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Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Lent Appeal 2024

During Lent this year, you have read about the projects in the Highveld supported by the Highveld Anglican Board of Social Responsibility (HABSR). Some of these projects were visited during November 2023, however, it was impossible to see all of them during the six days spent there. Many other projects and social problems which come under HABSR's remit require funding.

In isolated areas like Mayflower and Standerton, members of the communities are trained as Home Based Carers. Mobile clinics are sent out once or twice a month by the authorities but the HBC's are needed to assist on a day to day basis, offering care for the sick and dying and collecting and delivering medication. Orphans and vulnerable children are also identified by the HBC's and are referred to HABSR, where Child Care Advocates will attend to the needs of these youngsters. In these areas, the population exceeds 100,000 but basic services like water, sanitation and waste removal are not provided.

Mayflower has one of the highest rates of unemployment, particularly amongst young people. During our visit we were invited into a tiny house furnished with only the most basic necessities, where eleven members of one family lived, none of whom are employed. We all found it heart-rending to see the conditions in which the mother, daughters and grandchildren (babes-in-arms) were living. It was the youngest daughter, a teenager, who spoke for the family members and has taken over the main responsibility for their care. This is just one of many, many families that HABSR helps to support.

One of the aspirations of HABS R is to find ways to train young people to become self-sufficient and not have to depend on charity; to create job opportunities, to eradicate poverty and enable them to sustain themselves.



Themba Khosa, the Programme Manager, is creating a group of businessmen, doctors and members of the police force, amongst others, to provide training schemes. During our visit, we met people who are already helping to achieve this in a small way. Father Garry and Don King both have backgrounds in farming and food production and are providing opportunities for young people to learn skills in these areas. They are also setting up Community Gardens to grow food that can be accessed by all, including the Early Childhood Centres and Safe Parks. HABS R also enables young people, who are unable to fund themselves, to access further education. The work of outreach is carried out by many parishes and supported by HABS R, when needed. Three times a week, the parish of All Souls, Benoni, linked with St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, feeds approximately sixty people, who gather at the gate of the church. They distribute food parcels from their Soup Kitchen to the needy in the community and to the homeless. Katlehong Primary School also benefits from their help and has received school bags and stationery items, when required.



The work carried out by HABS R goes far beyond providing Soup Kitchens, school uniforms and sanitary products.

They are also involved in providing training and counselling on Gender-Based Violence.

People living with albinism are marginalised and abused on a daily basis and HABSR is supporting them, as well as providing education to eradicate the stigma and violation associated with this condition. They provide dignity packs, food parcels and clothing, including caps and sunglasses to help protect them from the sun.

On behalf of HABSR, Themba and his colleagues are also involved with very sensitive cases, including child abuse and where families find difficulty in accessing government help. They work to get justice and aid for these families who are struggling.

The work carried out by the Highveld Board of Social Responsibility is vast and far-reaching. The challenges are enormous, due to the unbelievable number of people who need their help. We met present day saints, who deprive themselves to help others.



Nomsa, runs Little Angels Nursery, and on our visit in 2017 was also running a Soup Kitchen from her home. The ladies at the Soup Kitchen at Christ the King, Tembisa West, fund meals from their own meagre pockets, if no other funding is available.

We, as a companion diocese, can help HABSR to alleviate some of these problems and enable their essential work to continue by being generous in our support of Bishop Cherry's Lent Appeal.

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.

New Head of Education Appointed



We are delighted to share the news that Clare Werrett has been appointed as our new Head of Education.

Clare has been Headteacher at Aberdare Town CIW Primary School in Rhondda Cynon Taff for the past ten years. She began her teaching career over 30 years ago in St. David's CIW School, Colwinston and after 14 years moved to be Deputy Headteacher and subsequently Headteacher of St. Brides Major CIW Primary School. Clare only intended to work for six weeks at St. David's, as the position was temporary, and then continue to pursue a career in music. However, once there she 'fell in love' with the job and fortunately enough, they didn't let her go!

Family commitments eventually took her away from the Vale of Glamorgan, to the Cynon Valley and her current post. In recent years Clare has taken on several different roles, including that of cluster convenor for her area and also the role of leadership coach. She has enjoyed working with, and supporting other leaders in their journey as she is well experienced in both difficult and good times.

Originally from Port Talbot, Clare now lives in Aberdare with her husband Jonathan, a maintenance manager and daughter Ruby, who is in her first year at St. John Baptist High School.

Clare said, "I am delighted and feel so privileged to have been appointed to the position of Head of Education. I look forward to working with our schools across Llandaff and Monmouth and am excited to work within the Diocese and become part of their committed team."

Please hold Clare, her family, and Aberdare Town CinW Primary School in your prayers during this time of change.

New Church Community Hubs



You are likely to have already heard something about our diocesan evangelism project but, now that funding is secured, we want to share with you some details so that you have a better understanding of what is planned. This is an exciting project for the whole diocese, and we hope that you will all share in that excitement as we bring more people to faith and look to welcome new worshippers to the diocesan family.

Monmouth Diocese is planting four new church communities, aimed primarily at bringing under-40s to faith. The first two will be launched this year in Chepstow and Tredgar, with the remaining two following in 2026 (locations to be decided). The churches will be focused on sharing the gospel message with the community and creating a 'family' within the church for everyone to belong to – including lots of under 40s.

The landmark £3m project was announced at the start of the year and young people and families will be the focus. The funding comes 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.

Work on the project has already begun and we are looking for a great team to establish these new worshipping communities, drawing children and families into faith and discipleship.

We are currently advertising for Hub Church Plant Leads and Children and Families' Pioneer, details here [Jobs - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/jobs). If you know anyone who may be interested, please share! For more information, please contact Emilymartins@cinw.org.uk

Save The Date

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 18TH MAY
ST MARY'S PRIORY, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND

On Saturday May 18th, Bishop Cherry will be leading a service at St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny, celebrating the life of the diocese.

Tea and coffee will be available from 10am and the service will start at 11am.

This will be a celebration for all ages, including activities for children and youth. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to meet people from across the diocese.

On behalf of Bishop Cherry, we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to join us for this celebration. Abergavenny is a wonderful place for making a day of it as well, so please encourage groups to come and enjoy the day!

This service marks the end of our Diocesan 9 Days of Prayer and Mission. For more ideas on how to take part in that, take a look here - [Vision in Focus - 9 Days of Prayer and Mission.pdf](#). But remember, everyone is welcome at our celebration service in Abergavenny and we look forward to seeing you there.

Journey to Net Zero



Along with the rest of the Church in Wales, we are working to become Net Zero through a series of steps. This will involve the diocesan office, parsonages, churches and churchyards which form part of our wider culture as a diocese and province.

The next step of this journey is to identify the churches in the diocese who have the largest carbon footprint so that resources that can be prioritised where they can have the most impact. This will be done by completing the Church in Wales Energy Footprint Tool which is a simple online survey. We are mindful that we don't want to create extra work for any of our clergy or volunteers so we are completing as much of this form as we can on behalf of our churches.

Through discussions with Ministry Area Leaders, we have a list of the churches that we think have a high energy footprint, based on their size and how often they are used. We would like to start completing the Energy Footprint Tool for these churches. Although we can do the majority of the work, we might be contacting treasurers to ask for some information about energy bills. This will involve asking for a copy of your latest bill and some brief information around your tariff.

Although we are prioritising our largest churches for now, all our churches can complete the Energy Footprint Tool. You might be interested to discover the carbon footprint of your church!

If you have any questions or are interested in completing the Energy Footprint Tool yourself, please contact Libby on **07508 801511** or libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk

Eco Church - Important Message



Eco church are soon to change their process and matrix to gain an award. Therefore you are encouraged to register and submit your eco church application ASAP.

Don't miss the boat under the current matrix but be recognised for the amazing journey you have already taken in caring for Gods creation.

Currently, to gain a bronze award you are only required to complete the survey questions - there is no supporting paperwork necessary as long as the bronze level has been achieved across all five Eco Church categories.

Visit the following link for more information <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

Training and Events

Come and Sing - 26th March



Ecumenical Walk of Witness



Ignite - April Session Cancelled

Please note that unfortunately the next Ignite session on the **11th of April** has been cancelled.

Details of the next session on the 9th of July will be coming soon.

Behind Closed Doors: Changing the Story of Domestic Abuse



Clergy and interested people are invited to an event in Cardiff on **Friday 12th April**, jointly hosted by the Diocese of Llandaff, Restored, and Mothers Union, to explore the role the church can play in speaking up against domestic abuse and supporting survivors. This has been motivated by the stark statistic that one in four church-going women in England and Wales will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, but just two in seven feel their church is equipped to support them.

Guest speakers will include Revd Dr Helen Paynter from the Centre for the Study of the Bible and Violence, and the team from Welsh Women's Aid.

There will also be a panel discussion/Q&A on the role of the church alongside public and third sector organisations,

Lunch will be provided.

All attendees will also receive a free copy of the brand new Welsh Edition of Restored's A Guide for Churches to Address Domestic Abuse.

Further details and how to book can be found here: <https://www.restored-uk.org/wales-conference/>

Resources

Prayer for Easter 2024 From CYNNAL

A PRAYER FOR EASTER 2024

From Cynnal, the Counselling Service for Clergy, Ministers of Religion, Christian workers, and their Families.

Global Lord, and God of all goodness,
we kneel before you, asking for your guidance,
as we draw near to Easter, this year.
You are the fount of love and mercy,
and we sense the tragedies of the world anew.

We pray for all the governments of the world this Easter,
as we recall that politics played its part
between the Jewish officials and Pilat's need
to uphold the Roman Empire's task of maintaining peace
with an iron fist.

We witness specifically to the horrific wars in Ukraine and Gaza,
but know that there are citizens in many countries,
who tremble in fear, knowing that the tension of war exists within their nations.
God of shalom, give peace anew.

We remember Jesus, as one who heard the plea of the needy in the world,
the lonely and the frail, the lame and the homeless, the sick and the pitiful.
Within their company today,
we pray for those who are captive to substances,
and to destructive practices.
May they reach unto you and experience the power of your love,
and hope of the new life in Jesus.

We pray for the peoples of the world,
that don't know of the Easter miracle -
- the dawn of the Jesus' resurrection
- the mercy of his touch
- the new life of his blessing
Convincing Spirit, hear our prayer for the mission of the Church.

Lord, be merciful unto us as individuals -
help us to deepen our faith and the earnestness of our testament to you.
Amen.



For more information contact: wynfordellisowen@adferiad.org | Mobile: 07796464045
www.adferiad.org/services/cynnal

GWEDDI AR GYFER Y PASG 2024

Oddi wrth Cynnal, y Gwasanaeth Cwnsela ar gyfer Clerigion, Gweinidogion yr Efyngyl, Gweithwyr Cristnogol, a'u Teuluoedd.

Arglwydd yr holl fyd a Duw pob daron,
pligem ger dy fron gan ymisi am arweiniad
wrth i'n gwisgoi at y Pasg aen.
Ti yw ffynhonnell cariad a thrugaredd,
ac yr ydym yn ymwybodol o drasiedd y ddynoliaeth.

Gweddïwm dros lywodraethau'r byd y Pasg hwn,
wrth i'n gofio bod ystyriaethau gwleidyddol wedi chwareu eu rhan
yn ymgweithrebu a'u swyddogion llosging ac anghen Pilat.
a'r Ymerodraeth Rufainig i gadw trefn â dvern haearn.

Yn ydym yn ddiplon i'r rhyfeloedd erchyll yn yr Wcrain a Gaza yn benodol,
ond gwydïwm bod dinasyddion sawl gwlad
yn crymu mewn ofn oherwydd fod tensiynau rhyfel yn eu plith.
Dduw Shalom, anwini ni eto tuag at heddwch.

Coffiw am Iesu fel un a welodd gri yr anghenus yn y byd,
yr unig ar fleg y cloff ar dgarrell, y cwlion ar rhuens.
Heddw, gweddïwm hefyd dros y sawl sy'n gaeth i lyweddau
ac arferion dinistriol o bob math.
Boed iddynt estyn ataf a phrofi onym dy gariad
a'r gobathu o fywyd newydd tydd yn Iesu.

Gweddïwm dros bobloedd y byd,
y rha nad ydynt yn gwybod am wrth y Pasg -
am sawl Iesu'r atgyfodiad
am drugaredd ei gyffwrddiad

a'r fywyd newydd ddaw o dderbyn ei farwedd.
Ti, Ysbodr i'r negrïoedd, chyw ein gweddï dros genhadaeth yr Eglwys.
Arglwydd, trugarha wrthym fel unigolion,
cynorthwya ni i ddyfnhau ein ffrwd a bod yn fwy teer yn ein tystiolaeth drosot.
Amen.

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www.adferiad.org/services/cynnal

A prayer for Easter
from CYNNAL, the
counselling service
available throughout
Wales for clergy,
ministers of religion,
Christian workers,
and their families.

CYNNAL deals with all manner of problems and takes a holistic approach that addresses the interaction of mind, body, and soul. The service recognises the spiritual dimension of life and if appropriate, offers signposting for further spiritual guidance.

Vision in Focus

Prayer and Mission is at the heart of this edition as we are encouraged to join Christians from across the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. From ideas for prayer to plans for outreach work, we have loads of resources, ideas and support to help you flourish.



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

Hope Together UK: ALIVE



ALIVE is a series of beautifully produced short films which tell the stories of some of the people who encountered Jesus after His resurrection and addresses key human needs, showing how Jesus' resurrection still meets those needs for us today.

The series includes:

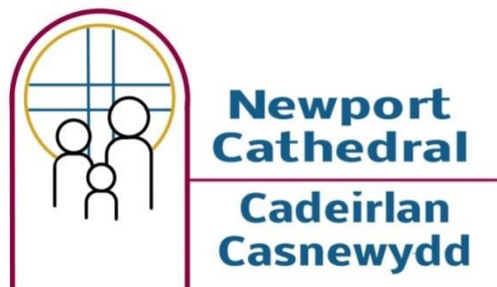
- Discussion material for small groups,
- Resources for children and young people,
- The Alive book that digs deeper, helping people know Jesus for themselves.

The full series will be available SOON!



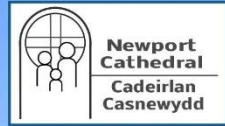
[Click here for more information about ALIVE](#)

Services



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

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

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



Personal Assistant / Ministry Area Administrator - Mountain and Marsh MA



Job Title:

Personal Assistant and Ministry Area Administrator

To support the Ministry Area Leader in prioritising and managing their time effectively. To support the Ministry Area with its administrative duties, ensuring compliance with statutory and Church in Wales requirements.

24-month fixed term contract
Part-time, 15 hours per week

Salary:

£9,360 per annum

Responsible to:

Ministry Area Leader

Location:

St Mary's Church, Marshfield

Main Working Contacts

Ministry Area Leader, Lay-Co Chair,
Ministry Area Wardens, Ministry Area Secretary,
Ministry Area Treasurer.

Please visit the following link for more information [Mountain and Marsh Personal Assistant /Administrator Profile](#)

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@churcinwales.org.uk

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

Applications should be submitted by email to: stellabailey@churcinwales.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@churcheinwales.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.



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 focussed** - 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 mardvicarage@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: **Monday 15th April 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after

