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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

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## Uganda Sharing Evening

A small group from St George's church, Tredegar, spent some time in Uganda this June and have used the quieter summer holiday evenings to share their adventures in the church hall. People heard the stories of the families they partner with and the children who benefit from help with school fees. There were African handmade crafts on display and everyone shared in a presentation of photos and videos of the work they did while they were in the beautiful East African country.





Plans are in place to create a charity and you can find out more as this progresses through liking them on Facebook under their name **Obumu**, which means 'togetherness' in Lugandan. If you'd be interested in hearing more and would like a talk at your church, feel free to contact Natasha through the Facebook group.

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## Open the Book - Tredegar Park Ministry Area

During the past academic school year, a team from The Tredegar Park Ministry Area, under the leadership of the Rev Bronwen Summers, have been very active engaging with five Junior Schools in the ministry area. A group of very keen volunteers from across the ministry area, both young and not so young, have taken bible stories with video introductions and have led assemblies in the schools. Assemblies have been a joy to present and the children have been very keen to take part.

The video introductions are performed by the younger members of the group who are unable to join the group in term time due to their school commitments. Christingle and craft workshops have also been taken to the schools and a huge number of children have taken part. Rev Bronwen is very talented and has made wonderful props, costumes and craft ideas. Bookings have been made with the schools for Harvest assemblies and Christmas concerts in church. The team all look forward to joining these activities and are very pleased that the schools are so welcoming. They look forward to the new term.



*Members of the team performing Jonah and the Whale*

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## Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

It has recently been announced that, due to falling donations, it has been decided to close the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children.

Before the Fund is closed, they have some money that can still be distributed and it is anticipated that there will be two more meetings; one in October 2023 and one in May 2024. The closing date for the October 2023 meeting is the end of September and the closing date for the May 2024 meeting will be the end of April.

The application form and more information can be found at [www.churchinwales.org.uk/awfc](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/awfc)

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## Help Wanted

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### 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!**

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## 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](mailto:a26smack@btinternet.com) or mobile 07854 984911/

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## Chaplaincy at the Usk Show 9th September 2023

Every year at the Usk Show, a chaplaincy service is provided with free tea, coffee and biscuits, somewhere to sit and rest with baby feeding and changing facilities, and some children's activities. What an exciting opportunity!

If anyone would like to lend their help, either with hospitality, supervising children's activities or just being there for a chat / in a pastoral capacity, please get in touch with Clare Bradly by text on 07952 754744 or by e-mail on [strawberry.flann@twiggy.co.uk](mailto:strawberry.flann@twiggy.co.uk)

Clare will organise a rota to ensure there is cover throughout the day.



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## Resources

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## Homelessness Sunday - 8th October 2023

With the number of people experiencing homelessness rising sharply around the UK since the pandemic, this year's Homelessness Sunday is an important way to raise awareness of the plight of so many who have become marginalised in our society, and to reflect on what we as churches and communities can do to help alleviate a very serious problem on our doorstep.

The theme for Homelessness Sunday is **'Love and Justice'** as this is a key part of Christian charity Housing Justice's mission to alleviate homelessness across Wales. Housing Justice provides a range of resources for churches wishing to run their own Homelessness Sunday service including pre-recorded sermons, prayers, hymn suggestions, Junior Church resources, and information about homelessness via this [dedicated webpage](#).

The charity, which has expanded dramatically and now employs a team of 13 across Wales, numbers former Archbishop of Wales, Bishop John Davies, among its Board of Trustees.

Housing Justice runs various different initiatives that address housing need including a hosting programme for destitute asylum seekers; a homelessness prevention programme called 'Citadel'; and the Faith in Affordable Housing programme which addresses the housing shortage.



If you would like to support Housing Justice's work by making a donation or by volunteering, you can find out more [here](#), or to receive news updates, please click [here](#).

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## CPAS - Thrive Launch

Part of a multi-parish benefice? Looking for ways to thrive?

You are invited to join Pam Macnaughton, creator of The Thrive Collection, and James Lawrence, CPAS Leadership Principal, for the launch of this collection of resources.

**When?** Thursday 5th October, 12-12.45pm

**Where?** Online

To book your free place, please follow this link: [CPAS Thrive](#)



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**Where?** Online

All attendees will receive a one-off discount on The Thrive Collection.

**Book your FREE place and find out how these resources can help your multi-parish benefice to thrive:**

[WWW.CPAS.ORG.UK/THRIVELAUNCH](http://WWW.CPAS.ORG.UK/THRIVELAUNCH)



## Energy Bill Support - last few days to apply

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](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Training and Events

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### **Rural Churches and Mission Forum**

**Wednesday 13th September, 10am - 12pm (online)**

Many people have found that rural ministry can sometimes be lonely. Its characteristics are not normally covered during theological training and support during Anglican curacies can sometimes seem inadequate. A similar situation exists in other traditions.

This online forum provides opportunity for fellowship with others in similar roles and the opportunity to learn from those who have travelled the road before. So whether you are new to rural ministry or an old hand, your participation in the forum is important and we hope it will prove enjoyable.

This will be an interactive online meeting, ideal for village church leaders, lay or ordained. The theme is *Pathways to Fruitfulness*.

For more information or to reserve your space, please follow this link:

[Rural Churches and Mission Forum](#)

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## **Recharge: A Heart for Worship**

Sunday 16th September, St Mary's Priory Church,  
Monmouth

9.30am - 8.30pm



# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECHARGE WORSHIP!



## Whats it all about?

On Saturday 16th Sept, come and join us at St Marys Church, Monmouth for an exciting and interactive day of learning and experience of music in worship through the traditions - and how we can develop different styles and types of worship and praise today

## Who is it for?

Whether you attend a church, or are interested in finding out more about God and the work of the church; whether you play an instrument or have a skill that you want to grow, or to make use of in supporting your community... there is something for everyone!

## What is the program of events?

Time	St Marys Church	The Priory
9.30 - 9.50am	Opening Worship	
10 - 10.30am	Worship Music - a difficult choice?	
10.30 - 11.30am	"Traditional" expressions of worship	Words and Screens - running the visuals
11.40 - 12.40pm	Leading from the front	Setting the Space (At St Marys)
12.40 - 1.30pm	Lunch	Lunch
1.30 - 2.15pm	A Helping Hand - accessible music technology	Communications - a vital part of worship
2.30 - 4.15pm	Building a worship group	Sound and Audio (At St Marys)
6 - 7.30pm	Evening Worship	
7.30 - 8.30pm	Food, fellowship and fun!	

Its fun, its free and you can come to as little or as much as you want!  
for more info and to book your free place look up "A Heart for Worship" on Eventbrite or email: [info@4pm-thepriory.co.uk](mailto:info@4pm-thepriory.co.uk)



## Safeguarding Training Dates

The dates for the next round of safeguarding training sessions have been released and can be found below.

Module B Training Sessions:

- **Thursday 14th September**, 2pm, St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Crucorney, NP7 8DH
- **Thursday 21st November**, 1pm, St Mary's Church, Marshfield, CF3 2UF

Details of the online training dates are available here: [Safeguarding training via Zoom - The Church in Wales.](#)

To book onto the sessions please use the webform here:

[Safeguarding Training Booking Form - The Church in Wales](#) or contact the team via email [safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk) or phone, 07376 199668.

Contact details for all of the safeguarding team can be found here,

[Meet the team - The Church in Wales](#)

Please note that the Provincial Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese of Monmouth is now Colin Taylor who can be contacted via email, [colintaylor@cinw.org.uk](mailto:colintaylor@cinw.org.uk) or phone, [07956 790330](tel:07956790330).



# Eco Church Training

Are you starting your Eco Church journey?

A Rocha are leading the following webinars for the Church of England which you can sign up to:

**14 September, 12pm – 1pm**

## **Eco Church 1 - An Introduction to and Overview of Eco Church: Getting Started**

Come along if you've heard of Eco Church but haven't started yet, and want to know a little more before you take the plunge. The webinar will answer questions like: "What is Eco Church? Why take part? How does the award scheme work? What does it cost? Where should we start?" it will be filled with practical examples of churches around the country who have made changes, using Eco Church as a framework.

To register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FNWmYf8KQkutHW4P8QTb0w#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FNWmYf8KQkutHW4P8QTb0w#/registration)

**19 September at 12pm – 1pm**

## **Eco Church 2 - Working Towards an Award and Maintaining Momentum**

This webinar is aimed at people in churches who have registered for Eco Church and taken their first steps, but need a little help to get things going and work towards their Bronze or Silver award. The webinar will cover typical barriers, and give you tips on how to get around them and maintain your momentum. The webinar will contain practical examples of churches who have achieved an award and how they got there.

To register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MVPF1iiVRx2xNSzzRdBCGg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MVPF1iiVRx2xNSzzRdBCGg#/registration)

**26 September at 4pm – 5pm**

## **Eco Church 3 - Working Towards Net Zero Carbon with Eco Church**

This webinar looks at the links between Eco Church and Net Zero Carbon; how they are different and how they inter-connect. It will focus mainly on the 'Buildings' section of the Eco Church survey, since it is heating and lighting a church building which creates most of a church's carbon footprint. The webinar will explain about free carbon foot-printing tools available to churches.

To register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_q7f5wscGRAehZDZT18ZmQA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q7f5wscGRAehZDZT18ZmQA#/registration)

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# Services

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Join us for the service from the Cathedral this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#) and Pray with Pride this Friday at 7pm [here](#).

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Medi 9  
*September 9*  
Dydd Sadwrn  
*/ Saturday*

9.30  
*am / y.b.*

St Thomas  
Trefynwy /  
*Monmouth*

Ewcharist  
*Eucharist*

Hydref 11  
*October 11*  
Dydd Mercher  
*/ Wednesday*

6.30  
*pm / y.h.*

Cadeirlan  
Casnewydd  
*Newport*  
Cathedral

Gosber  
*Evensong*

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)  
For further information contact Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)

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## Choral Evensong with the St Cybi Consort



## St Thomas the Apostle Church, Redwick



## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the St Cybi  
Consort

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
at 5pm

Retiring collection in aid of the Organ Restoration Appeal

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# Vacancies

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## Ministry Area Leader - Mid Torfaen

Come and join us in the Welsh Valleys where you will find a warm welcome.

We are looking for a priest who has incumbent or Team Vicar experience and will be...

- **Forward and outward looking** with a creative approach to ministry and outreach. Able to be flexible in your leading of worship which understands that variety in style is our strength.
- **Community minded**, able to engage with people of all ages, inside and outside the church, so that we move from encounter to faith conversations. Passion for sharing God's love in schools and building a lay team to help you in this ministry.

- **Caring** with a pastoral heart for encouraging the congregation in discipleship, building a strong unity in Christ.
- **Collaborative in nature** and able to recognise and release the many talents and gifts of the laity.
- **Confident and approachable** with effective communication skills, who is able to support the churches with the oversight of our functional structures.
- **Engaging and friendly**, community minded and able to develop networks of relationships locally. Inhabiting Valleys' life, with a willingness to learn a bit of Welsh and understand the importance of our history and identity.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Ven Stella Bailey on 07741661154 or [stellabailey@cinw.org.uk](mailto:stellabailey@cinw.org.uk)

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/ministry-area-leader-mid-torfaen-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: [stellabailey@cinw.org.uk](mailto:stellabailey@cinw.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Monday 25th September 2023**

*Interviews to take place on Friday 13th October 2023*

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## 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](mailto:frdominic86@gmail.com)

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

Applications should be submitted by email to: [archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Saturday 30th September 2023**

*Interviews TBC*

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## 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.

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

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

Application form and full profile available at:

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-north-monmouthshire-ma/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Saturday 30th September 2023**

*Interviews to take place soon after.*

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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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