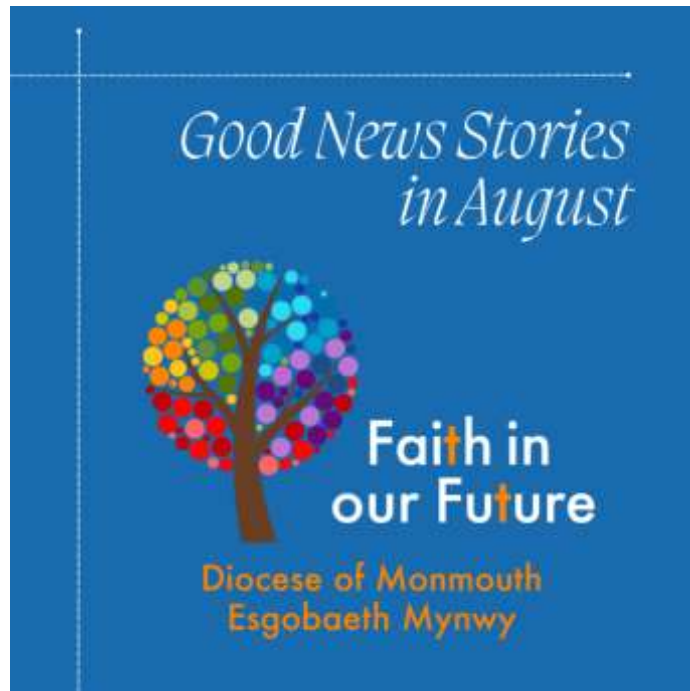


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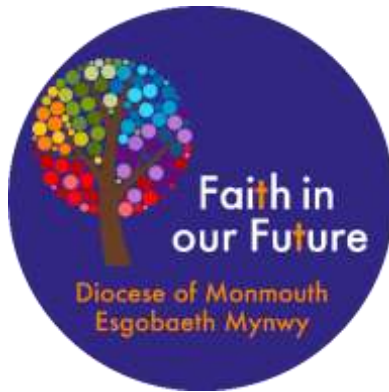
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Diocese of Monmouth



This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.



'Give Away' Market

St Hilda's and St Oswald's Churches, in Mid Torfaen Ministry Area, held a plant, fruit and vegetable 'Give Away' Market on Saturday 19th August. This was the first of this new initiative. The markets give an opportunity for the community to come together and donate excess produce from their allotments or gardens, or fruit from foraging in the countryside. The produce collected is then displayed on market stalls and members of the community who attend are given a carrier bag and can then view the selection of plants, fruit and veg available and they can then fill up their carrier bags free of charge.



The churches were delighted with how much produce people donated from the surplus supplies from their gardens and allotments. The key to the success of the market is down to the fact that everything was donated and all the produce was free of charge!

There was a wide range of plants, fruit and vegetables available and people who attended could socialise over tea and coffee, cake and biscuits (again provided free of charge). The market provides a great opportunity for members of the community to catch up with each other and share some fellowship.

Like last year, several people went foraging and picked some blackberries which were complemented by some cooking apples. Several people made

pies and crumbles, again which were given away at no charge. They also were able to distribute some preserves of jam, chutney and pickles.

Although this was a free market, some people gave monetary donations and this will be used to buy supplies for our local foodbanks and shares across the Eastern Valley.

The churches are planning a second market which will include fruit and vegetables as well as preserved chutneys, jams and pickles, it is scheduled to be held on the **23rd September 2023** in St Oswald's, again opening at 10am until either 1pm or when everything has gone!



A Big Thank You

East Cardiff MA certainly have been busy over the summer holidays and they have given a big shout out to all those who've helped to make it possible. Look at the fantastic work that's gone on!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our volunteers and donators for making our Summer awesome and we've still got a couple of weeks left!

By the end of the summer holidays we will have:

- ✂ Provided nearly 200 stationary packs to Yr 6 students
- 😊 Welcomed over 50 young people and adults to a fun day in St Dyfrig's, Llanrumney
- 🚌 Provided a free trip to St Fagan's with packed lunch
- 🍕 provided pizza, snacks and activities at a weekly summer club in St Teilo's CinW High School

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Family Fun Afternoon

St Cadoc's Church, Caerleon, had an amazing Family Fun afternoon at the weekend. The church was buzzing with over 100 visitors coming through the doors to enjoy the activities and delicious cakes, many of them new to church.



It was a wonderful afternoon of community engagement to raise funds for the Refurbishment Appeal at St. Cadoc's. Over £650 was raised!

St Cadoc's has ambitious plans for the development of the church building, which includes the removal of pews (to be replaced with chairs) thus creating a flexible worship and community space.

Sharing these plans with the community also formed part of the Open Day, with the opportunity to 'Grab A Pew'. As they strive to be an eco church by reducing their carbon footprint, ASHP and PV's will be installed with underfloor heating.



Help Wanted

Survey

Revd Justin Groves is currently on sabbatical leave and has been busy writing a book. He will be gathering some information from the points of view of both congregants and the clergy. He would be most grateful if you would kindly complete the short survey below.

For clergy, please click [here](#).

For all others, please click [here](#).

Diolch!



Organist Required

Are you keen to join our friendly congregations?
Torfaen are seeking a regular church organist.

If you are interested, please contact Sue MacKinnon by email
a26smack@btinternet.com or mobile 07854 984911/

Resources



Energy Bill Support

We are aware that many churches have received energy bills that have increased dramatically over the past few months. Some of these have been exceptionally higher, further increasing the pressure on ministry area budgets.

The DBF set aside a support fund for ministry areas in this situation to offer financial assistance towards some of the increases incurred.

You may be eligible for this support, if you have:

- a winter energy bill that has increased significantly in comparison to the previous year and,
- the energy bills have made a significant impact to your finances, including reserves, resulting in the ministry area being unable to meet other costs.

If you need this support, we ask that ministry areas get in touch by email, detailing the situation and include the following information -

- Copies of the relevant bills
- Details of previous bills to demonstrate a significant rise,
- Details of how it has impacted the MA finances
- Any other relevant supporting information

Please contact Libby Morgan-Owen **by Monday 4th September** on:
libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk



Vision in Focus

This edition looks at wellbeing - which is weaved through all five branches of our diocesan vision.

- Bishop Cherry reminds us how important it is to look after ourselves and others
- Archdeacon Ian Rees helps us do this by introducing us to Kintsugi Hope

- Fr David Matthews talks about how healing, wholeness and reconciliation can also aid our wellbeing
- Head of Education Beccie Morteo shares her insights (and some useful tips) on how we, as churches and communities, help to support children and young people

Click here to read and hear more [Vision in focus - wellbeing](#)

Training and Events



Ignite, for Clergy - last chance to book

Tuesday 12th September 2023, 12.30 - 2.45pm
Monmouth Diocesan Office (light lunch included)

Theme: Fruitful Ministry: even when frustrated!

Speaker: Revd Ian Folks

Ian was ordained in 2016 following a 15 year career in the social care, disability and voluntary sectors. He is a vicar in Central Swansea Ministry Area. His ministry takes place within some challenging family circumstances - which both enable and frustrate fruitful ministry! He has a passion for churches to be healthy and healing communities.

In this session he will share honest reflections, some of which come from his own experience of clerical burnout. He will provide a safe space to help us reflect on our own challenges, and consider how we can realistically improve our spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing.

TO BOOK A PLACE

We have just a few places left for Ignite so to book your place, please use the link below **by 4th September**, as we need to know dietary requirements for catering:

<https://forms.gle/D9pHnJWEBPtZpZpP8>

Services



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



Newport Cathedral

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SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

10am – 4pm

Breathtaking tower tour, Midday concert and Guided walk around this magnificent Saxon/Norman building.

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Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Severn Wye

We are looking for a new Ministry Area Leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God who will take the ministry area through the development stage and into a period of mission and growth.

The person we would like for this role will:

- Have the vision to lead and develop a committed and enthusiastic lay and clergy team in a beautiful part of Wales, have a calling to grow the church community, and give it a strong sense of unity
- Inspire the Ministry Area Community in worship, and be able to communicate scripture in a way that relates well to existing church members and encourages potential future church members
- Enthuse the Ministry Area with energy and inspire people with vision, finding novel and effective ways of bringing more people to Christ
- Be caring and relate to people of all generations, helping people of all ages to explore, develop and use their gifts
- Have the desire to work with younger people, engaging enthusiastically with the ministry to schools and, hopefully, with the new Church Hub
- Communicate and develop a creative and missional vision for our buildings

We need a Ministry Area Leader who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses. We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

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

For an informal conversation please contact the Venerable Ian Rees on (07983684151) or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/ministry-area-leader-severn-wye-ministry-area/>

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

Closing date for applications:
August 25th 2023

Interviews to take place on September 22nd 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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