16 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
3. Monday 20 March 2023, 1.30 pm – 4 pm
AND Wednesday 22 March 2023, 1.30 pm – 4 pm

For more information or to book, please head to their website: [Cynnal Cymru](#)



Radical Welcome Course

“Radical Welcome is a four session programme aimed at helping churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive – to be radically welcoming.”

As East Cardiff MA prepare to launch their Open Table, they will be exploring the Radical Welcome course as a ministry area (although those from outside their MA are very welcome).

Course details and notes for preparation or home study are provided here: <https://eastcardiff.church/radical-welcome/>



Last Chance to Book: Statue for Lady Rhondda

INVITATION TO MEET THE MAQUETTE - NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

Monday 6th March 2023

7pm – 9.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

An exciting opportunity to begin celebrating International Women's Day 2023 by viewing the maquette of what will be the first statue of a named woman in Newport.

Free event tickets available from

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/statue-for-lady-rhondda-an-invitation-to-meet-the-maquette-tickets-524579089177> &

Newport Cathedral Office:

enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk01633267464

Severn Theological Forum

Dr Rowan Williams will be speaking on '*The Long Shadow of "Holy Russia"; the Background to the Ukraine Crisis*' on **Tuesday 14th March** at the University of Gloucester. You can also join online - please contact Revd Philip Averay for the zoom link on revphilipaveray@gmail.com

Understanding the appalling catastrophe in Ukraine requires us to understand a bit about the history of the region, especially the history of certain persistent ways of thinking about Russia's special vocation, and about the conflicts of East and West played out in Ukraine over the centuries. This talk will attempt to throw some light on this history and its lasting impact.

For more information about this event, please download:

[Severn Theological Forum](#)



Theology for Life

Would you like to....

- learn more about the Bible and the teachings of the church, and deepen your discipleship?
- study towards a diploma or a degree in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission?

The BTh (Theology for Life) is for anyone who wants to deepen their faith and learn more about theology. If you're interested, why not join our FREE online taster sessions on 18th April, 25th April, 2nd May or 9th May, from 6-7pm.

For more information contact: david.taylor@stpadarns.ac.uk or download this document: [Theology for Life taster sessions](#)

Services & Resources



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

New Taizé Service

Monday 6 March 7.00 pm

St Mabli's Church, Llanvapley

Taizé

Peace

Prayer

Meditation

Music



St Mabli's Church NP7 8SN

A new Taize service is being led in North Monmouthshire ministry area.
All are welcome!



Chrism Mass

Our Chrism Mass this year will take place, once again, on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **4th April, at 11am in Newport Cathedral.**

This is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament, together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord's Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

Bishop Cherry warmly encourages all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church of God, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus's self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

It would be very helpful if you would contact the Bishop's PA, Vicki, at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk and confirm:

- that you will be attending
- whether you will be robing (ie and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)
- whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so
- whether you have any dietary requirements

Please get in touch with this information by **24th March at the latest** so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Mawrth 11
March 11
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

9.30
am / y.b.

St Thomas
Trefynwy
/ Monmouth

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Ebrill 18
April 18
Dydd Mawrth
/ Tuesday

10.30
am / y.b.

St John,
Maindee,
Casnewydd
/ Newport

Ewcharist: St.
Mark
*Eucharist: St
Mark*

Mai 13
May 13
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

9.30
am / y.b.

St Thomas
Trefynwy
/ Monmouth

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com
For further information contact Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

Vacancies

Prison Chaplaincy (part-time)

Usk/Prescoed prisons have a vacancy for a part time ordained chaplain. It would be for 3 days a week, and would include a service or two on Sundays (times can be negotiated). Initially the post would be from March 2023 to March 2024 and in this time the salary would be paid on an hourly rate (about £13 per hour). Travelling time and expenses will also be paid.

There is a hope, but not a certainty, that the role will continue and even be made into a full time position after the initial year and, if that happens, it would need to be advertised again.

If you are interested in finding out more details or visiting the prison to meet the Lead Chaplain, please speak to the Ven Ian Rees on **07983 684151** or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

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 Venerable Stella Bailey, Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys on

07741 661154 or archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk

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

Closing date for applications: **Monday 13th March 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

Children and Families Pastor (part-time)

St Mary's, Marshfield are looking for an experienced and confident children and families pastor that can work with us to rebuild our engagement with families from the ground up. You will work with us to re-establish our previously very popular monthly family service and to introduce and lead a term-time Sunday School.

You will take a lead on working alongside families who come to St Mary's for special family events, like baptisms, and share with the Vicar in their work at the local Primary School.

To find out more information about this position or to apply: <https://docdro.id/DyYrS5x>

If you wish to apply for this role, please submit your CV along with a covering letter and details of two referees to rossmaidment@cinw.org.uk by **March 17th**.

Worship Leader / Director of Music (part-time)

St Mary's, Marshfield are looking for an experienced musician and confident singing instructor that can work with us to rebuild our choir from the ground up. You will work with us to develop the choir's musical repertoire and to recruit new members.

We believe in this project and are ready to invest in it.

We are prepared to offer:

- > A competitive package of remuneration based on experience
- > Funding for the recruitment of choristers
- > A substantial investment in improving our existing instrument

To find out more information about this position or to apply:

<https://docdro.id/s5Abln1>

If you wish to apply for this role, please submit your CV along with a covering letter and details of two referees to rossmaidment@cinw.org.uk by **March 17th**.

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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