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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Celebrating our link with the Highveld

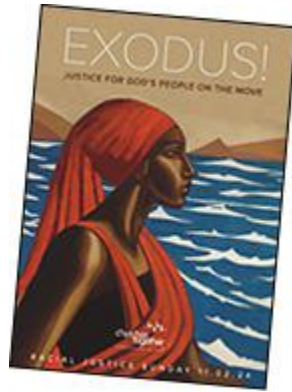


Those of us who visited the Highveld last November will be sharing our stories and experiences at an event in the Cathedral on the evening of Thursday January 18th. Drinks will be available from 6.30pm and we will start at 7pm, finishing no later than 9pm.

There are lots of photos and videos to show you and we hope that as a result of what you see and hear many other churches will consider establishing a link with a Highveld congregation.

Our Lent Appeal this year will again be for the Highveld with money being given to the Highveld Board of Social Responsibility. This will then be used for projects to support the churches' work in schools and nurseries, in alleviating poverty, and in developing work to combat violence and abuse, particularly against women and children.

Racial Justice Sunday



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has produced material to mark Racial Justice Sunday (18th February) and it is available [here](#). Please consider using some of it in your acts of worship that day.

Bishop Cherry

Training and Events



CMD - for Clergy and LLMs

The next CMD study day for all Clergy and LLMs will be on **Tuesday 13th February** at St Mary's Priory Centre, Abergavenny (NP7 5ND).

The Venerable Dr Miranda Threlfall-Holmes will be leading the session, entitled *"How to Eat Bread: Consuming the Richness of the Bible"*.

Miranda is Archdeacon of Liverpool and a historian and writer. She has been a Church of England priest for 20 years, serving in parishes in Newcastle, Durham and Liverpool as well as a university chaplain. She is a member of the General Synod and has recently been elected to Archbishops' Council.



In preparation for Lent, using pieces from her most recent book, Miranda will focus on a desert theme with a series of short addresses and opportunities for discussion.

All clerics and LLMs can RSVP for the day using this link:

<https://forms.gle/NKkjun2JxMt9z5LY7>



Quiet Days at Tymawr Convent 2024

The Society of the Sacred Cross invites you to join them for their Quiet Days in 2024, with an exciting variety of topics and speakers.

Each Quiet Day begins at 10am with coffee (Terce at 9.30am is optional), followed by the speaker for the day and time for rest and prayer before the midday Eucharist. After a 'bring your own' lunch, the speaker will lead the afternoon session which will end with Vespers at 4pm.

There is no charge for the day but donations are welcome. Please book your place for each Quiet Day by emailing SSCchaplain@gmail.com or by post to The Chaplain, Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth, NP25 4RN.

18th April 2024

Jewish perspectives on the material world with Rt. Revd. Rowan Williams

11th May 2024

Catherine of Siena's ruthlessly sacrificial 'engagement with the matter of this world' with Dr. Jane Williams

13th July 2024

Holy Disobedience - Is it ever justified for Christians to break the law? with Revd. Sue Parfitt

7th September 2024

'The Flesh that Needs to be Loved': Finding God in the Matter of the World

with Revd. Rachel Mann

5th October 2024

Notes from a Eucharistic Life with Revd. Dr Manon Ceridwen James

'It is the Lord', by Katharine Hall



9th November 2024

Let our Ordered Lives confess the Beauty of God's Peace: Holding Faith with the matter of the World with the Very Revd. Dr Frances Ward

For more information please download the following document: [Quiet Days 2024](#)



Safeguarding Training 2024

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
16/01/2024	Tuesday	10am	St Mary's Church, Marshfield	CF3 2UF	B
22/01/2024	Monday	1pm	St Georges, Tredegar	NP22 3DU	B
29/02/2024	Thursday	10am	All Saints Church, Brynglas Road, Newport	NP20 5RY	B
29/02/2024	Thursday	1pm	All Saints Church, Brynglas Road, Newport	NP20 5RY	C

Dates for Safeguarding training in 2024 have just been released. All of the available sessions, including online sessions, can be found by following this link: [SafeguardingTraining - The Church in Wales](#).

The two courses shown above are as follows:

Course B - *Understanding Safeguarding in the Church* - for all those in the church who have a role with children, young people or adults at risk, anyone with a church office and all clergy.

Course C - *Safeguarding and Leadership* - for all MALs, MAC members, focal ministers, Lay Co-Chairs and church wardens.

Places can be booked via the webform [SafeguardingTraining Booking Form - The Church in Wales](#), by emailing safeguardingtraining@churchinwales.org.uk or by calling 07376 199668.

Resources



Diocesan Grant Schemes

Standing Committee recently approved some changes to the diocesan building grants, to align with changes from the RB for the portion of the funds from them that we administer. We will now have a:

- **Eco Grant** - up to £7,500 per church for work which improves carbon footprint/biodiversity/environmental impact of church building and churchyards, available to apply for every three years.
- **Churchyard Grant** - up to £2,000 per church for works in a churchyard, available to apply for every three years.
- **Large Building Grant** - up to £5,000 per church for works to a church or church hall, available to apply for every three years.
- **Small Building Grant** - up to £1,000 per church for urgent and/or emergency works to a church, churchyard or church hall, available to apply for every year.

You can find out more about all of these grants and download the full criteria and applications forms from the diocesan website [here](#).

Free donations from holiday companies



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Holidays, weekend trips, and hotel stays can provide your church with money. Travel companies including TUI, Booking.com, Lastminute.com, Haven Holidays, Expedia, Thomas Cook, Hotels.com, and more all partner with online fundraising company easyfundraising, to give your church a way of receiving funding – for free.

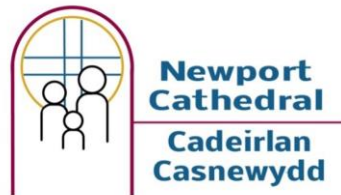
When people in your church community books a holiday, the company they book with will send your church a free donation as a thank you; most will give up to 5% of the total spend at no extra cost to the shopper.

With many people booking holidays in January and February, this is an easy way for them to help you fund running costs, services, projects, and more.

Just one person booking a family holiday could raise £85.36 for you. Think what multiple people could do. Your church just needs to be registered with funding website easyfundraising which you can do here (it's very

straightforward and there is no cost): www.easyfundraising.org.uk/funding-for-faith

Services



Join us for the Feast of the Epiphany service from the Cathedral, this Sunday (7th January) at 10.30am [here](#).

Vacancies

Team Vicar - Mynydd Bedwellte

Mynydd Bedwellte in the heart of the Welsh Valleys is a vibrant and exciting group of churches. If you enjoy working as part of a team ministry with supportive colleagues, then maybe God is calling you to join us in ministry at a time when we are blessed with additional resources to support us.

We are seeking a priest as Team Vicar with an understanding on how you develop community links and relationships in an area which is impacted by the issues of poverty and deprivation. A priest who has a heart to walk alongside people in their journey of faith and encourages them to be beacons of God's presence in their communities.

There is great potential in this ministry area for the person who is able to have a vision to engage with the local community and nurture the gifts of congregation and community to bring about God's hope and love.

Are you someone who:

- loves people from all walks of life and can help develop a culture which will help the church family to thrive?
- can facilitate and encourage people into action?

- is a good manager of time, projects, and people?
- has excellent communication skills and good use of IT?

If you think this could be you then 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 Revd Matt Davis on 07800750259 or mattdavisciw@gmail.com

Application form and full profile available at:
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/team-vicar-mynydd-bedwellte-ma/>

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

**Closing date for applications:
Friday 26th January 2024**

Interviews to take place on Friday 2nd February 2024

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](#).

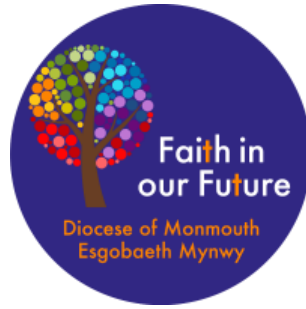


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