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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

MA Vision Day - Mynydd Bedwellte



Recently, members of the MAC and the church councils in Mynydd Bedwellte ministry area gathered together to share the good news that has been happening in the churches and to work with Archdeacon Ian on their vision for the next five years (based on the diocesan five branches' vision).



It was a valuable time to gather together, get to know people that didn't necessarily know one other and look to the future hopefully.

Out of this work, the MA created five vision statements which will guide them in their action next year and into the future. If you would like to see what they came up with, visit their website [here](#).



Archdeacon Ian commented that *“it was really good to work with a large group who were so enthusiastic about setting a bold and ambitious vision for the ministry area and who recognise that this offers real possibilities for an exciting future ahead”*.

At the Diocesan Conference in October 2022 when the vision was launched, the Faith in our Future Planning was introduced and Archdeacons Ian and Stella are keen to meet with those ministry areas who are yet to begin this planning, to initially discuss the most appropriate sessions that can be delivered. Please be in touch with either of them to arrange dates - stellabailey@cinw.org.uk or ianrees@cinw.org.uk



Churches Unlocked Update

The Churches Unlocked Festival kicked off last weekend and has had an amazing start! From talks to walks and heritage to music, the festival has something for everyone. It runs until 11th June so why not find out what's happening in a church near you at churchesunlocked.org



St Aeddau's Church, Bettws Newydd, is a fascinating church in a beautiful location.



St Mary's Risca and St Margaret's Pontymister loved welcoming in pupils from Ty Sign Primary School. It was fantastic to see them investigating memorials in the church building and in the churchyard. They are expecting more pupils later this week.



There have been fantastic decorations in our churches, including the amazing cover for the lytchgate at St Mary's Church, Rogiet (see the photo below).

The ladies from a local craft group made flowers, butterflies, bees and pompoms and as you can see, it creates a rather eye-catching entrance to the churchyard!



For anyone that is posting photos from the Churches Unlocked Festival this year, please remember to use the hashtag **#ChurchesUnlocked** when posting them!



Celebration of Lay Ministry - from Bishop Cherry

We are blessed in our diocese with a vast array of people quietly and faithfully exercising their God-given ministries in a whole host of ways. If you are reading this, it is likely that you are one of them.

I want to encourage you to join me at 7pm on Wednesday 21st June at St Mark's Goldtops in celebrating all that the people of God are doing in the churches and communities of our diocese and to thank all of you who contribute to the life of the Church in any way.

On that evening, we will also be launching our new training programme for those who are called to more formal ministries as Commissioned Lay Ministers and who will now be able to serve as Pastoral Assistants and Worship Leaders.

Please do come and bring others with you for what we trust will be an encouraging and uplifting evening of celebration and thanksgiving.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line underneath.



**CELEBRATING
LAY MINISTRY**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF LAY MINISTRY

❖ INCLUDING WORDS FROM
BISHOP CHERRY

❖ LAUNCH OF THE NEW
COMMISSIONED MINISTRIES

❖ DRINKS AND CANAPÉS

**21ST JUNE
AT 7PM**

ST MARK'S, GOLD TOPS

RSVP

Please email Zoe Ward (zoeward@cinw.org.uk) to confirm your attendance and include any allergies or dietary needs with your RSVP.



Annual Returns - one month left to submit!

Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their returns and accounts.

The deadline for submission is the **3rd of July** so there is now just over one month left to get them submitted.

The finance return can be submitted online through the CinW portal, through MyFundAccounting, or via a paper form.

For assistance with any of these or if you have any questions, please contact Libby Morgan-Owen on: 07508 801511 or libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk.

Diolch yn fawr!



Electric Vehicle Charging Points Survey



Do you wish your church to be considered as a potential site for the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points?

As part of the Church in Wales' Net Zero journey, we are currently exploring a partnership with Parish Buying to install Electric Vehicle charging points in Church in Wales' car parks or other church land.

Discussions are at an early stage and we are keen to hear from local churches who may wish to be considered as sites for EV charging points. At this point, we are fact finding among willing church members.

To express an interest in taking part in the project, please complete the short online survey:

Welsh version:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WJKV8YY>

English version:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZDB9DSV>

The link above is to a Survey Monkey form that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please note, we welcome all submissions by **Friday, 30th June**.

From the initial responses, we hope to be able to identify suitable church sites for further investigation.

The online questionnaire asks for the name of a contact person and contact details. Any Personal Data provided will be held by the Representative Body, as Data Controller, and handled and protected with our Privacy Notice(s) which can be found at: www.churchinwales.org.uk.

Resources



Nature Trail for Churchyards

Whether your church is taking part in Love Your Burial Ground Week (3-11 June), 30 Days Wild (throughout June), World Environment Day (5 June), or you just want to celebrate the wealth of wildlife in your churchyard, this Small but Mighty Nature Trail is for you.

SMALL BUT MIGHTY
NATURE TRAIL
For Churchyards

WELCOME TO OUR
Small but
Mighty
TRAIL



Did you know our Churchyard is full of small but mighty nature heroes?

Find 11 posters on our trail to discover some **AMAZING** facts about them.

Remember to be kind to everything you find

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Ideal for inviting children & families to explore your churchyard

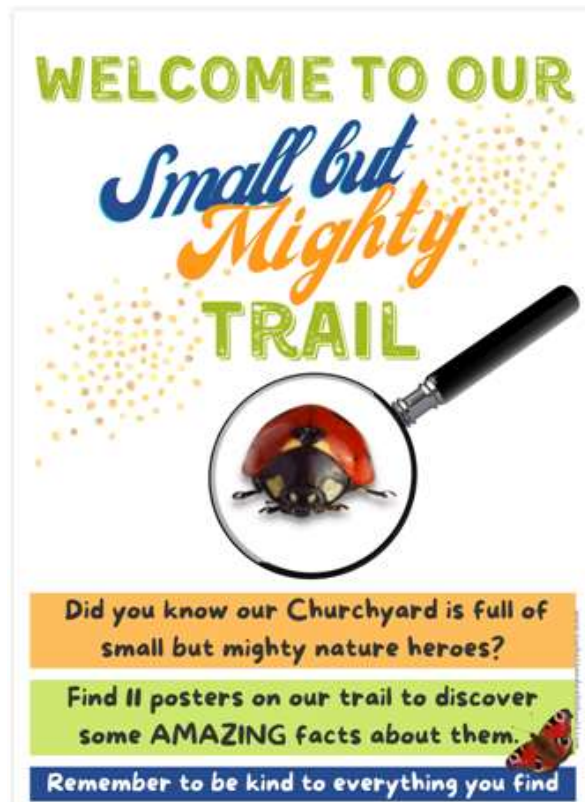
Small but Mighty
 Woo & fu th
 Ladybirds can fly up to 74 miles & reach speeds of 37 miles per hour! That's amazing for a creature so small.
 "Be strong, don't be frightened, God is with you wherever you go!" - Joshua 1:9
 As you walk around the churchyard keep a look out for any ladybirds near the flowers. How many can you find?
 sunhatsandwellieboots.com

Designed for children, it offers an invitation to come & explore the wonderful variety of minibeasts hidden around your churchyard. It's suitable to use anytime during the year, but is perfect for these summer months when so many small but mighty creatures are inhabiting our churchyards.

The Trail consists of 12 A4 printable posters, featuring 10 minibeasts commonly found in UK churchyards. There are fun facts to discover about each creature, plus 10 engaging activities for children to explore, alongside a relevant Bible verse.

The Trail also includes a welcome sign for you to encourage families to explore the trail, & a final poster which shares 5 simple actions we can all take to help the wildlife around us.

So why not invite local schools, uniformed organisations, families, & summer holiday visitors to take a closer look at the wonderful wildlife in your churchyard.



You can find the Trail here: [Small but Mighty Churchyard Trail for Children](#)
For more information, please visit the website: [Churchyard Nature Trail](#)

Training & Events



Children & Education Training - Godly Play

Wednesday 14th June, 6-8pm

Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School (NP18 1AZ)

Godly Play begins with children's innate sense of the presence of God and offers Christian language as a support for their ongoing spiritual formation. It teaches a process that aims to promote an inner working model for life-long Christian learning.

Watch the video below to find out more.



This training is open to anyone working with children in a church or school setting. It should be a really interesting evening and we hope to see you there!

To book a place, please contact
admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk or
01633 267490 by **Monday 12th June**.



CHORISTER PEACE WALK across the Severn Bridge



FNCC and the Cathedral Choristers invite you to join them.
Saturday 1st July 3pm
In aid of the Choristers chosen charity CORAM,
Donations will be gratefully received.
for more information please contact Emma Gibbins
enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk



Cathedral Organ Open Afternoon
Saturday 29th July, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

**CATHEDRAL ORGAN
OPEN AFTERNOON**

**Saturday 29th July 2023
2pm – 4.30pm**

Would you like to:

- Hear a demonstration of the organ?
- See inside the organ?
- Have a go on the organ?

Do drop in any time between 2pm and 4.30pm!

There will be a short recital to
demonstrate the organ at 2pm

If you are a pianist, do bring along some piano music to try
out on the organ!

Refreshments will be available

Children are most welcome, but should
be accompanied by an adult



Safeguarding Training Dates - spaces left!

There are now just a few spaces left on the last Safeguarding training of this term,
on **Tuesday 27th June, 6.30pm at St Cadoc's Church, Raglan.**

The module in this particular training session (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.

Training is 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



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

ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Mehffin 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

Awst 12
August 12
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

I'w gadarnhau
/
tbc

Glyn Ebwy /
Ebbw Vale

Cymanfa
Ganu

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

Vacancies



Hub Churches Project Manager

Our diocese has exciting plans for new worshipping communities (Hub Churches) to be developed across the area and are therefore looking to appoint a Project Manager to oversee this.

- Are you able to manage a team of staff?
- Can you lead the regular project reporting, evaluation and financial planning of this exciting project?
- Can you support the communication between the diocese, ministry areas and Hub Churches?

We'd love to hear from you!

The Diocese of Monmouth are looking to appoint someone who will manage this exciting new project of Hub Churches. Their responsibilities will include coordinating the process of recruitment of all Hub team members, providing quarterly monitoring and evaluation to the Project Steering Group, managing the project budget, line managing the project team members and supporting communication between Hub Churches and the various diocesan structures.

For the full job description and application forms, please visit the website [here](#).

All applications should be submitted to isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 9th June**.

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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