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Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Lent Appeal 2024 - soup kitchen



Last week, Bishop Cherry launched the Diocesan Lent Appeal which, this year, will raise funds for our link diocese in the Highveld, South Africa. Following a recent visit to the Highveld, Bishop Cherry has been joined by others from across the diocese, to share their experiences and highlight some of the projects which will benefit from the appeal. This week, Rev Bill Savage and his wife Lyn, share the sights, sounds and singing – during a volunteering session at a soup kitchen.



If you would like to donate to the Lent Appeal 2024, you are able to do so in the following ways:

- A cheque made payable to “Monmouth DBF” can be sent to the Diocesan Office at 64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ. Please ensure you write “Lent Appeal 2024” on the back of the cheque.
- By bank transfer, including the reference “Lent Appeal 2024” within the transaction.

Ministry Areas will already have the diocesan bank details, but if there are any queries, or any individuals would also like to donate this way, please contact the Diocesan Office on [\(01633\) 267490](tel:01633267490) who will provide the necessary details.

Don't forget! You can view the Lent edition of **Vision in Focus** on our webpage [here](#).

Safeguarding Sunday



Safeguarding Sunday this year takes place on **Sunday 17th November**. This is an opportunity to raise safeguarding awareness within our churches, demonstrating our commitment to being a Safe Church, fostering an environment where everyone can worship and participate in the life of the church in safety.

Join in as churches across the country come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people.

The Christian safeguarding charity, Thirtyone:eight, coordinates this campaign, and provides digital church resource packs that will give you everything you need to plan and run your service.

These are available when you register with them at <https://thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday/>

The Church in Wales is committed to provide a safe, happy, and supportive environment of mission and ministry in which all God's people can grow and develop in their Christian commitment.

Find out more about our policy and training: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/>



HOLDING THE FARMING COMMUNITY IN OUR PRAYERS



News of farmers demonstrating may sound like a group of militants just stamping their feet, but that really isn't the case. The average income on Welsh farms is around £15,000/yr - which means a number of those farms must be earning far less than that! Also, those incomes are likely to drop as the cost of production continues to increase. Few Welsh farms can now afford to employ staff, so farmers are regularly working a 60+ hour week, on their own and for little financial reward.

Agriculture is an industry constantly affected by the weather – great when it's warm and dry, but devastating when crops are flooded, or livestock drowned or buried in snow. "Bovine TB is continuing to put an immense financial and mental health strain on farmers in Wales, with the cost of the disease to each farm business averaging more than £25,000 in the past 12 months alone." (Farmers Weekly 17/08/23). Whilst most of the population have little trouble connecting to the internet and social media, farmers are often further isolated by poor or intermittent broadband and phone signals.

Now try and sense the feeling of farmers as they hear of Welsh Government proposals which they believe are unworkable. In the main, farmers have always been ecologically minded and keen conservationists, they fully understand working with nature. So, in principle the WAG's "Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) – Keeping Farmers Farming" might sound good. However, to be told that to gain any financial support from the scheme farmers will have to devote 10% of their land to trees, means that that 10% will no longer be part of their productive land or their income stream. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the National Food Reserve is already low, and it also suggests that the scheme may mean 5500 farm jobs losses – almost double the loss from the steel industry!

Approximately 85% of this wonderful country of Wales is rural, and it's kept beautiful by those who work the land, so please do pray that we 'Keep Farmers Farming'. Thank you.

Revd. Tim Clements, Diocesan Rural Life Advisor

Training and Events

Holy Week & Easter 2024



 **Newport Cathedral**
Cadeirlan Casnewydd

Holy week & Easter March 2024

Monday 25th, 7.30pm – Reflective Service
I am Peter, John and Judas

Tuesday 26th, 11.00am - Chrism Eucharist
7.30pm – Compline; Come and Sing and Address

Wednesday 27th, 7.30pm – Reflective Service
I am Simon of Cyrene, Mary and the Centurion

Maundy Thursday 28th, 7.30pm – Choral Eucharist
(with incense) and Watch until 10.00pm

Good Friday 29th, 10.30am - Ecumenical Walk of Witness
from Salvation Army, Hill Street
2.00pm – Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30th, 8.00pm – Easter Vigil & Choral Eucharist
(with incense)

Easter Sunday
8.00am – Holy Eucharist
10.30am – Easter Day Choral Eucharist (with incense)
4.00pm – Choral Evensong

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill 01633 267464
enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk

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:

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

Week of Guided Prayer



Finding it difficult to hear God's voice?
Wanting to know what God is saying to you?
Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start?
Would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent?
Why not learn a new way of using God's word?
Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the **Week of Guided Prayer Online 2024** is for you!

The Week of Guided Prayer Online is suitable for everybody. You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

Previous participants told us:

'During this short time I was able to consider the pathway of my spiritual journey and reflect upon the will of God for my life. Thank you!'

'My guide was/is a brilliant spiritual person. I was having a really bad week outside the week of Guided Prayer, but the love and support that my guide gave me is beyond words.'

'Thank you for your accompaniment and care this week - a valuable time of focus on my prayer life. See you next year!'

The Week of Guided Prayer Online starts with an introductory gathering on Zoom for all the participants and guides on **Sunday 17th March** at **7pm**. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The week ends with a closing session online on **Saturday 23rd March** at **6pm**.

Register your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/week-of-guided-prayer-online-2024-tickets-830330219037>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you would like to find out more please contact Revd. Lea Ryder -
LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk

Services



Join us for the Lent service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Vacancies

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

House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire MA



NORTH MONMOUTHSHIRE MINISTRY AREA

HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST

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/>

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 15th March 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after

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Or can be found below:
[North Mons MA HforD Bilingual Advert](#)
[HforD Role Profile](#)
[Application Form](#)

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