

Midweek Mailing

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

News

Diocesan Office Update



We are delighted to announce that Martyn Jones has taken the position of DAC Secretary for Diocese of Monmouth and Llandaff as part of the shared Property Team shared between the two dioceses.

Martyn has been DAC Secretary and Church Buildings Officer for the Diocese Llandaff for 2 years and we are really pleased that he will now be working across the Diocese of Monmouth as well.

Martyn will be joined later in the New Year by two Church Surveyors and Grants and Funding Officer who, together, will form the shared Property Team.

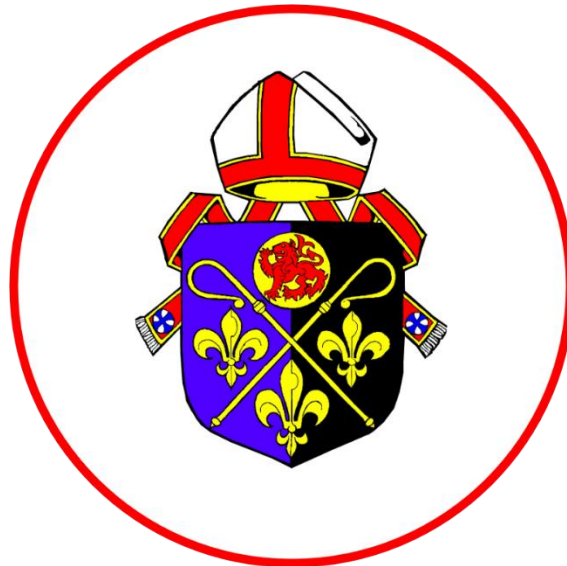
Martyn's contact details are –

Email - martynjones@churchinwales.org.uk

Phone- **07494 222688**

Karen Dent has also joined the diocesan office team this month, replacing Clare King-Smith as our Training, Events and Committee Co-Ordinator. I am sure you will all hear from Karen in the coming months, whether it is through an invitation to a network event, diocesan conference, or any of our committee meetings.

Karen also answers the phone in the diocese office team and can be contacted on **01633 267490** or karendent@churchinwales.org.uk



Prison Visitors

Many of you will have heard me to refer to my visit to Usk Prison in my Christmas message. I write now to invite you to consider becoming a prison visitor.

Being a visitor is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with those who have lost their freedom and, often, much else including work, family and friends. For those who feel able to take on this role, it can be a truly fulfilling ministry. You can find out more [here](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line underneath.

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 Gods 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) or see the documents below.

[Job Description](#)
[Apprenticeship in Christian Ministry](#)
[Employing An Apprentice](#)

Ministry Share Support Fund

Just a gentle reminder that the Ministry Share Support Fund is available in 2024 where exceptional circumstances exist, resulting in a genuine difficulty in meeting this years' share commitments.

Applications should be submitted by the Ministry Area, and signed by your Ministry Area Leader (or Archdeacon in the absence of a MAL), by Thursday 1st February.

More information is available [here](#), or you can contact libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk.

Appointment Announcements



Congratulations to Revd. Sally Ingle-Gillis who has been licensed as Ministry Area Leader for the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area. Friends and family filled St Cadoc's Church, Raglan to celebrate this new chapter in Sally's ministry and in the life of the ministry area.

Bishop Cherry spoke of the good work that had already happened in the ministry area and emphasised this opportunity now to really focus on mission as the ministry area continues to grow.

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Cherry has appointed the Revd. Matt Sellers as Vicar in the Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area.

He is currently a non-stipendiary priest in Newport North West Ministry Area as well as a full time RE teacher in St Teilo's Church in Wales Secondary School in Cardiff.



Matt will initially be Licensed as a non-stipendiary Vicar on 28th April while continuing in his teaching post until the summer. In September he will become a full time Vicar in the ministry area.



Congratulations to Revd. Phillip Godsell who was installed as Ministry Area Leader for Mid-Torfaen Ministry Area at St Hilda's, Griffithstown. Phillip will also become Area Dean.

Please pray for Revd. Sally, Revd. Matt and Revd. Phillip and their families as they prepare for their new roles.



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>

Vision in Focus

The January edition of Vision in Focus is now available on our webpage and can be found [here](#).

Training and Events

Celebrating Chaplaincy



We are once again holding a service at the Cathedral to celebrate chaplaincy and the wonderful ministries undertaken by our chaplains in a whole variety of contexts.

Chaplains meet and work alongside people that clergy and the local church congregations, on the whole, don't have the opportunity to meet. We have chaplains not only in hospitals, prisons and places of education, but with the armed forces, seafarers and members of the deaf community – and other places too!

As part of the service Nicola Roylance will be licensed as Deaf Community Mission Outreach Worker and there will also be a BSL interpreter present for the service.

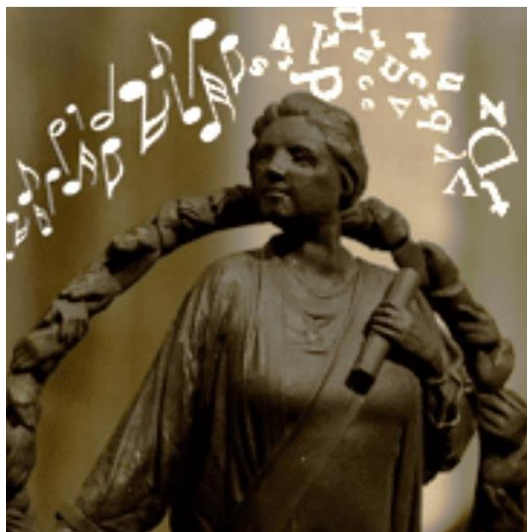
The celebration is being held on **Sunday January 21st at 4pm**. We will be hearing from four chaplains about their roles and offering prayers and hymns chosen by some of them. Please do come along to support, pray for and celebrate these vital ministries and so encourage the people who serve God's world in this way.



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](#).



A Lady Rhondda monumental evening of Music and Words

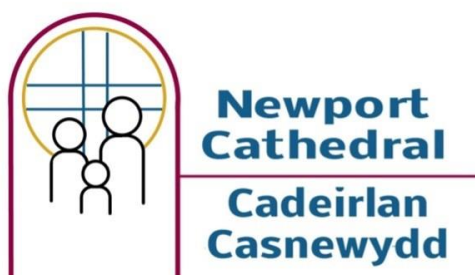
Saturday 27th January 2024, 7.30pm

A fundraiser of entertainment for the Statue of Lady Rhondda. Enjoy 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 supporting the Monumental Welsh Women charity and Statue for Lady Rhondda campaign.

Tickets are available from the link below.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/newport-cathedral



Diocesan Choral Festival

Sunday 4th February 2024, 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, Emma Gibbins, know: emmagibbins1978@gmail.com / 07952 514117

[Click here to see more](#)



CMD in February - 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>

Archbishop of Wales' Fund for Children



There has been an excellent response to our appeal for applications to this Fund, which is closing imminently. Roughly half of the remaining money has been allocated, but there is still time (and cash) for more groups to apply.

There will be one final meeting of the trustees next spring, and the closing date for new applications is **31st March 2024**. The fund welcomes applications from any group or organisation acting on behalf of children.

Please visit the website for more details on how to apply: [Fund for Children](#)



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](#).

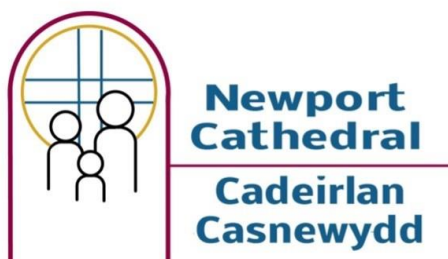
The two courses shown above are as follows:

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.

Services



Join us for the service from the Cathedral, this Sunday 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

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

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.

House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire MA

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 focused - 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

Application form and full profile available at:

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Or can be found below:

[North Mons MA HforD Bilingual Advert](#)

[HforD Role Profile](#)

[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Friday 16th February 2024**
Interviews to take place soon after.