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Diocese of Monmouth



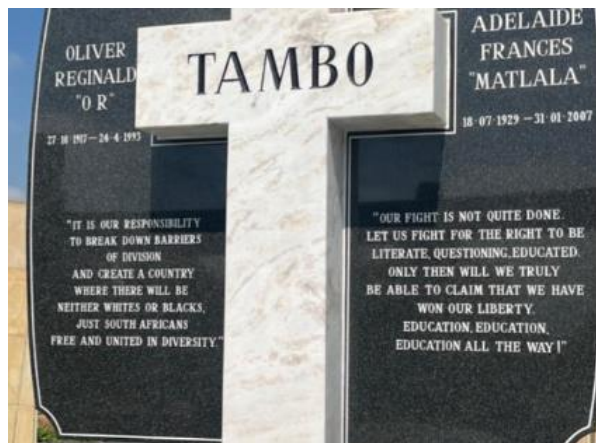
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News



Lent Appeal 2024 - Highveld Education

While we were in South Africa, back in November, visiting our link Diocese of The Highveld, we stopped off at Tamboville Cemetery, in Wattville, Benoni. We went to visit the grave of one of the architects of post-Apartheid South Africa, Oliver Tambo. Written on the black marble gravestone is his mantra 'Education, Education, Education'.



When looking to the future of that country, beset by troubles of violence, extreme inequality, and political disillusionment, he saw education as being key for forging new hope.



During our visit, we were privileged to see this in operation in two schools – one private and one state funded on the edge of a large township. In St Dunstan’s College, the private school, two sixth form students performed a short play about inequality, corruption and disillusionment. They were engaged, passionate for equality and fairness, and it felt like we were looking at two future leaders being shaped.

A short drive away, on the edge of Etwatwa, in the Magalelagase Primary School aspirations and dreams were similarly being fostered, but the resources were far scarcer with larger class sizes. In one class, one girl spoke of her aspirations and with the right support and encouragement I pray she makes it through.



We dropped off a bag of discretely packaged sanitary products so girls like her can access their education for a new future. Dignity matters, so the discretion was important, but behind it was the vital support that The Highveld Anglican Board of Social Responsibility (HABSR) gives to such children.

In the Cathedral we entered a storeroom where we saw packages that are sent to other schools – with basic toiletries, shoes, trousers and shirts, a pencil and exercise book for children who otherwise would struggle to have what they need to study.



Part of the funds raised by the Bishop's Lent Appeal will go to help provide much needed sanitary products, pencils, school shoes and other items of the uniform so children from deprived townships in schools like the Magalelagase Primary School can access education for a new future. Please give generously and help support this important work.

The Very Reverend Ian Black

How to Donate - Lent Appeal

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.

Lent Vision in Focus

The Lent Vision in Focus contains thoughts and ideas to use throughout the season, including a booklist for those who want to do some extra reading at this time.



You can view the Lent Vision in Focus on our webpage [here](#).

Faith in Our Future Culture Day - 2nd March



For the first time, clergy and key lay people from all 16 ministry areas and the cathedral gathered together for a special networking day to help shape the culture and ethos of our churches.



Introducing the event, Bishop Cherry, said it was ‘wonderful’ to see all the representatives gathered and that it was a ‘cause for celebration’.

She continued: “Thank you for being here. We value the views and ideas of each and every one of you... “Today, we’re inviting you all to contribute to the shaping of our diocese, to the culture and ethos that we want to develop and to what you want the churches of our diocese to look and to feel like.”

She explained that the Culture Guide “is not so much about what we’re doing as disciples and church communities, but about who we are, how we behave towards one another, and what people experience when they meet us.”

The group, which included clergy, lay co-chairs, ministry area wardens, treasurers, property leads, lay licensed ministers and ministry area safeguarding officers, was inspired by Mandy Bayton, Director for Evangelism for the Church in Wales, who gave two thought-provoking addresses, before the group was divided into smaller working groups to explore the Culture Guide more closely.



Each group was given one of the six values identified in the guide to discuss it in more practical detail for their roles, ministry areas and churches. The values are – love; generosity; joy; humility; courage and integrity.

There was a buzz of excitement around St Teilos High School as the discussions continued over Welsh cakes during the coffee break, before the day closed with uplifting worship – including a sermon from Mandy Bayton.



The Culture Guide builds on the diocesan vision, which was launched in 2022 - put simply, the vision is about doing and the culture guide is about being. The guide is available [here](#).

Chrism Mass 2024 - Last Chance to Book



Chrism Mass will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **26th March 2024**, at **11am** in Newport Cathedral. This is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament, together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord’s Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

We encourage all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew our vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church of God, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus’s self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of

us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

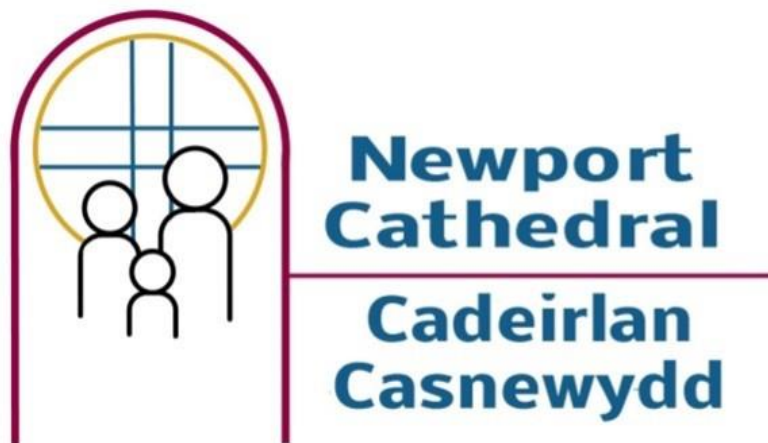
Please contact Bishop Cherry's EA, Vicki Stevens, at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk and confirm:

- **that you will be attending**
- **whether you will be robing (i.e. and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)**
- **whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so**
- **whether you have any dietary requirements.**

Please get in touch with this information by **Monday 11th March 2024** at the latest so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

Please can you also remember to bring receptacles for the oils to be poured in to as the Cathedral do not have any spare for those who forget!

Changes at the Cathedral



The RB's new Partnership Funding has enabled a review of roles at the Cathedral. One of these roles will be wholly focused on the Cathedral, and the new funding will enable the Cathedral to improve its support for the wider priorities of the diocese through an additional post.

Under these changes, Canon Andrew Lightbown will become Canon for Mission: Cathedral and City, focusing on the missionary and evangelistic life of the

Cathedral internally (40%) and looking beyond the walls to extend the mission of the Mother Church into the city (60%). It will build on the work Canon Andrew has been doing in the city and incorporate his role as Bishop's Officer for Ecumenical and Interfaith relations.

The Cathedral new role will be Canon for Worship (40%) and Congregational Life (60%). This combines the traditional roles of Canon Precentor and Pastor. This role is now being advertised and further details are in the link in the advert below.

Welcoming this development, Bishop Cherry said, 'This new money, made available to all the Cathedrals in Wales, provides us with an opportunity to raise the profile, presence and impact of the Cathedral in the life of the city and the diocese in a significant way. Andrew's work to date provides an excellent platform on which he and others can build to further the mission of the church and our service to the city.'

The Dean, Very Revd Ian Black, commented that, these changes "enable us to better serve both the needs of the congregational life and the wider mission of the Cathedral in the city and diocese. Canon Andrew is a natural networker. He has established fruitful relationships among people and groups not otherwise in touch with the Cathedral. This role enables us to develop our mission in the city of Newport in collaboration with the respective Ministry Areas.

The Canon for Worship and Congregational Life will enable us to develop the life of the congregations and improve how we welcome and serve the many people from the diocese and beyond who come to the Cathedral. The role of Precentor is one I have been fulfilling as Dean, and being released from it will enable me to be able to get round the diocese more."

Canon Andrew said, 'I am delighted to be offered this new and exciting opportunity which is in many ways a natural evolution of my existing role. I am grateful for all of the support that I have received since joining the cathedral and the diocese two years ago. I feel a deep sense of love for the City of Newport, the Cathedral and indeed the wider diocese and hope that this informs all that we do going forward.'

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

Suicide Awareness Training for Clergy

Further details will follow however we are highlighting this training now so you can put the date in your diaries. Two training sessions will be held in All Saints Church, Brynglas, Newport. Each sessions is limited to 20 people.

Suicide obviously has massive pastoral implications and the sessions will involve understanding statistics about suicide, the impact of suicide and risk factors for those who might experience thoughts of suicide. They will also assist people in being equipped with a 3 part suicide intervention conversation structure that would support someone in crisis.

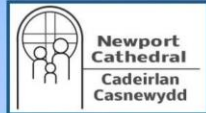
The sessions will be led by Susie Mapledoram who is an instructor with the National Centre for Suicide Prevention, Education and Training.

They will be held on **October 2nd** from **12.30pm to 4.30pm** and **October 3rd** from **9.00am to 1.00pm**.

Further details will follow with information on how to sign up for one of the sessions. in the meantime if you have any questions please contact Archdeacon Ian Rees (ianrees@cinw.org.uk)

Training and Events

Come and Sing - 26th March



Holy week & Easter
March 2024

COME AND SING

COMPLINE

AT NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

Tuesday of Holy Week, 26th March, 7.30pm

Address given by the Dean, the Very Rev'd Ian Black

All welcome to come and sing

Rehearsal 6-7pm

Tea/coffee 7pm

Service 7.30pm

**For more information / to register interest /
to request a copy of the music in advance,**

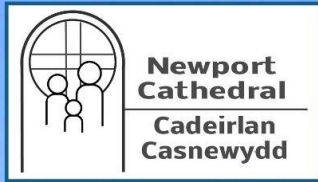
Please contact the Director of Music:

Emma Gibbins

emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill 01633 267464

Holy Week & Easter 2024



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

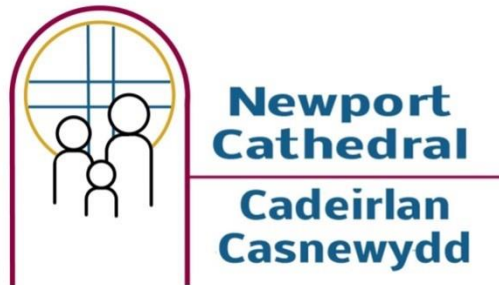
Good Friday 29th, 10.30am - Ecumenical Walk of Witness
from Salvation Army, Hill Street
2.00pm – Liturgy of the Cross

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

Services



Join us for the Lent 4 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Netherwent MA



NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA

MINISTRY AREA LEADER

We are looking for a new Ministry Area leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses.

We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

The person we would like for this role will have:

- A heart for community, for mission and evangelism and for nurturing disciples.
- A servant-heart, who is confident, possesses good relational skills and who is prepared to be 'hands-on' whilst not losing sight of the 'bigger picture'.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to forge, maintain and develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families.
- Vision to recognise the contribution and value of each individual church, whilst also seeking to foster a sense of unity and purpose across the Ministry Area as a whole.
- Experience as a good leader and communicator who recognises the importance of teamwork and collaborative ministry.
- A real desire for the excitement and challenge of ensuring an effective structure to help the ministry area to grow. This will be done in conjunction with an innovative and supportive Ministry Area team of clergy and lay people.

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: April 3rd 2024
Interviews to take place on April 29th 2024



For an informal conversation please contact Venerable Ian Rees on [07983 684151](tel:07983684151) or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

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

Or can be found below:

[Nethwerwent Ministry Area Leader Advert / Netherwent MAL Advert Welsh
Ministry Area Leader Role Profile
Application Form](#)

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

Closing date for applications:
April 3rd 2024

Interviews to take place on:
April 29th 2024

Team Vicar - Mynydd Bedwellte MA



MYNYDD BEDWELLTE MINISTRY AREA

Team Vicar

Mynydd Bedwellte in the heart of the Welsh Valleys is a vibrant and exciting group of churches. If you thrive 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 Rev Matt Davis
on 07800750259 or mattdavis@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: stellabailey@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 8th April 2024

Interviews to be held on Friday 19th April 2024



For an informal conversation please contact Rev Matt Davis
on **07800 750259** or mattdavisciw@gmail.com

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

or can be downloaded below

[Application form](#)

[Profile](#)

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

Closing date for applications: **Monday 8th April 2024**

Interviews to be held on Friday 19th April 2024

Canon for Worship and Congregational Life (Precentor-Pastor) - Newport Cathedral



Canon for Worship and Congregational Life (Precentor-Pastor)

The Bishop in consultation with the Dean wishes to appoint a full-time additional Canon Residentiary for Newport Cathedral with responsibility for worship and congregational life.

This is a new post following reorganisation of roles.

The role combines the traditional ones of precentor (40%) and pastor (60%). We are looking for:

- a creative liturgist with human warmth and an eye for detail,
- an open, relational, engaging person, who delights in pastoral work with all ages,
- a mission-minded priest, able to develop the life, faith and ministry of the congregation and broaden the demographic balance.
- a collaborative colleague for a small team of clergy and laity.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales, one of the largest conurbations in Wales, with excellent road and rail links.

Further details and application pack: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date for applications is **12 noon on Monday 8th April 2024**.

Interviews over **Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024** (both days).

For an informal conversation, please contact the Dean, The Very Revd Ian Black, ianblack@churchinwales.org.uk, to arrange a time to talk.

We are committed to equality of opportunity and welcome applications from everyone who feels they meet the requirements of the role. The appointment will be made on merit.



Further details and application pack: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies

Or they can be downloaded below:
[Application Pack / Application Pack Welsh](#)
[Application Form](#)

For an informal conversation, please contact the Dean, The Very Revd Ian Black,
ianblack@churchinwales.org.uk, to arrange a time to talk.

Closing date for applications is:
12 noon on Monday 8th April 2024.

Interviews to be held over Tuesday 30th April & Wednesday 1st May 2024 (both days).

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



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 15th March 2024

Interviews to take place soon after.