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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

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## Ordinations

Please continue to pray for all those being ordained at Newport Cathedral, on Saturday 24th June.

To watch the service on the day, from 10.30am, please join us at the link [here](#).

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Ordinations to be held at **10.30am** on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, at **Newport Cathedral**.

**To be ordained Deacon:**

**Julia Durham** to serve in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area with Revd Christopher Stone

**Dawn Lindsay** to serve in the Newport North West Ministry Area with Revd Canon Rebecca Stevens

**William Savage** to serve in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area with Revd Kevin Hasler

**To be ordained Priest:**

**The Revd Daniel Damon** to continue to serve in the Monmouth Marches Ministry Area with Revd Timothy Dack

**The Revd Rachel Nemes** to continue to serve in the Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area with Revd Matthew Davis



**The Revd Janet Pain** to continue to serve in the Monmouth Marches Ministry Area with Revd Karen Dack

**The Revd Tina Parry** to continue to serve in the East Cardiff Ministry Area with Revd James Henley

**The Revd Sarah Rosser** to continue to serve in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area with Revd Kevin Hasler

**The Revd Ruth Rowan** to continue to serve in the Islwyn Ministry Area with Revd Canon Mark Owen

**The Revd Glen Wilkins** to continue to serve in the Beechwood Ministry Area with Revd Dr William Ingle-Gillis





## Vision in Focus

In this latest edition, we look at the Social Justice branch of our diocesan vision and how we are '*serving together to strengthen our communities*'. We hear from our colleagues in St Asaph about how they are growing congregations through social action; we also take a look at the amazing outreach work which is being done in the Newport North West ministry area.

To read all about it, please follow this link: [Vision in Focus](#)

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## Newport North West MA Vision Day



## Thoughts from a Parishioner

*"We had just completed our 9 days of MA Mission and Prayer. Various creative ways had challenged and enabled us to support each other in reaching out to our local communities. Now we needed to come together again to somehow come up with a new Vision Statement that clearly united us in who we are in Christ, to reach out to serve our diverse communities in our different locations.*

*As we gathered, we were initially invited to sit in our church groups. All well and good as this gently eased us into the well thought out process for the day, that was very knowledgably and encouragingly led by our two gracious, sensitive and friendly Archdeacons Stella Bailey and Ian Rees.*

*Each church was given a reel of stickers of a particular colour and invited to place a sticker alongside each action our church had written on the previously compiled common headed lists. This proved such an excellent exercise, encouraging and thought provoking, as we began to see clearly and colourfully the unity already in our church activities, besides space for different actions happening dependent on the community. Conversations and questions began in and across the groups. Could some of the activities not included on our list be considered in our area? We were learning from each other. Impressively, a good pace was kept whilst nothing was rushed.*



*Relaxed, having enjoyed our lunch break and by now in thinking mode, we were invited to move from the safety of our groups to join a different group.... of purely parishioners!! No longer any clergy to help as they were in a group of their own! The time for the “biggy” had arrived and each group was now flying solo.*

*Taking on board all we’d learnt from the morning, we needed to sum up all that we do and why for our different locations and communities into ONE sentence!! Argh! Could it be done? Could we do it?*

*It seemed our confident and competent leaders believed in each of us!*

*Displayed to help us were five words that had arisen from our morning discussions.*

*Could and would they be used in our constructive thinking?*

*We certainly got to know each other very quickly as each group grappled with words, trying to come up with one or more coherent sentences to be displayed and considered as a united group.*

*Under pressure with sentences displayed, we were carefully and graciously guided to consider our efforts. Amazingly one sentence began to emerge as the best. Very quickly with a little tweaking and united in agreement that it covered all bases.....we had our ministry area VISION STATEMENT! And achieved in less time than anticipated.*

*Finally, what could be better to end a most enjoyable, thought provoking and successful day than to gather together in praise and worship with Holy Communion to give thanks to God through Jesus for the gentle guidance of The Holy Spirit.....Answered prayer.... I loved it! And I don't think I was alone."*

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## Llongyfarchiadau Revd Dr Catherine Haynes!



Congratulations to Revd Dr Catherine Haynes, who has graduated from the University of Helsinki with a doctorate in theology.

With the support of the Finnish Government, Catherine has spent 10 years undertaking research and all her hard work and dedication has paid off – congratulations Dr Haynes!

You can read Catherine's thesis – *'Ritualism, Children and Liturgy in the late Nineteenth Century Church of England'* here:

[https://helda.helsinki.fi/bitstream/handle/10138/351363/haynes\\_catherine\\_dissertation\\_2023.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://helda.helsinki.fi/bitstream/handle/10138/351363/haynes_catherine_dissertation_2023.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)



## Annual Returns - two weeks 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 are now just over two weeks left. Treasurers who have returns outstanding have been contacted.

If you have any questions or problems submitting please contact Libby Morgan-Owen on: 07508 801511 or [libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

**Diolch yn fawr!**

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## Churches Unlocked Festival

From heritage walks to history talks, our first Churches Unlocked Festival was a great success.



Hundreds of people spilled out into the sunshine to support the array of events taking place across 10 of our churches.



But the festival couldn't have happened without all the hard work and time invested by the organisers. The Churches Unlocked team would like to say a huge 'thankyou' to all those who planned and prepared to ensure the event went smoothly.







## Eco Church Initiatives at Newport Cathedral

On Saturday 10th June, a group of Cathedral choristers and their families gathered to build a giant bug hotel in the Cathedral grounds, as part of the Cathedral's Eco-church initiatives. *'Bugingham Palace'* is now officially open for guests and the Cathedral is looking forward to seeing who checks in during the next few weeks!



## Srebrenica Memorial Week

*Remembering Srebrenica* is a charitable organisation whose aim is to commemorate the Bosnian genocide. Their aim is to bring people together from different backgrounds to tackle hatred and help build safer, stronger, and more cohesive communities here in the UK.

This year's Srebrenica Memorial Week will be taking place from **4th July - 11th July**, and their 2023 theme is '*Together We Are One*'. The aim of the theme will be to highlight the fact that the conditions for genocide are built on a climate and culture which allows hatred and extremism to breed, resulting in the dividing and fracturing of communities.

Faith commemorations play a significant role in the efforts to help strengthen and bring communities together. The Diocese of Monmouth has been invited to join with thousands of memorial events and activities taking place, by holding an act of commemoration. Some suggestions for your participation are to:

- Hold a special service on Sunday 9th July. There are template programmes containing prayers, stories and readings that can easily be adapted to the service, found [here](#).
- Post the statement of commemoration on your website or social media to commemorate Srebrenica Memorial Day. This is available [here](#).
- Connect with other faith groups or different communities to organise an interfaith event (virtual or physical), for reflection or prayers using our [Interfaith resources](#).

For more information and resources, please visit their website:  
<https://srebrenica.org.uk/>

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## Resources

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### A Message from the Newport Committee for the AWFC

The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children is closing, but still currently has resources for any project designed for the benefit of children.

The Newport Committee of the fund has been the most active in Wales in raising the money and are particularly keen that projects from the Monmouth Diocese are supported using the remaining cash.

Applications may be for large or small amounts (the largest has been an award of £5,000), as long as projects are fully costed. They may be from church or secular organisations.

The application form is available at the link below, but you need to apply before September.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/our-campaigns/archbishop-wales-fund-children/making-application/>

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## National Church Awards 2023

Churches have an amazing story to tell – from their beautiful buildings to the dedicated volunteers who keep them open and serve local people – but they need help. With the future of many churches uncertain and under threat, there has never been a more important time to celebrate the UK's churches and their importance to communities.

That's why The National Churches Trust would love you to nominate your church for an award and for you to join them in a UK wide celebration of the amazing good that churches and their buildings contribute to society.

This year's awards are:

- Church architecture awards
- Church maintenance awards
- Church tourism awards
- Church volunteer awards
- Friends award

- Church of the year award

Find out more and nominate your church [here](#).

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## Training & Events

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### RSCM Choral Festival - Cancelled

Unfortunately it has been necessary to cancel the proposed RSCM Choral Festival in Margam Abbey this Saturday (17th June). We hope to rearrange for a later date.

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

**CATHEDRAL ORGAN  
OPEN AFTERNOON**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:rebeccajones@cinw.org.uk)

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## Services

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

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

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
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Medi 9  
September 9  
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](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)  
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## Vacancies

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### Vacancies in Newport Cathedral Choir

Newport Cathedral has vacancies in all voice parts (alto, tenor and bass) for the next academic year. This is open to all ages but may be a great opportunity for young people hoping to study music at college/university.

If you are interested in:

- Being part of a traditional cathedral choir
- Singing a wide range of choral repertoire from the 17th - 21st century, in a friendly and sociable environment
- Receiving choir pay!

Please contact the Director of Music, Emma Gibbins, on:  
[emmagibbins1978@gmail.com](mailto:emmagibbins1978@gmail.com)  
07952 514117



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