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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Advent Reflections

The Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group have made a short series of video reflections on the meaning of Advent. We invite you to join with us over the next four weeks, as together we make our journey through Advent.





Newly Licensed Ministers

The newly licensed ministers had a reflective and thought provoking day this week, spending some time quietly with God in preparation for the busy build up through Advent to Christmas.



Bishop Cherry began the day with a gentle and thoughtful Holy Eucharist before the Revd Philip Averay led the rest of the day. There were four themes - the words we know as our advent themes - love, joy, hope, and waiting. We listened to scripture and a short reflection before finding our own space to consider, *“Why did you fall in love with Jesus? What brings you joy? How can you find hope?”*

We rest in the strength of God as we wait for His coming this Christmas. Spending the time quietly with God was refreshing and the questions were challenging. We all found something to ponder upon and agreed that we finished the day closer to God than when we started it.

Thank you to Bishop Cherry, to Revd Philip, and to St. John’s Church Maindee for hosting us.



Bishops' Christmas Appeal

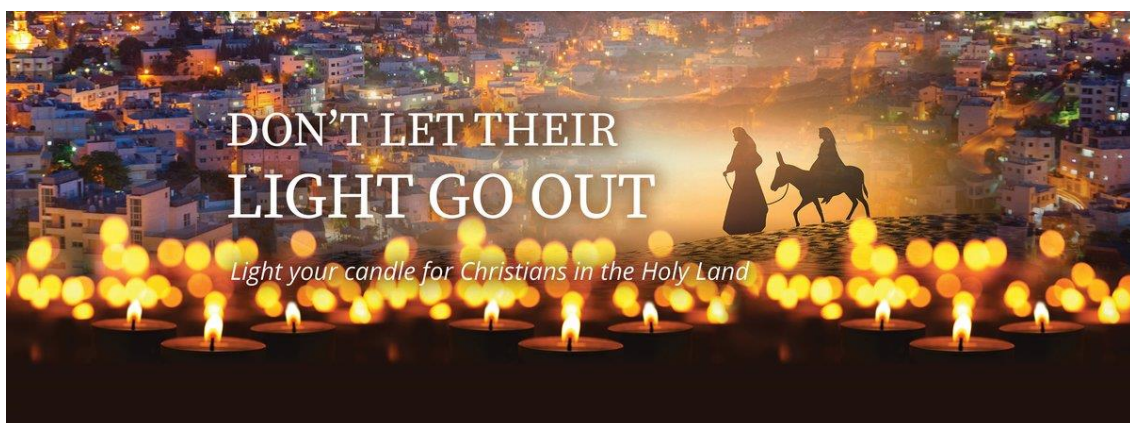
The Church in Wales bishops are urging congregations to support a Christmas Appeal to help those affected by the war in the Holy Land.

The Appeal, launched by the charity [Friends of the Holy Land](#), is raising money to support Christian projects and humanitarian aid in Gaza, Israel, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. It has already received a donation of £5,000 from the Church in Wales' Overseas Mission Fund.

Donations will:

- Help local Christians show the love of Jesus in practical ways by supporting the basic needs of people of all faiths who are sheltering in churches in Gaza.
- Pay for essential medical equipment and supplies to help ill and injured people at the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which is managed by the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.
- Enable ongoing projects to continue in the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and Israel through this turbulent period and beyond.

For more information, please visit the Church in Wales website [here](#).



For Your Prayers

THE MOUNTAIN AND MARSH
MINISTRY AREA



Licensing

Please pray for Hilary Williams who is being licensed as a Reader at St Mary's Marshfield this coming Advent Sunday. Hilary will serve across the Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area joining the Ministry Area Leader, the Revd Ross Maidment, and other members of the ministry team there.

Training and Events



Multiply Church Planting Conference 2024

An exciting event will be taking place in Birmingham on **Wednesday 12th June** 2024, from 9am - 4pm. The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) supports leaders, church teams and dioceses across London, England and beyond as they multiply disciples, churches and networks.

Next year's summer event, run by CCX and Youthscape, will focus on a Younger Church - a conference for church leaders and those who support

them in the call to disciple and invest in the energies and insights of its young people, allowing today's youth to shape tomorrow's church.

There are currently half price tickets available at £12.50 until 31st December and if you are interested in attending, the diocese will organise a group booking. Please contact the diocesan office on admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk or 01633 267490.

For more information on the conference, you can visit their website here: [Multiply](#)

Resources



New Guidance on Church Maintenance

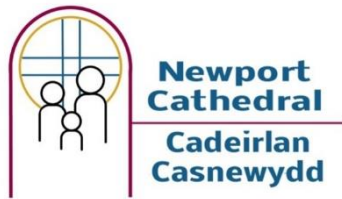
New guidance on church maintenance is now available on the Church in Wales website. Advice on managing church halls and on developing a net zero heating strategy can be downloaded from this page:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/church-property/>

The guides are also available in Welsh here:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/cy/clergy-and-members/church-property/>

Services



Join us for the service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10.30am [here](#) and the Advent carol service at 4pm [here](#).



Open Table Communion Service

The Open Table East Cardiff community will meet on the first Sunday of each month, at All Saints Church, Cyncoed (CF23 6RU) for a 6pm communion service, followed by refreshments. Open to LGBTQIA+ people and allies of any Christian tradition, or none.



**We are equal
We are precious
We belong**

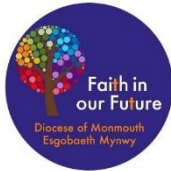
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to #ComeAsYouAre**



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 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:
Monday 11th December 2023

Interviews TBC

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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