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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

Church to Host All-Wales Climate Summit



The health of Wales' waterways and landscape will be the focus of an all-Wales climate summit hosted by the Church in Wales next year.

The two-day event will bring together academics, activists, pressure groups and stakeholders to discuss the impact of industry, agriculture and homes on the environment. The summit was announced by the Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, in his Presidential address to members of the Church's Governing Body at the start of its two-day meeting yesterday (September 5).

Wales, he said, had *"the opportunity to redesign our approach to energy, water, land use and the sustainability of food supply and at a local level"* and *the Church on Wales was well placed to bring people together in "good conversation and partnership"*.

Archbishop Andrew said plans were in progress for "an intelligent and honest conversation about one of the great challenges we face". He said the event would allow key people to listen to one another and "find not only a common language but agree broad principles that allow policy and direction to emerge."

It was the Church's role, he said, to bring people together: *"We have seen that church must mean much more than prayers and gathering on Sunday, that our commitment to justice, to the creation, to the poor might take us into uncomfortable places..... We are not the experts save we know what good signposting looks like and what human flourishing involves. Our ability to bring people together in good conversation and partnership should never be underestimated."*

The summit will take place in the second half of 2024. More details will be published nearer the time.

Find out more, read the full presidential address and watch back the Governing Body livestream on the Church in Wales website [here](#).



Governing Body Motion

During its meeting this week, members of the Governing Body approved a motion to allow Ministry Area Councils to form Charitable Incorporated Organisations, following consultation with their Archdeacon. Further guidance on the procedure to do this will be released shortly.



Diolch yn fawr!

The Revd Kevin Hasler, Ministry Area Leader of the Heart of Monmouthshire MA, has announced his intention to resign from the post on 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King. Kevin has served in the Diocese of Monmouth since his ordination in 2006 and, after a three-month break, intends to continue his ministry in a new capacity. His letter of resignation can be read in full [here](#).

Bishop Cherry writes, *'Kevin has been a stalwart of the diocese for many years, bringing wisdom, integrity and a strong but gentle leadership to the churches he has served. He has overseen the establishment of a new ministry area, bringing the churches together with a firm and steady hand and leaving it in a good place for the next phase of its life. He has served as Area Dean and on a number of diocesan and national committees including the DBF, Standing Committee and the Governing Body. Kevin has a pastoral heart and a deep and abiding faith that has shaped the whole of his ministry and I am genuinely pleased that the diocese will continue to benefit from what he has to offer in the coming years, albeit in a different form.'*



Licensing of New Ministry Area Leader

Congratulations to Fr Ross who was licensed as Ministry Area Leader of The Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area on Sunday.

Ross moved back to the diocese from Winchester College in September 2022, having served his curacy here, to be Vicar in the ministry area and was appointed Ministry Area Leader earlier in the year.



Passionate about the role of the Church in the secular world, Ross currently serves as a Reservist Chaplain within the Royal Navy and as a Branch Chaplain to the Royal British Legion.

At the time of his appointment Ross said, “there is a great deal of potential in the newly formed Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area, and it has been such a joy to witness the beginnings of growth and renewal in many of the churches. Stephanie, Saoirse, and I are looking forward to this next step on a journey that we couldn’t have written for ourselves. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve, and we look forward to joining you all, embracing the challenges and trusting in Jesus who beckons us towards a future brimming with promise and purpose.”

Later this year Ross will publish a study in Mariology. The book includes original research, as well as responses from theologians, notably the Rt Revd Gregory Cameron, the Bishop of St Asaph.

Ross is married to Stephanie, and last year welcomed daughter, Saoirse. They also share the house with three cats: Wilfred, Hermione and Esme. The family enjoy holidays in their campervan, ‘Bilbo’.



**Monmouth
Diocesan
Conference
2023**

**Saturday
21st October**

St Teilo's CiW High School

Diocesan Conference 2023

If you are a Conference Member, you should have received an email last week with an invitation to RSVP. If you have not yet received this, please contact the Diocesan Office on admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk or 01633 267490.

If you would like to attend as an observer, please also get in contact with the Diocesan Office, who will be happy to help.

Help Wanted

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

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



Resources



CAP Sunday

Christians Against Poverty have seen how poverty destroys lives. With millions more being pushed into poverty by the cost of living crisis, it's time to take action. Local churches are vital in the fight against UK poverty.

What is CAP Sunday?

A moment each year when local churches are resourced across the UK to reflect on poverty, its impact in our communities, and explore the difference we can make as God's people in our fight against it. The theme this year is ***Compassion in Action***.

The official date for CAP Sunday is Sunday 15 October, but you're welcome to choose a date that suits you.

What CAP will provide:

- A biblical talk (that can be adapted and delivered by your church leader, or you can book a CAP Speaker to come and speak to your church)
- Posters to promote your service
- Resources to guide your congregation in a time of prayer
- Real-life video testimonies... and more!

For more information, please go to their website: [Christians Against Poverty](https://www.christiansagainstpov.org.uk/)



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.

There is still some money available for distribution before they close. It is anticipated that there will be two more funding allocation meetings; one in October 2023 and one in May 2024. The closing dates to apply for funding are:

- End of September 2023
- End of April 2024

The application form and more information can be found at www.churchinwales.org.uk/awfc



Homelessness Sunday - 8th October 2023

The number of people experiencing homelessness around the UK has rising sharply since the pandemic. This year's Homelessness Sunday will be an excellent opportunity 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.

'Love and Justice' is the theme for Homelessness Sunday, as this is a core value 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 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](#).



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](#)



LIVE LAUNCH: THE THRIVE COLLECTION

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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



Training and Events



Newport Cathedral

CADW OPEN DOORS

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

10am – 4pm

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

Refreshments available and Gift Shop open.

ENTRY, TOURS AND CONCERT ARE FREE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://cadw.gov.wales/open-doors-newport-cathedral>



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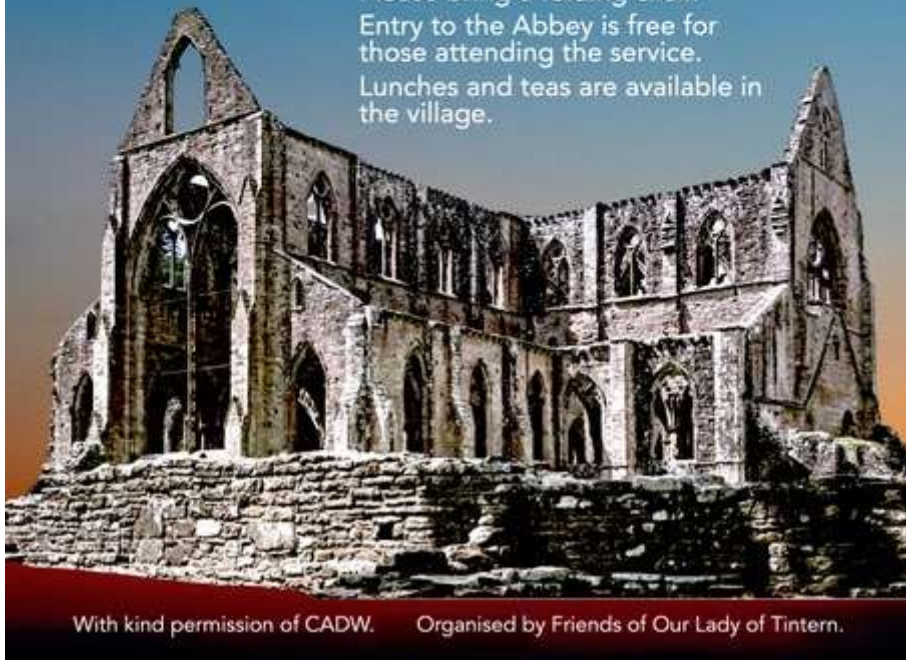
Tintern Sung Vespers

An Ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace

3.00pm Sunday 10th September
Tintern Abbey

Speaker: Rt Rev'd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth
Newport (St Woolos') Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair.
Entry to the Abbey is free for
those attending the service.
Lunches and teas are available in
the village.



With kind permission of CADW. Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

Sung Vespers

Come and join the hundreds of people who will gather to pray for peace at this ecumenical service. Tintern Abbey has stood on the banks of the River Wye for nearly 900 years and this annual act of worship is an opportunity to join in with the rhythm of prayer that has been offered in this place for centuries.

Bishop Cherry is the speaker and the Cathedral Choir from St Woolos are also taking part in the service. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service but you are asked to bring folding chairs.

Clergy are invited to robe in the village hall (to wear cotta/choir dress) and take part in the procession.



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](#)

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



CMD in December - for Clergy and LLMs

The next Continuing Ministerial Development day for all Clergy and LLMs will be on **Tuesday 5th December** at **Christchurch Hall** (Caerleon, NP18 1JJ).



We're thrilled that Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert is leading this day, with the theme of ***A Theology of Prayer and a Prayerful Ministry***.

Jordan Hillebert was born and raised in the States, completed a PhD in Scotland (University of St Andrews), and is currently Director of Formation and Tutor of Theology at St Padarn's Institute, where he oversees the training and formation of candidates for ministry in the Church in Wales.

He teaches and writes in the areas of Christian theology, ethics, and spirituality.

In this session, we will devote ourselves to a theology of prayer with the aim of developing a more prayerful ministry. In particular, we will explore the account of prayer provided by Saint John of Damascus: *'Prayer is an ascent of the mind to God or a petition for suitable things from God.'* In both senses (as contemplative and petitionary), prayer is essential to the life of Christian

ministry, attuning us to God's presence and enabling us to participate in God's work.

If you are a cleric or LLM who hasn't already booked on, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/p38Ni4hVcb3HgKNi8>



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 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 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

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

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_g7f5wscGRAehZDZT18ZmQA#/registration

Services



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

The Autumn edition of St Woolos Quarterly is now available. This can be viewed and downloaded by clicking [here](#). Free print copies can be found in the Cathedral entrance.

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

Choral Evensong with the St Cybi Consort

St Thomas the Apostle Church, Redwick



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the St Cybi
Consort

Saturday 23rd September
at 5pm

Retiring collection in aid of the Organ Restoration Appeal

Vacancies

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-september/>

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

Closing date for applications:
Saturday 30th September 2023

Interviews TBC

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.

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For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or 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/>

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Interviews to take place soon after.

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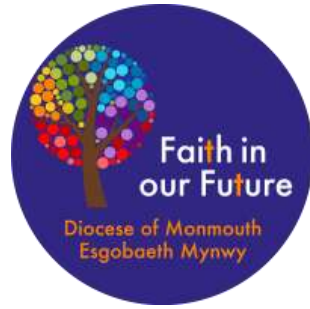
You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates **here**.



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