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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

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## Joint Easter Message from the Archbishops

There may not be easy answers to the challenges facing the world today but Easter inspires us to be agents of good and change, say Wales' two Archbishops in a joint Easter message.

The Anglican Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia, Mark O'Toole, are inviting people to come to church this Easter to find out how faith can transform our lives and help navigate a path through crises.

To read the full message, go to: [Easter Message](#)

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## Appointments



We are delighted to announce that Bishop Cherry has appointed the Revd Marja Flipse as vicar for liturgy and worship in the East Cardiff Ministry Area.

Following ordination in the Diocese of Llandaff in 2008, Marja served in three different parishes before moving in 2020 to her home country of The Netherlands, to serve in the Hague.

Bishop Cherry said: *“Marja is no stranger to Wales, not the Church in Wales, having served in the Diocese of Llandaff from 2008 - 2020. Her immense gifts, not least in liturgy and music, will be a blessing to the churches and communities of the East Cardiff Ministry Area.*

*I am delighted that she is returning to Wales to serve in this diocese and I look forward very much to working alongside her in the years to come.”*

Marja is looking forward to moving back to Wales and is excited to come to the Diocese of Monmouth to share her gifts in liturgy and music.

A date for her licensing will be announced in due course.

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## Housing Justice Cymru Lent Appeal

Within our community, there will be lots of us who wish to do something for people experiencing homelessness this Lent. If this is you, you are being invited to consider supporting the work of Housing Justice Cymru with a donation to their Lent Appeal.

HJC envisage a world where everybody has access to a safe and stable home, which fully meets their needs and allows them to flourish, to succeed and to thrive in life. Any donations this Lent will help to make this a reality.

### **In the last few years HJC have:**

- Helped over 1,000 churches to respond to homelessness in their area
- Facilitated the delivery of over 100 genuinely affordable homes
- Provided a wide range of support to thousands of individuals, including overnight shelter, longer-term accommodation, accessing food support, preventative support, advice and advocacy and much more

For more information and to donate, please see their website:

[Housing Justice Cymru](#)

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## Dementia Carers Count

**Do you run or host a dementia café or similar outreach in your ministry area?**

We have the opportunity to partner with *Dementia Carers Count* who offer free support, advice and training to those who care for people living with dementia.

If you would like to know more about how this charity could support you in your ministry please be in contact with Archdeacon

Stella: [archdeacon.gwentvalleys@cinw.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.gwentvalleys@cinw.org.uk)

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## Governing Body

The next full meeting is taking place on **April 19th - 20th** this year. Please remember to pray for the members of Governing Body as they prepare for this.

Papers will be available to view on the Church in Wales website closer to the date.

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## Stepping into a Life of Hope and Goodness with Jesus



For the Welsh message, you can watch the Youtube video [here](#).

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## For Your Prayers

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We give thanks for the life of Revd Peter Abbott, who died peacefully on 21st March 2023. Following his ordination in 1996, Peter served his curacy and first incumbencies in Llandaff Diocese, before moving to the Monmouth Diocese, where he served for over 10 years (2003-2014) as a Team Vicar in Ebbw Vale. Peter retired in 2014.

His funeral is taking place on Monday 17th April, 12.30pm, at St Andrew's Church, Penyrheol and then 2pm at Thornhill Crematorium. Any donations will be given to Barnados, the RSPB and the Salvation Army in Peter's memory.

Please remember Peter, his widow Carol, and his family in your prayers.

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## Training & Events

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## Spiritual Direction Course

In partnership with Sarum College, St Padarn's is pleased to offer an opportunity to participate in a new **Mixed Mode Course in Spiritual Direction** which commences this September, and will run for 18 months until March 2025.

The aim of the course is to equip those who are called to this ministry to confidently and competently accompany others.

There are a limited number of places available, and we would ask all potential applicants to **complete an initial expression of interest to St Padarn's by May 15th, 2023**. Those who have expressed an interest will then be invited to an Information Day via Zoom, and thereafter to complete a full application form.

Further information can be found online at: [www.stpadarns.ac.uk/CMD](http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/CMD)

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## Archdeacons' Visitations

The three Archdeacons of the Diocese of Monmouth will be holding a Visitation in their Archdeaconries in the spring of this year.

The Visitations will be held as follows:

- **Newport Archdeaconry** - **Tuesday 16th May** at 7.30pm  
at *St Basil's Church, Bassaleg.*
- **Gwent Valleys Archdeaconry** – **Monday 22nd May** at 7.30pm  
at *St Augustine's Church, Pontllanfraith.*
- **Monmouth Archdeaconry** – **Wednesday 14th June** at 7.30pm  
at *St Cadoc's Church, Raglan.*

The Visitation will centre around an act of worship which will seek to inspire us all in our ministry and mission together. It will also be the occasion when our Ministry Area Wardens will make the declarations set down in the Constitution. After the service there will be refreshments and an opportunity to speak to the Archdeacon about any matters of concern.

All licensed clergy and LLMs will be expected to attend. All Ministry Area Wardens will also be expected to come and make the required declaration. If you cannot attend the visitation in your own Archdeaconry, then you will be expected to attend one of the others.

Lay Co-Chairs will also be invited to attend and local wardens are welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you at one of the Visitations.



## **Festival of Prayer 2023**

Tickets are now available for the *2023 Festival of Prayer* – to be held on **Saturday 8th July 2023** from **10am-4.30pm** at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

This will be a day of varied and stimulating lectures, discussions and different opportunities for prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to select 3 workshops to attend out of the 17 topics available.



Bishop Cherry will be presiding at the opening Eucharist and giving this year's Address.

To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

A number of leaflets advertising this event will be sent to Ministry Area Leaders in the coming weeks. Please distribute in your churches and encourage your congregations to take part.

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## Services & Resources

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You can join the services through Holy Week at the links below:

**Maundy Thursday**, 6th April at 7.30pm [here](#).

**Good Friday**, 7th April at 2pm [here](#).

**Easter Vigil**, 8th April at 8.30pm [here](#).

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

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Ebrill 18 <i>April 18</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	10.30 am / y.b.	St John, Maindee, Casnewydd / <i>Newport</i>	Ewcharist t: St. Mark <i>Eucharist</i> : St Mark
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Mai 13 May 13 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / Monmouth	Ewcharist Eucharist
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Mehefin 13 June 13 Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday	7.00 pm / y.h.	St Mary Magwyr / Magor	Ewcharist Eucharist
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Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)  
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## Vacancies

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### 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](mailto: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 10th April 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](mailto:archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Chaplaincy at Cardiff Prison

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a full-time Christian Chaplain at Cardiff Prison.

Full details of the job can be found here: [Cardiff Prison Chaplain](#)

Closing Date for applications: **Wednesday 19th April 2023**

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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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