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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Week of Guided Prayer



Finding it difficult to hear God's voice?

Wanting to know what God is saying to you?

Why not learn a new way of using God's word?

"Jesus went upon a mountainside by Himself to pray." (Matthew 14:23) This is one example from the Son of God of how to listen to the Father. And if Jesus longed to hear from God why shouldn't we?

During our Diocesan Week of Guided Prayer, to be held from **17th to 22nd March 2024**, you will need to be able to devote at least one hour a day – half an hour spent in private prayer and half an hour debriefing with a prayer guide. You'll be amazed how God will honour your commitment.

More information about booking will follow in next weeks mailing. If you would like to find out more please contact Revd. Lea Ryder - LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk

Cross of Wales is a ‘focus of unity’ - Archbishop of Wales

The Cross of Wales, given by His Majesty King Charles as a centenary gift to the Church in Wales, was described as a “hugely significant ecumenical symbol” and a “focus of unity” by the Archbishop of Wales at the formal presentation last week.

The Cross, which led the Coronation procession at Westminster Abbey on May 6, includes a relic of the True Cross, given to the King by Pope Francis to mark the Coronation.

Since the Coronation, the Cross has been in the care of the Goldsmiths’ Company, who led on its commissioning, and have displayed it at Goldsmiths’ Hall in the City of London.



It was presented to the Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, by the Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, Professor Charles Mackworth-Young, at a short ceremony at Goldsmiths’ Hall on January 25. The retired Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, George Stack was also present.

In his speech receiving the Cross, Archbishop Andrew said, “When the Cross of Wales led the Coronation procession into Westminster Abbey on May 6th, it was a moment of huge significance in very many ways.”

Click [here](#) to read the full news release from The Church In Wales.

Save The Dates - Aspects of Spirituality

**FIVE
SESSION
COURSE**

DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

**SAVE THE
DATES**

23 MAY
6 JUNE
20 JUNE
4 JULY
11 JULY



ASPECTS OF SPIRITUALITY

**THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU TO EXPLORE
A VARIETY OF CHRISTIAN
EXPRESSIONS OF SPIRITUALITY
OVER FIVE THURSDAY EVENINGS
THIS COMING SUMMER**

↑ Interested? Save the dates (above) ↑

Registration details to follow ...

Diocesan Office Update

As a diocesan office, our primary role is to support the work of our ministry areas. To increase that help and support, we are now able to offer a new Admin and Finance Assistant, Shelly Williams, who is here to work directly with ministry areas.



Shelly Williams

Email: shellywilliams@churchinwales.org.uk

Mobile: [07950644023](tel:07950644023)

Shelly will be working with Libby to provide support to clergy and volunteers across the diocese. This will look different in each ministry area, but could include training, and ongoing support, for MyFundAccounting, help with gift aid claims, updating websites, bulk ordering of items, general admin support etc. If there's anything you think we could be helping with please get in touch via our new email address, masupport.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

Shelly and Libby are also very happy to come to finance committee or MAC meetings in your ministry area to talk about the support we can offer, or we can host a meeting at the diocesan office. Please get in touch via the email address above to discuss this further.

The DBF has committed funding for three MA admin and finance roles, and we will be recruiting soon for the additional two posts.

A Who's Who of all Diocesan Office staff and their contact details are available on the website [here](#).



2024 Curate Announcement

Bishop Cherry is pleased to announce the appointment of two new curates. Both are preparing for their ordination to the diaconate at Newport Cathedral this coming June. Molly Nixon will be licensed to serve in the Cwmbran Ministry Area with the Revd. Wendy Tayler as her training incumbent and Ashley Davies will be licensed to serve in the Abergavenny Ministry Area with the Revd. Canon John Connell as his training incumbent.

Please pray for Molly and Ashley as they continue to grow in faith and hope and prepare for this significant step in their lives. Pray too for the Ministry Areas where they will serve.

Lord, as you called your disciples, confirm now your call to Molly and Ashley.
Open their ears to listen to your voice,
Open their eyes to discern your presence,
Open their hearts to receive your love.
As they prepare for their ordination,
help them put their trust in you
Now and in the weeks to come. Amen

Young People Are Focus of £3m Evangelism Project



Young people and families are the focus of a landmark £3m project being launched by churches in south-east Wales.

The Diocese of Monmouth has secured funding to create four new church communities over the next five years. Through social action and community engagement, these church plants will seek to bring the transforming love of Christ to their communities, aiming to bring the under 40s into a vibrant faith life.

The funding is from the Church in Wales' Evangelism Fund, set up six years ago for diocesan projects to help people engage with the Christian faith in new and exciting ways.

Announcing the project, the Bishop of Monmouth, Cherry Vann said, "I am immensely grateful to all who have worked so hard to get our Evangelism Bid across the line. The £3m grant will enable us to do some focused work in establishing new worshipping communities, drawing children and families into faith and discipleship.

This has the potential to provide us with a step change in our missional activity and bring new energy and hope to the life of our diocese."

The funding allows the Diocese of Monmouth to embody the diocesan vision (launched in 2022) which placed evangelism at the heart of its mission. Each church plant will be resourced with a leader, and children and families' pioneer, allowing them to develop organically and without placing burdens on existing clergy. The funding aims to grow these church plants into self-sustaining communities by the end of the five years.

The project is strategically crafted to engage and welcome the under 40s into the fold of a dynamic faith life. Through the establishment of communities in Chepstow and Tredegar, and two more locations in 2026, the project aims to foster a sense of belonging and family within the Church in Wales.

Geraint Davies, Chair of the Evangelism Fund Committee said, "This a well thought out project which will benefit the communities that it will serve. I look forward to continuing to support Bishop Cherry and her team as churches are planted in Tredegar and Chepstow."

Changes to Recycling and Waste Disposal Regulations - April 2024



The Church in Wales has been notified that the law regarding waste disposal is changing in April and will affect churches and church halls. Please click the links below for guidance note:

[RB Guidance - 6 April 2024](#) / [RB Guidance - 6 April 2024 Welsh](#)

It is very important to adhere to this new guidance as incorrect disposal could lead to fines. The managers and trustees of multi-use premises – such as many church buildings – should therefore ensure that all users are aware of the new regulations.

The guidance note will also be available on the Church in Wales website, on the Climate Change page <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/our-campaigns/environment/>

Training and Events

Hidden Gems: 8th - 16th June 2024



Monmouth Diocese is once again joining the Churches Unlocked Festival. This festival aims to open the doors of our churches and bring the community in. Participating churches will host special festival events which could include walks and talks, family fun, music, arts, workshops, Welsh language events, and more! As part of our commitment to Welcome - the diocese will be providing resources to churches actively participating in the festival.

This year, we have selected a theme - Hidden Gems. Does your church have a story to share? Is there a hidden piece of art or history to highlight? What would surprise visitors about your patron saint? Think about all the special elements in your church that you'd like to share.

If you're interested in participating, please join us for an informational evening on **Thursday 8th February from 6-7.30pm** at the Diocesan Office (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ). This session will include a workshop with Revd. Sally Ingle-Gillis, followed by a Q&A, and resource/grant details.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact zoeward@cinw.org.uk

Lent Talks and Reflections at Newport Cathedral



Lent Talks & Reflections at Newport Cathedral 2024

Monday 26th February - 7.30pm
'Urban Poetry' writing workshop
with Manon James

Thursday 29th February - 7.30pm
Praying the Anglican Rosary
with Will Ingle-Gillis

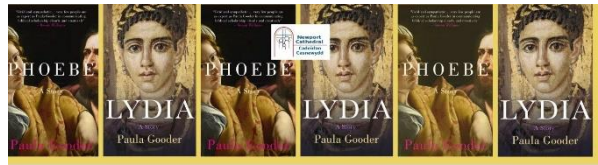
Thursday 7th March - 7.30pm
From Personal to Corporate Holiness in Methodism
with Gareth Powell.

Friday 8th March - 10.30am to 1.00 pm
Celebrate International Women's Day - Lydia and Phoebe
with Paula Gooder.
Followed by Eucharist with Bishop Cherry Vann

Thursday 14th March - 7.30pm
Nazareth, Newport and the Urban Spirituality of Richard Carter
with Andrew Lightbown and Elaine Hills

Thursday 21st March - 7.30pm
Letters from Nazareth and The City is my Monastery,
elected readings with Elaine Hills,
Anne Colledge and Fay Howe

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill, Newport, Gwent, NP20 4ED
01633 267464
www.newportcathedral.org.uk



International Womens Day

*'Her-story:
Hearing the voices of women in
the Bible through story telling.'*

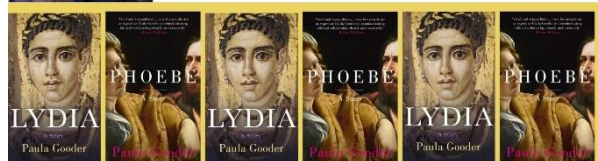
Paula Gooder

Theologian, Writer, and
Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill.
10.30 am.

followed by a Eucharist Service
at 12.30 pm. with Bishop Cherry Vann

enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk 01633267464



National LLM Support Day 2024

If you are interested in attending this online event, please ensure you register by **13th March** using the following link <https://bit.ly/3U20loA>

THE CHURCH IN WALES PROVINCIAL LLM DAY 2024

SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH
10:00 – 15:00, ONLINE

Come and join us for this event and meet other LLMs from right across Wales!

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate lay ministry in all of its richness and diversity and will include worship, study, and discussion. We will touch on the new MDR Scheme for LLMs, with a firm focus on enhancing our prayer lives and encouraging a culture of prayer in our churches.

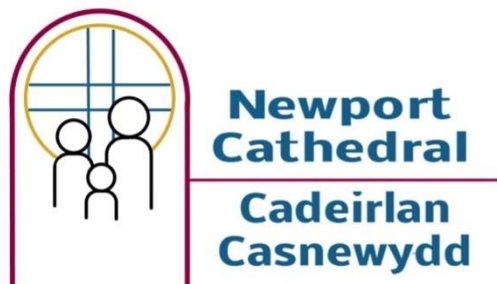
REGISTER BY THE 13TH MARCH:

<https://bit.ly/3U20loA>



To view this in Welsh please click [here](#).

Services



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

Vacancies

Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire MA



Mattress:Tangling:Drones

If you use 'What Three Words' and follow the link it will take you literally to the Heart of the Monmouthshire Ministry Area!
Fascinated? Would you like to know more?

Then please read on because we would love you to know more about our wonderful area and the people who make it so great.

We are looking for a new Vicar with a strong faith and a real heart for God who will be part of a wonderful team ministering in a beautiful part of Wales.

The team is relatively new and is seeking ways to best work and minister across the whole geography of the Ministry Area. We have a range of church traditions and styles of working and are ready to talk about using the skills and gifts of the whole team for the benefit of our mission and worship plans.

Are you interested in discipleship, and developing worship? Are you someone who is excited by good communication, by reaching those who are not familiar with church, and really have a heart for rural ministry? Alongside the person specification and other essential skills, answering yes to these questions would be a good fit for our team.

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 (07983 684151) or (archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Application form and full profile available at
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

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

Closing date for applications: Friday 9th February 2024
Interviews to take place on Thursday 15th February 2024

Children and Families Pioneer

Saints in Chepstow & Saints in Tredegar

Children and Families' PIONEER

SEEKING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Ignite Faith, Spark Joy!

Are you enthusiastic about sharing the joy of faith with the under 40s? Join Saints, a vibrant church plant, as our Children and Families' Pioneer. Be part of a Hub Church Leadership Team in either Chepstow or Tredegar, pioneering new initiatives, designing engaging activities, and nurturing young hearts. Your role involves building relationships, partnering with schools, and creating safe spaces for growth.

If you have a heart for children, a passion for ministry, and a desire to make a difference, check out the full job description on our website. Join us in creating a lasting impact on young lives.

For more information please click [here](#) or use the links below:

[Job Pack](#)
[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

emilymartins@cinw.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Friday 16th February 2024

Interviews to take place on Thursday 29th February 2024

Hub Church Plant Lead



SEEKING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Be the Architect of Belonging: Shape community, Kindle faith.

Are you passionate about creating faith communities where everyone belongs? Saints, our dynamic set of church plants, are seeking Hub Church Plant Leads for our Chepstow and Tredegar locations. Be part of a visionary team committed to breaking down barriers, reaching the under 40s, and fostering a family culture.

As a Hub Church Plant Lead, you'll evangelise, shape worship experiences, and build deep relationships. If you're excited about authentic discipleship, genuine community, and making a lasting impact, visit our website for the full job description. Be a catalyst for transformation – join our story!

We strive to be an inclusive diocese and welcome applications from any communicant member of the Anglican Church, a Church in communion with it, or a Member of CYTUN.

For more information please click [here](#) or use the links below:

[Job Pack](#)
[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

emilymartins@cinw.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Friday 16th February 2024

Interviews to take place on Thursday 29th February 2024

Senior Church Buildings Inspector



The Dioceses of Monmouth and Llandaff are looking to appoint a Senior Church Surveyor to lead a team which will include a Junior/Graduate Surveyor, a DAC Secretary and a Grants and Funding Officer.

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated professional to lead a team that will make a real difference to an exceptional group of historic buildings. Across both dioceses there are 380 church buildings. 46 of these are Grade I listed, 83 Grade II*, 114 Grade II and the remainder unlisted.

The successful Senior Building Surveyor's Role

The successful Senior Church Surveyor will be responsible for a broad range of tasks, with a particular emphasis on producing quinquennial condition surveys on church buildings.

A key aspect of the Senior Building Surveyor's responsibilities will be to support local volunteers to use these condition surveys to maintain, repair and develop their church buildings.

The successful Senior Building Surveyor will -

- Be a Chartered Building Surveyor, Architect, or similar with significant practical experience in the building industry and the historic environment.
- Have a proven ability to manage a team and support junior members to develop their skills.
- Have good communication skills with the ability to build strong working relationships with a wide range of colleagues – including clergy and church volunteers.
- A proven ability to deliver clear and concise reports and to explain sometimes difficult concepts in easy-to-understand language.

Salary - £50,595

Pension - 5% employer pension contribution

Annual Leave - 25 days annual leave (rising by one day per annum to a maximum of 30 days)

Deadline for applications – 23rd February 2024

Completed application should be sent to
- llandaff.recruitment@churchinwales.org.uk

Interview date – 5th March 2024

For more information or for an informal conversation, please contact: Isabel Thompson (Diocesan Secretary of Monmouth) on 07493 669511/01633 267490 or isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk