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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Diocesan Office Update

If you have visited or rung the Diocesan Office recently you may have been greeted by a new member of staff. Gill is our Admin Assistant and will be answering the phone and helping with general enquiries. If she's not able to help you herself, she'll be able to direct you to somebody who can!



Gill's working hours are 9:30am – 2:30pm. Outside of these hours we cannot guarantee the main phone will be answered but if you leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Staff are also available directly via email or mobiles, details can be found here: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/whos-who/>

The other change in the office is that Jon Perons, our Churches and Property Officer, has moved to take on a new role as Property Officer at the RB. We wish Jon all the best for the future.

During this time, please contact your Archdeacon in the first instance with any general property queries. Their contact details can be found here: [Archdeacons in the Diocese of Monmouth](#)
For any DAC queries please contact monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk or call 01633 267490.



Licensing of New Vicar

There was a packed church on Sunday at St Peter's, Goetre, for the licensing of Revd Sue Davies-Fletcher in the Heart of Monmouthshire ministry area.

The atmosphere was one of anticipation and excitement, with churches from across the MA coming together for this celebration. The wonderful singing and inspirational sermon from Bishop Cherry on the gifts of the Spirit especially stood out, and the service was followed by a shared lunch (with people slow to leave!).





Churches Unlocked Update

The recent Churches Unlocked Festival was a great success – with visitors awarding almost full marks for their experience.

Visitors gave the week-long festival 4.9/5 as part of feedback which has been collated and analysed.

The Ven Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth, said: *“This year it was great for 10 churches from the diocese to be included in the Churches Unlocked week. We worked together with Llandaff Diocese to help organise this week and the response of people who visited the churches that took part was wonderful! Lots of work went into the planning in local churches and we're really grateful that the considerable efforts of so many were rewarded so positively.”*

Feedback from festival organisers was also incredibly positive, with many sharing special stories of the impact the event had on their communities. From strengthening links with local schools and their wider school family, to simply offering someone a cup of coffee and a chat on a day when they were struggling – everyone said it was worth the late nights and early mornings and that they would do it all again!

Archdeacon Ian said: *“The festival also offers us all the challenge to look at how we can make our buildings more freely open for people to visit whether it be for particular events such as displaying registers or looking at particular features of the building or simply leaving them open for prayer and reflection. There are lots of people who, may not regularly attend services, but who see churches as important places. And, when we open our buildings, we have a great opportunity to tell people the gospel story through our buildings, our displays and, of course, our welcome.*

“Hopefully the success of the Churches Unlocked week will inspire others to look at ways of using our buildings more. Lots of churches are already opened regularly, but it would be really good if we can open more. If you want any

help with this, please contact your Archdeacon who would be pleased to chat more about this.”

Resources



Faith in our Future and Diocesan Grants

Has your ministry area signed up for Faith in our Future planning yet?

If not, take a look at the short film below from Archdeacon Ian explaining a little more about Faith in our Future planning. He explains the recent DBF and Standing Committee decision that, from September, all ministry areas will need to have set a date for the workshop sessions to qualify for a diocesan grant.

Don't panic – it is not as onerous as it sounds, and, please, just get in touch with Archdeacon Ian if you have any questions!



A summary of Archdeacon Ian's video text can be found [here](#).

For more information about Diocesan Grants, please visit our website:
[Diocese of Monmouth](#)

For more information about Faith in our Future planning, contact Archdeacon Ian on ianrees@cinw.org.uk

Place of Worship Protective Security Fund

Set up in 2016, The Home Office funding aims to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship such as churches, gurdwaras, mosques, temples, and associated faith community centres across England and Wales.

Grants are available to cover the costs of protective measures from the following list:

- CCTV (fixed cameras, not pan-tilt cameras)
- Fencing and/or railings (no more than 2.1m high)
- Manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates
- Door hardening, locks and mail-box/mail bag
- Reinforcing single glazed windows (with anti-shatter film or bars/grilles only)
- Intruder alarms including integrated smoke/heat detection
- Door entry access control (fob or keypad)
- Video intercom systems
- Lighting (building mounted)

Applicants do not need to state what they would like to apply for in advance. If successful, a survey will be carried out at the place of worship. During this survey, the most appropriate measures for the site will be discussed.

For more information or to apply for the funding, please visit the grant website [here](#).



Webinars from Parish Buying

There are a number of online training sessions available to churches, which aim to help with topics such as choosing the best heating solutions, using contactless giving, and developing the social media presence of your church. These sessions are running from the 27th June to the 27th July.

To find out more or to book on for any of the webinars, please visit the full list on the Church of England website [here](#).

Training & Events



A Concert of English Ayres and Songes Sunday 6th August, 6pm at Newport Cathedral

With Morgan Pritchard (voice) and Emma Gibbins (piano).

Free admission, with a retiring collection in aid of Coram.

Coram is the UK's children's charity that has been supporting vulnerable children for 279 years and is still finding new ways to help children. They currently support around 1.4 million children and young people every year.

Services



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



Thematic at the Cathedral Evening Summer Services 2023

Sunday 23rd July 4pm

Reflections on the Kingdom, drawing on the poetry of R.S. Thomas. - **Fr. Gareth Rayner-Williams**

Sunday 30th July 4pm

The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu. - **Canon Andrew Lightbown**

Sunday 6th August 4pm

Healing; the wholeness of God in us. - **Fr David Matthews**

Sunday 13th August 4pm

Action in Waiting. - **Reverend James Henley**

Sunday 20th August 4pm

Vocation, responding to God's call. - **Reverend Canon Becca Stephens**

*These services will follow a Celtic Liturgy
Refreshments will be served after the services.*

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill, NP20 4ED

01633 267464

enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk



Pray with Pride - Friday 1st September



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

I'w gadarnhau
/

Glyn Ebwy /
Ebbw Vale

Cymanfa
Ganu

Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

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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
For further information contact Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

Vacancies

House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire

We are looking for a collaborative and caring priest with a genuine passion for working with others, lay and ordained, in a beautiful part of Wales.

Based in the lovely village of Llanddewi Rhydderch and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of the Ministry Team covering the new ministry area of North Monmouthshire which has 17 churches.

We hope for a Priest who will be:

- ❖ *Caring* - has a strong pastoral heart and passion for encouraging the members of each of the congregations in discipleship
- ❖ *Collaborative in nature* - working well with the Ministry Team, lay and ordained, within the ministry area and is a good team player
- ❖ *Community focussed* - being a visible presence in the ministry area
- ❖ *Engaging* - has energy and commitment to engage with the local communities and is sympathetic to the needs of rural communities

**If you think you might be that person...
we would very much like to hear from you.**

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk

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

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-north-monmouthshire-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Monday 17th July 2023

House for Duty Priest - St Illtyd

Is God calling you to South Wales and the welcoming communities of the Valleys?

Are you **collaborative in nature**, able to recognise the many talents and gifts of laity?

Are you **community minded**, able to engage with people of all ages, inside and outside the church, and be a visible part of the local community?

Are you **caring** with a strong pastoral heart and passion for encouraging the congregations in discipleship, and building a strong unity in Christ?

Are you **forward and outward looking** with a creative approach to ministry and outreach?

Based in the upper Eastern Valley you will be part of a supportive Ministry Team.

We hope for a Priest who will:

- Respect our sacramental tradition but broaden our horizons.
- Communicate the Gospel in an inclusive and engaging way.
- Relish working as part of a team.
- Enjoy supporting and developing small churches.
- Laugh at themselves and with others.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Fr Dominic McClean, Ministry Area Leader on (01495) 304919 or frdominic86@gmail.com

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-st-illtyd-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Sunday 23rd July 2023

Interviews to take place on:
Thursday 3rd August 2023

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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