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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

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We are really excited that some of our churches are taking part in the Churches Unlocked Festival.

The event runs from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th June and gives churches the chance to celebrate their history, heritage and the lively communities which use them today.

Ten of our churches will be featured, as a pilot for the scheme which was launched by neighbouring Llandaff Diocese last year, and it would be great if everyone could come along and support them!

Archdeacon of Monmouth, Ian Rees, said, "Having heard about the success of the first Churches Unlocked in 2022 and having visited one of the open churches myself, it is wonderful for Monmouth Diocese to be involved this year. Our church buildings represent a massive treasure, but they are too often closed, other than for services or occasional other events.

"As we increasingly focus on being outward looking in mission, we also have an opportunity to extend an invitation for people to come and look around our buildings, and to become inspired by the history as well as the generations that have worshipped in those buildings before us. But it's also an opportunity to show how we are telling the Christian story today and our buildings are important tools in doing that. I have no doubt that Churches Unlocked will be a success for those taking part from Monmouth Diocese and we look forward to it growing in years to come."

The Churches Unlocked website is now up and running and with nearly 100 events already listed, it's definitely worth a visit!

With community events, family fun, music, arts and workshops, there is plenty for everyone!

To find out more visit Churches Unlocked website <http://churchesunlocked.org>

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## Welcome Revd Kate!



We are delighted to announce that Revd Kate O'Sullivan has been appointed as Vicar in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area.

The special licensing service was held at St Basil's Church, Bassaleg on Sunday.

In announcing the appointment, The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, says: "I commend Kate for her openness and willingness to explore a new challenge in a new ministry area and am delighted that the interview panel discerned in Kate qualities and gifts that will fit well in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area and enhance the work of the ministry team."

Kate has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to joining the people of Tredegar Park Ministry Area and in particular, St John's in Rogerstone.

She says: "I'm very much looking forward to getting to know people and journeying with them in our faith and mission, exploring together God's will for us."

Kate moved to the diocese from Manchester two years ago to become Ministry Area Leader in Mid Torfaen.

## New tool helps churches measure carbon footprint



Churches are able to measure their carbon footprint thanks to a new online tool which was launched at the recent Governing Body meeting.

The Energy Footprint Tool is a quick and easy way for churches to find out how much carbon they use each year, helping them plan action to reduce and offset it.

Clerics and volunteers can now input data from their annual energy bills and the tool instantly calculates the carbon footprint of their church. With such baseline information, plans can be made locally to encourage mitigation measures for each church in context, while high energy users can be identified and targeted for further help.



Julia Edwards, Climate Champion for the Church in Wales, says: “The Energy Footprint Tool is one of the tools that we have developed to monitor our progress towards Net Zero by 2030. It is easy to use, and not only will you get an instant carbon calculation when you enter last year’s energy bills for your church, the tool will also help us to identify and target our collective actions towards high energy-use buildings.

“We encourage you to use the EFT, therefore, to calculate your carbon baseline because then you will know whether your church emits high or low levels of carbon, and we will fully understand which of our buildings we need to focus our attention on to achieve the greatest carbon savings.”

Find out more [here](#)

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## Training & Events

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### Meeting with God - Diocesan Prayerful Day



Prayer is at the centre of our life as Christians and as members of God’s Church.

Join our Diocesan Prayerful Day to make space to listen and attune ourselves to the rhythm of God’s grace.

This day will provide an opportunity to hear about and use different styles of prayer to encounter God and listen to what He has to say to us.

**Tuesday 16th May 9.30am to 4pm**  
**St Marys Priory, 5 Monk St, Abergavenny NP7 5ND**

Parking at the pay and display Bus Station Car Park next to the church.  
Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

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## Quiet Day - Saturday 13th May

Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent, Lydart. Monmouth NP25 4RN

### Widows, mothers and virgins: praying with women through hard times with Rev Dr Hannah Lewis SCL

Hannah writes, *“There is a perception that to pray we need to be able to spend time in formal prayer and contemplation. However, for many people, the reality is different as busy lives balancing work and family, stress, grief, and other things get in the way. This day doesn’t claim to have all the answers but will reflect on the stories of some obvious and not so obvious women of prayer from the Bible and in history to assist us to recognise and celebrate where we are already people of prayer and to encourage us to keep on keeping on.”*

Hannah Lewis is a BSL using deaf priest currently working in the Diocese of Oxford with the deaf community. She is also a liberation theologian and a single mother and has taken life vows in a Single Consecrated Life. Prayer is the only way she holds all this together.

This day includes inputs from Hannah, a Eucharist at noon and Evening Prayer at 4.00pm – and the option to join the community earlier and attend Morning Prayer at 9.30am. The talks and services will have a BSL interpreter. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch; hot drinks will be provided.

For further details and to book a place, please contact the Chaplain on:

[SSCchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:SSCchaplain@gmail.com)

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## Coronation at the Cathedral

Coronation event at Newport Cathedral - everyone welcome and clergy are not required to robe.



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SPECIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE**

**THE CORONATION OF  
KING CHARLES III**

**ON THE EVE OF THE CORONATION AT  
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL.**

**5TH MAY 2023**

**7.30PM**

PLEASE NOTE ALL GUESTS ARE TO BE SEATED BY 7.20PM

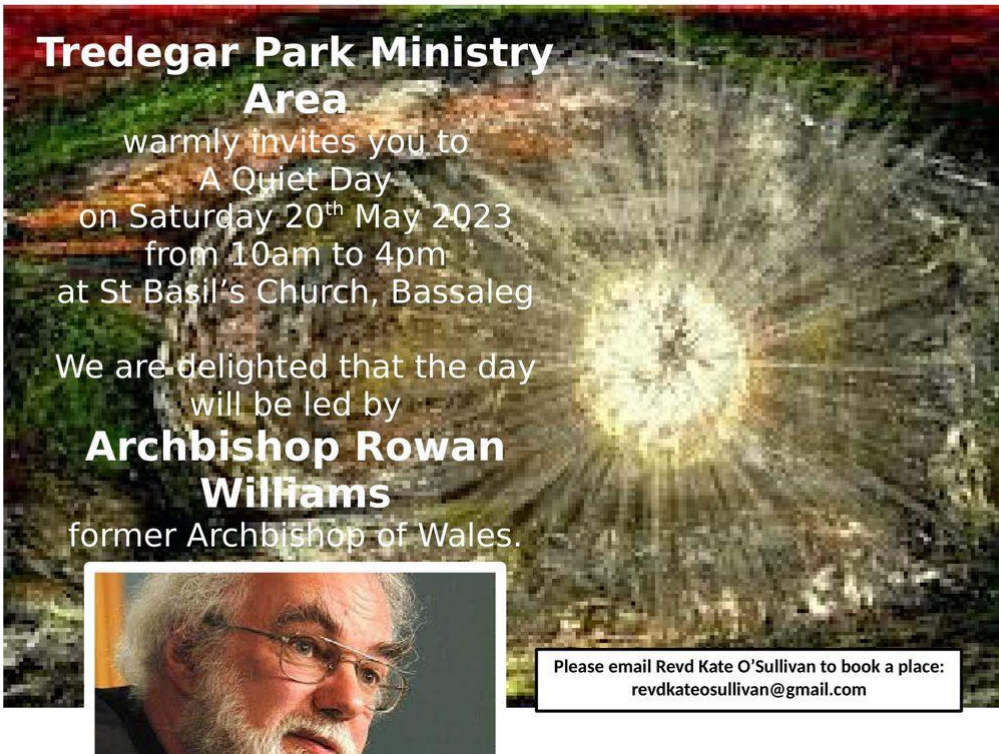
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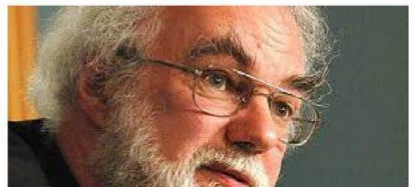
**Quiet Day with Archbishop Rowan Williams**





**Tredegar Park Ministry Area**  
warmly invites you to  
A Quiet Day  
on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
from 10am to 4pm  
at St Basil's Church, Bassaleg

We are delighted that the day  
will be led by  
**Archbishop Rowan Williams**  
former Archbishop of Wales.



Please email Revd Kate O'Sullivan to book a place:  
[revdkateosullivan@gmail.com](mailto:revdkateosullivan@gmail.com)



**Ignite - Clergy Only - Last chance to book**



## Thursday May 18th 2023 - Monmouth Diocesan Office

12.30pm-2.45pm (lunch provided)

### Theme: **Caring for Yourself in Ministry** Speaker: **Paul Francis**

Paul leads Glenwood Church in Cardiff. He has been in 'Christian ministry' for over 30 years including 7 as a youth worker and the last 15 years as senior leader of the church. In his ministry Paul experienced major burnout and is passionate about sharing some of the lessons he learned from that to help others. He is author of 'The Little Small Book on Soul Care' and is married to Jane.

### **Deadline to book - Friday 5th May.**

To book your place please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/LtNLXyRptddVDjkW6>

or contact:

[admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk)

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## **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:

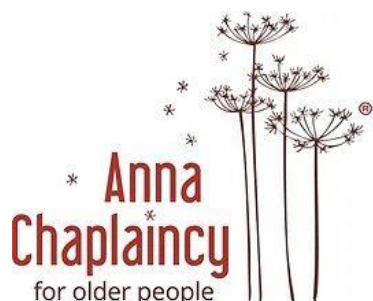
Date	Day	Start Time	Location	Course
04/05/2023	Thursday	6.30pm	Priory Centre, Abergavenny, NP7 5ND	B
23/05/2023	Tuesday	6.30pm	Holy Trinity Christchurch Church Hall, Newport, NP18 1JP	B
25/05/2023	Thursday	10.00am	St Cadoc's Church, Raglan, NP15 2EN	B
06/06/2023	Tuesday	10.00am	Monmouth Diocesan Office, 64 Caerau Road, NP20 4HJ	B
22/06/2023	Thursday	10.00am	Monmouth Diocesan Office, 64 Caerau Road, NP20 4HJ	E (for PTOs)
27/06/2023	Tuesday	6.30pm	St Cadoc's Church, Raglan, NP15 2EN	B

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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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Trainer - Bec Jones if you have any questions at [rebecca.jones@cinw.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@cinw.org.uk)

## Anna Chaplaincy Training



With a rapidly ageing population, Older People's Ministry has never been more important.

Anna Chaplaincy (which is being pioneered through the Bible Reading Fellowship) has responded to this need developing a model of Older People's Ministry in the community.

In their role, Anna Chaplains promote the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently; and offer spiritual support to older people who are living in

care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their relatives and staff who look after them.

Rev Sally Rees, Anna Chaplaincy Lead for Wales is leading an Anna Chaplaincy Training course online in the coming months.

The training is held over six weeks with one 2 hour Zoom session per week with around 2 hours reading, preparation and reflection between sessions.

The course involves teaching and discussion in break out rooms and also has input from other Anna Chaplains in Wales who share experiences of their role and some case study work.

The course costs £90 (Included in the cost is the Anna Chaplaincy Handbook - £25 if bought separately) the training manual (course material and resources) and the 6 sessions.

The course does not make you an Anna Chaplain but will help you explore if this is for you. There is no assignment but there is a request to write a report or reflection for your church/ ministry area (whichever is appropriate). Everyone who completes the course receives a certificate of attendance with details of the course shown.

If you have a heart to serve older people in your community and would like to explore whether this is a ministry for you – this course is designed to help you discern this calling.

If you would like further information about Anna Chaplaincy visit :

<https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk>

If you would like to know more about the Anna Chaplaincy Training contact Ven Ian Rees ([archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)) and / or email [sallyrees50@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrees50@gmail.com)

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## Services & Resources

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### Thy Kingdom Come resources





Thy Kingdom Come is a world wide time of prayer and action between Ascension and Pentecost. Join in and encourage your church to pray for Gods kingdom to grow.

There are free prayer resources available for Thy Kingdom Come 2023 Bookmarks, daily prayer journal and the Novena are all available to order via the

[print shop](#) with a small cost for P&P, (approx.£25 for a box of 140 resources.)

Apart from ordering the free resources there are many ways that churches church can be involved in this year's [Thy Kingdom Come](#). On the website you will find a range of simple ideas for your church, for children, young people and families in [23 ideas for 2023](#) resource.

This year Thy Kingdom Come are launching the TKC23 App. It will be a one stop shop to keep you up to date with all of the daily resources being released during the 11 days of TKC.

The app will include;

- 11 daily videos
- Daily reflections
- Cheeky Pandas episodes for children
- The Way UK podcasts for young people

An excellent way to generate engagement via your church website or social media platforms.

Join us to pray for Gods Kingdom to come on earth as in heaven.

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## National Churches Trust Grants Programme



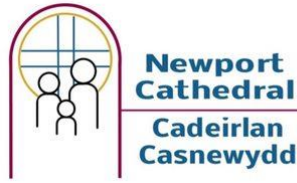
The National Churches Trust Small Grants programme (previously Cornerstone) makes grants of up to £5,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report, as well as small investigative works and surveys. Project costs should not exceed £20,000 including VAT. For more information, [click here](#).

Their Medium grants programme offers grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000 and project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1 to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. For more information, [click here](#).

Their Large Grants programme offers grants of up to £50,000 towards the cost of major urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £80,000 including VAT and projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT. Grants will never exceed 50% of the project cost. For more information, [click here](#).

Awards will never exceed 50% of the costs. Although some deadlines are imminent, they have a constant cycle of funding opportunities so make yourself aware of their requirements as you plan your works.

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

## ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Mai 13  
*May 13*  
Dydd Sadwrn  
*/ Saturday*

9.30  
am / y.b.

St Thomas  
Trefynwy /  
*Monmouth*

Ewcharist  
*Eucharist*

Mehefin 13  
*June 13*  
Dydd Mawrth  
*/ Tuesday*

7.00  
pm / y.h.

St Mary  
Magwyr /  
*Magor*

Ewcharist  
*Eucharist*

Gorffennaf 8  
*July 8*  
Dydd Sadwrn  
*/ Saturday*

9.30  
am /y.b.

St Thomas  
Trefynwy /  
*Monmouth*

Ewcharist  
*Eucharist*

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## For your prayers

We give thanks for the life of **Revd Canon Margaret Jefford**, who died on 20th April 2023. Margaret was ordained in this Diocese in 1996 and served in Risca and Pontypool. She became Vicar of Newbridge in 2002 and then



Lower Islwyn. She became a Cathedral Canon in 2012. Margaret retired from stipendiary ministry in 2015, becoming a House for Duty priest in the same ministry area until 2018. She continued with Bishops Permission to Officiate until her passing.

Please remember Margaret, and her family in your prayers.

We also give thanks for the life of **Revd Denise Williams**, who died on 23rd April 2023. Denise served as Deacon in the Benefice of Bedwas with Machen and Rudry between 1998 and 2014, when she retired, continuing with Bishops Permission to Officiate until 2017.

Please remember Denise, and her family in your prayers.

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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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