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# Esgobaeth Mynwy

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## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

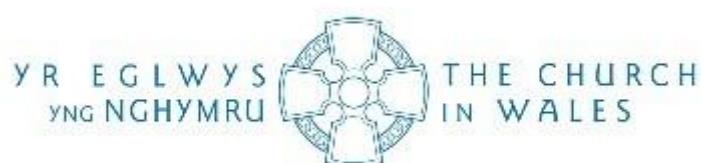
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## Diocesan Office This Week

Over the half term (Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November) there are limited staff in the office. If you were planning to pop in, please make sure you check that someone is there beforehand. If you need to get in contact with office staff, please email [admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk) as this will be checked even if phones aren't answered.

**Diolch!**

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## **Bishops call for peace in Israel and Gaza**



The Church in Wales bishops are calling for peace and reconciliation in Israel and Gaza.

In a joint statement issued on 31st October, the bishops, including the Archbishop of Wales, warn that violence will not lead to lasting peace and they call for the “active exercise of compassion” for all Palestinian and Jewish people.

They describe Hamas’ attack on Israel on October 7 as “morally repugnant” and unjustifiable and call for Israel to recognise that “retribution, violence, and innocent suffering” cannot lead to peace. They also urge a pause in the attacks on Gaza for humanitarian aid to get through.

**The bishops ask people to take part in a day of fasting and prayer on Friday (November 3) and for special prayers to be said in churches on Sunday.**

Read the full statement [here](#)

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## Bishop Cherry’s Diocesan Address

Bishop Cherry’s Address at Diocesan Conference looked at the theme of ‘welcome’ from three perspectives - What is it. Why do it. And how does it look.

You can watch the full address below.



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## “A good welcome doesn’t happen by accident...”

Our Diocesan Conference explored the theme of ‘welcome’ and how it is key to our diocesan vision and key to growth!

You can watch the session below.



### How can we be more welcoming and invitational?

From courses to resources, there are plenty of helpful and practical ways we can think more about welcome. Find out more [here](#)

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## Funding for conservation project



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# **HERITAGE FUND**

The church in Lower Machen has received £149,000 in lottery funding to conserve its 15th-century belltower.

The money was awarded to St Michael and All Angels Church by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and will certainly help towards the full cost of the quarter of a million-pound project.

Revd Ross Maidment, Ministry Area Leader, said: “We’re incredibly grateful that the National Lottery Heritage Fund is able to support this project which will not only ensure that we’re able to preserve St Michael’s Church for future generations, but will also enable us to continue to serve the community of Lower Machen as we seek to make Jesus known.

“We are excited by the possibilities to further connect with schools through our heritage project, and the wider community through the plans we have to develop a wildlife conservation project within the grounds.”

The belltower project will see the continuing development of the Grade II\* listed church as a Heritage and Learning Centre. The project will also allow the church to expand its relationship with local schools to share knowledge of the 900-year development of Machen and local communities, with a special interest in growth during the Industrial Age.

Working in partnership with Caerphilly Woodlands Trust, the church will use the funding for nature-based activities aimed at increasing knowledge of plants and wildlife in the churchyard. This eco-project will encourage well-being within the community and help protect the natural environment.

Churchwarden Wayne Barnett, said: “The church can now carry out essential repairs and conservation works to the belltower. The lead roof is in poor condition allowing

rain in, and the deterioration of the 500-year-old stone work and pointing is causing increased problems.

“National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant Funding is only possible because of money raised from National Lottery players, and our thanks go to all those millions of people who have helped secure the church’s future and ensure it remains at the heart of the community.”

The repair work on the church will start on the 7th November and is expected to last three to five months depending on weather conditions.

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## Retirement

The Revd Julian White, Vicar in the Severn Wye Ministry Area, is retiring on Sunday November 5th after 44 years of ordained ministry in the Diocese of Monmouth.

Julian was ordained deacon in 1979. He served his curacy at St Mark’s, Newport and a first incumbency in what was the Rectorial Benefice of Llanmartin. He then went to be Rector of Llandogo with Whitebrook and Tintern before moving to Mathern, Mounton and St Pierre in 1998 where he has remained.

Julian has been a faithful priest over the years. He is a man of prayer who enjoys the rich traditions of the Anglican Church. He has always been keen to live out the Christian faith and serve the communities as well as the churches in his care. He is well known and much loved in the villages he currently serves. In response to a question about his aspirations for ministry some time ago, he characteristically responded “to resist attempts to ‘dumb down’ the Christian faith.”

Julian’s wife, Sandra, has been a tremendous support both to him and to the churches he has served.

Both of them go with our thanks, our prayers and every good wish for a long and happy retirement.

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## Resources

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Have you applied for a grant from the National Churches Trust for 2023 yet? If not, the deadlines for applications are fast approaching.

\* Medium-sized grants for £3,000 and £10,000, towards urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000, have a deadline for applications of 11 December.

\* The deadline for large-sized grants is 7th November, for installation and large repair projects.

\* Cherish Grants for Wales are also available and have a deadline of 11 December.

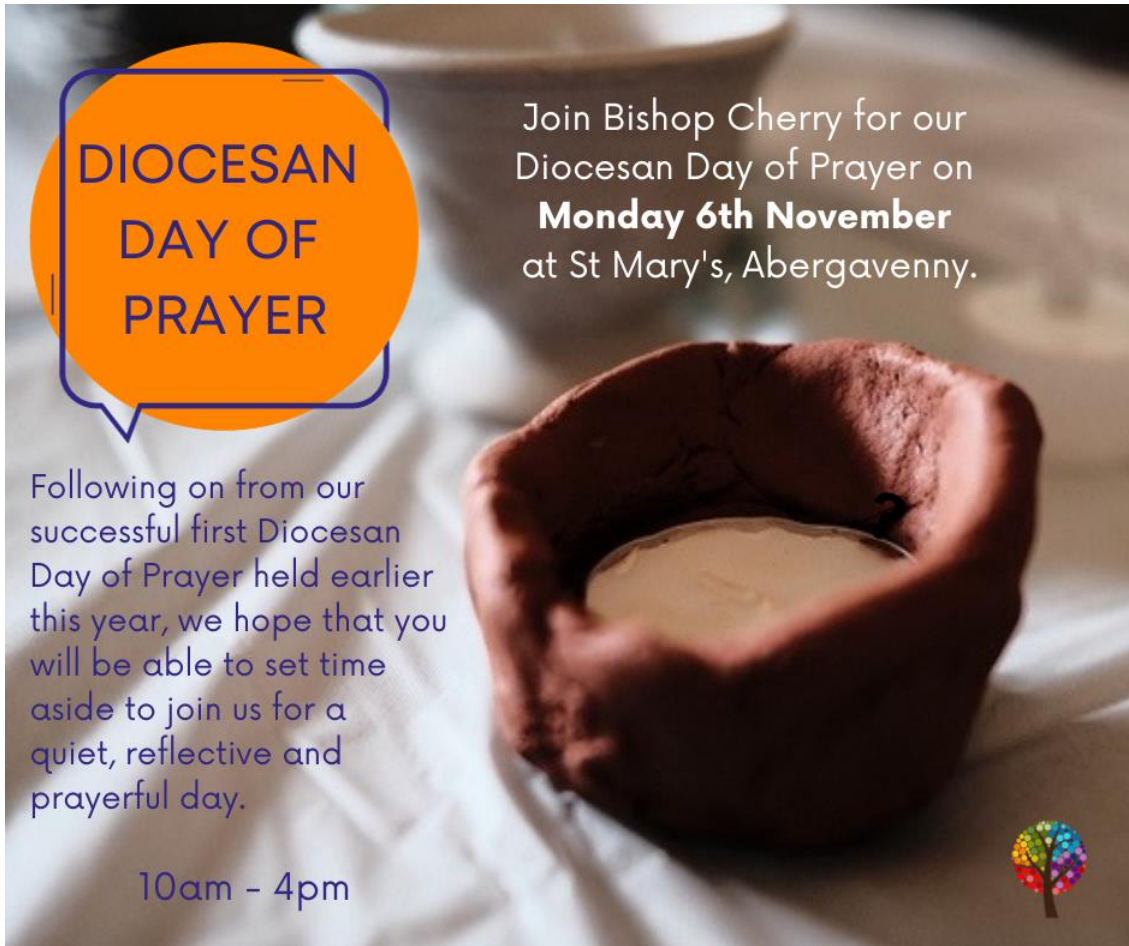
Find out how to apply here: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants>

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## Training and Events

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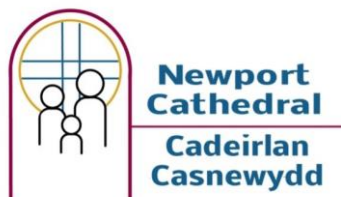
## Diocesan Day of Prayer - 6th November

We hope that you will join Bishop Cherry on Monday 6th November for the next Diocesan Day of Prayer. Running from 10am - 4pm at St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny, please do set aside the time to join in this quiet and reflective day. Those attending are asking to bring a packed lunch.

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## Services

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Join us for the following services from the Cathedral:

All Souls 7.30pm 2nd November [here](#)

All Saints Sunday 10.30am 5th November [here](#)

Choral Evensong and installation of Canon 4pm Sunday 5th November [here](#)

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWy - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Tachwedd  
*November 11th*  
Dydd Sadwrn /  
*Saturday*

9.30  
*am / y.b.*

St Thomas  
Trefynwy /  
*Monmouth*

Ewcharist: Sul y  
Gofio  
*Eucharist:*  
*Remembrance*

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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## Finance and Admin Assistants

We are looking to recruit three Finance and Admin Assistants.

- Are you a good team player with excellent people skills?

- Are you experienced working in admin and finance?
- Are you confident with a range of IT packages, including Word, Excel and Outlook?
- Do you have good organisational and time-management skills?

We'd love to hear from you!

The Diocese of Monmouth are looking to appoint three people to undertake general admin and finance systems support for groups of churches in South-East Wales. You will be based in a friendly office in Newport with occasional travel around the area.

The diocese is divided into three areas (known as archdeaconries) and each of the posts will be working with groups of churches in one of these areas:

**Archdeaconry of Monmouth** – The boundary of this area is roughly the same as the boundary for Monmouthshire.

**Archdeaconry of Newport** – Encompassing all of Newport and extending as far west as Cyncoed in east Cardiff.

**Archdeaconry of the Gwent Valleys** – Includes Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent and the eastern part of Caerphilly.

The three roles are all full-time and applications are welcome for either a specific archdeaconry or as a general application.

For more information, plus the job spec and application form, please visit the website: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/finance-and-admin-assistant-x-3/>

For an informal conversation please contact Libby Morgan-Owen on 07508 801511 or [libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing Date for Applications  
**Wednesday 8th November 2023**

Interview Date  
**Tuesday 21st November 2023**

Start Date (negotiable)  
**Monday 8th January 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-illtyd-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:  
**Monday 27th November 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:  
**Monday 27th November 2023**

*Interviews to take place soon after.*

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## **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.

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

Closing date for applications:  
**Monday 6th November 2023**

*Interviews to take place on Friday 1st December.*

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