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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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*This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.*

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## News

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## 9 Days of Prayer and Mission

The need for the transforming power of God in our world and neighbourhoods is more stark than ever. There is a greater hope that we can offer the world. It is our hope and prayer that those who have not heard the Good News of Jesus and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, giving them an opportunity to respond. We are excited to invite you to join using a new, diocese wide, initiative to run from Ascension to Pentecost – 9 days of Prayer and Mission. This is an opportunity to partner with God in prayer and mission so your community can encounter the love of Christ.

We are encouraging your Ministry Area to spend the 9 days from Ascension (9th May) to Pentecost (19th May) in praying 'Thy kingdom Come' and in living out the vision of God's Kingdom on Earth. Across your churches you can have a schedule of prayer and activity that prays for your local area and reaches out in mission.

Our collective outreach will be celebrated at a Pentecost Service on **Saturday 18th May** in St Mary's Abergavenny, where we can gather with, Bishop Cherry, to joyfully worship and pray together as the Diocese family. Teaching and Activities will be put on for the children and youth and the service will be followed by refreshments.

Each day you can hold a different prayer or mission activity and over the coming weeks we will be offering different suggestions, and signpost you to resources that you might wish to develop.

[Please click here for some starter ideas](#)

For more ideas and resources, check out the Thy Kingdom Come website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Keep an eye on the midweek mailing for more information.

# Apprenticeship Programme

Back in July information was sent out about the Church in Wales apprenticeship programme. It was rather short notice to try and get anything up and running at that stage but we'd like to draw your attention to it again now.

This has the potential to be really exciting for suitable ministry areas and recognising the value in developing ministry, we are pleased to advise that we are prepared to offer £1,000 subsidy towards the costs (for up to a maximum of 5 apprentices across the diocese in the first year).

There is a fair bit for a MA to do including finding the right person, getting permission agreed in Ministry Area Councils, as well as sorting out their employment (this will need to be done by the Ministry Area as they will be the employer) and safeguarding etc.

Taking on an apprentice is a big step and it needs to be done well with good planning and organisation, both for your ministry area and for the individual. We think that targeting September 2024 as a starting point for the scheme will be a good option.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ven Ian Rees, Director of Ministry ([ianrees@cinw.org.uk](mailto:ianrees@cinw.org.uk)) or see the documents below.

## Job Description

### Apprenticeship in Christian Ministry

### Employing An Apprentice



## Highveld update

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 (**11th February**) and it is available [here](#). Please consider using some of it in your acts of worship that day.

**Bishop Cherry**

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# Training and Events

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**Disability Awareness Training**  
Tuesday 16th January



## Disability Awareness Training

Join us on zoom for a free training session to support your Ministry Area on the journey of being more aware of the needs of others in church

Lead by the charity  
**Through the roof**

Tuesday 16th January 2 - 4pm  
Open to all

Click [here](#) to register for Zoom link

Please register by **Saturday 13th January 2024** to secure your place on this [online Zoom](#) session.

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# easyfundraising

## Free funding workshop: how to tap into unrestricted funding for your church in 2024

Wednesday 24th January

Come along to this informal session to find out your church can benefit from unrestricted funding in 2024.

Community Fundraising Manager Becky Coleman will talk through how your church community can use the easyfundraising platform to raise donations for your church when they shop with thousands of popular retailers. Becky will demonstrate how it works, show you how to get started and answer any questions you might have. easyfundraising is free to use and is trusted by thousands of churches around the UK.



Please do feel free to pass this on to anyone else you know who might like to come along.

When: Wednesday 24th January

Time: 7pm-7.30pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/33mchyez>

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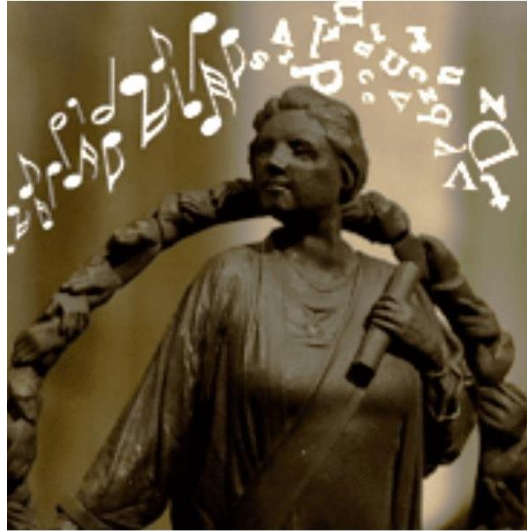


## Resound Worship Live in Concert Friday 26th January

Songwriters from [Resound Worship](#) are coming to St Stephens church, Pillgwentilly to share brand new contemporary worship songs in an informal concert. We will explore how to worship together authentically through all the seasons of life.

More information and free booking can be found [here](#).

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## **A Lady Rhondda monumental evening of Music and Words**

**Saturday 27th January, 7.30pm**

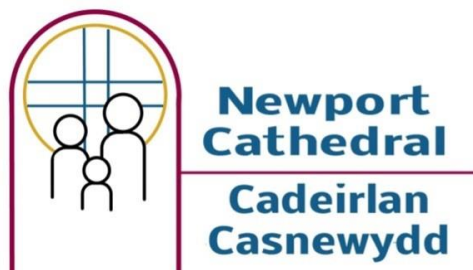
A fundraiser of entertainment for the Statue of Lady Rhondda. With Music from Newport Cathedral Choristers, Cathedral Organ Soloist Emma Gibbins and Flautist Bethan Cole, together with readings, poetry and guests.

It is sure to be a wonderful evening at Newport Cathedral together with the Monumental Welsh Women and Statue for Lady Rhondda.

Tickets are available from the link below.

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/newport-cathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/newport-cathedral)

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## **Diocesan Choral Festival** **Sunday 4th February, Newport Cathedral**

You are invited to join the Cathedral Choir for a Diocesan Choral Festival,

celebrating choral singing across the diocese.

ALL WELCOME!

Service: 4pm

Rehearsal: 2.30pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

If you would like to sing, please let the Director of Music know: Emma Gibbins:  
[emmagibbins1978@gmail.com](mailto:emmagibbins1978@gmail.com) / 07952 514117

[Click here to see more](#)

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## **Coffee, Cake, Chat**

**Saturday 10th February, 10:30am**

An opportunity for clergy partners to meet up at an informal gathering over coffee.....

All welcome to attend.

See [here](#) for more information

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## CMD in December - for Clergy and LLMs

The next CMD study day for all Clergy and LLMs will be on **Tuesday 13th February 9:30am - 4pm** 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>

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## 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](mailto: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](#)

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## 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@churchinwales.org.uk) or by calling 07376 199668.

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## Resources

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## 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](#).

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## Services

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**Equality and Justice Service**  
Friday 12th January



# Equality and Justice



**A SERVICE RELECTING ON THE  
WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR**

**ST TEILO'S CHURCH, LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY  
FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY  
7PM**

**IN THE END,  
WE WILL REMEMBER  
NOT THE WORDS  
OF OUR ENEMIES,  
BUT THE SILENCE  
OF OUR FRIENDS.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



**Newport  
Cathedral**  
**Cadeirlan  
Casnewydd**

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

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# Vacancies

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stellabailey@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications:**

Friday 26th January 2024

*Interviews to take place on Friday 2nd February 2024*



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## Ministry Area Administrator - Severn Wye

Severn Wye MA are looking to recruit someone with the gift of administration and with the skills to enable more effective mission and ministry through provision of efficient administration and improved communication with our local community. The role will support our clergy and our network of existing volunteers releasing their time to build on their work in the community.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing general administrative support including managing the service rotas, supporting the clergy in the management of their diaries as required, attending key Ministry Area evening meetings to take minutes and collate action points, managing the MA outward communication and publicity including managing the website and social media pages, keeping records, ensuring that the Diocesan and Charity Commission official requirements are met, assisting with maintaining financial records and acting as a focal point for the MA and fielding enquiries. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

The role will report to the Lay Co-Chair of the Ministry Area Council and will initially be for a period of 12 months, including and subject to a three month probationary period. The contracted hours of work will be 7 hours per week, over 2 or 3 days with a salary of £12 to £14 per hour depending on experience. The role will be home based with travel to the MA buildings and attendance at some evening meetings (approximately one per month).

Applications should be made by sending a CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role by email to [hilary.hiller@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.hiller@btinternet.com)

**Closing date for applications:**  
midday on Thursday 29th February 2024

It is anticipated that interviews will take place in the week beginning 11th March. For a complete job description, and if you have any queries regarding the role before you submit an application, please contact [Hilary Hillier](#) on the email address above.

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