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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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## News

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## Longyfarchiadau!

Many congratulations to the Revd Janet Bone who has recently been awarded an MA with distinction from Cardiff University. Janet has exercised a ministry in and around Monmouth since 2005 and now has PTO in the diocese. She is also a spiritual director and supervisor. The title of her dissertation is *'How is an understanding of story significant for theology?'*. Well done Janet, this is a tremendous achievement!

## Diolch yn fawr!

Many thanks to the Revd Canon Jeremy Harris and the Revd Jane Butler, who are stepping back from ministries they have held for quite a number of years.

Jeremy has been an excellent NLM Officer, looking after the training of our curates from the point of ordination until their post of first responsibility. This role is being taken on by the Revd Sally Ingle-Gillis. Jeremy will continue as Ministry Area Leader for Netherwent and a member of the Provincial Discernment Panel.

Jane has been immensely valuable as Bishop's Advisor in Prayer and Spirituality, organising and co-ordinating events including the week of guided prayer in the week leading up to Holy Week. This role is being taken on by the Revd Lea Ryder and Wendy Matthews. Jane will continue to co-ordinate the work of spiritual directors and teach on the spiritual directors course.

Thanks to both of them for their work in these areas and our prayers for their continuing ministries. Please pray too for Sally, Lea and Wendy as they take up their new roles.

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## Year 6 Leavers' Service

More than 500 pupils from across our diocese attended a special Leavers service at Newport Cathedral to mark their transition to secondary school.

The yr6 pupils played their part by leading prayers, reading reflections and even composing a song to celebrate what it has meant to be part of a faith school.

Held over two days, the services were led by the Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, who reminded the pupils that God's love is with them all the time, wherever they are and spoke about 'Faith in our Future'.



She said that she was impressed with the values displayed by the pupils during her visits to many of the schools and said that these values would stand them in good stead for the future.

She said: *“You can have faith in your future, we can have faith in our future, because we know that God is always going to be with us – He is with us at all times, in all places and He loves us, cares for us whatever is going on in our lives. God helps us and strengthens us and guides us through life.”*

Every pupil was given a bookmark to remind them to have Faith in their Future!



## Energy Bill Support

We are aware that many churches have received energy bills that have increased dramatically over the past few months. Some of these have been exceptionally higher, further increasing the pressure on ministry area budgets.

The DBF set aside a support fund for ministry areas in this situation to offer financial assistance towards some of the increases incurred.

You may be eligible for this support, if you have:

- a winter energy bill that has increased significantly in comparison to the previous year and,
- the energy bills have made a significant impact to your finances, including reserves, resulting in the ministry area being unable to meet other costs.

If you need this support, we ask that ministry areas get in touch by email, detailing the situation and include the following information -

- Copies of the relevant bills
- Details of previous bills to demonstrate a significant rise,
- Details of how it has impacted the MA finances
- Any other relevant supporting information

Please contact Libby Morgan-Owen by Monday 4th September on:

[libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Vision in Focus - Caring for Creation

This edition looks at caring for God's creation and how we can all make small changes to become better stewards. We also take a look at the amazing work being done by Osbaston CinW Primary School, which has recently become the first school in Wales to achieve deforestation-free status!

To find out more, please visit the Diocesan Website [here](#).

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## Help Needed



## Request for Church Items

Please see the message below from St Helen's Church, Llanellen requesting help following their recent fire:

*"Unfortunately, following the fire in St. Helen's Church, we are missing some articles which due to their age are difficult to replace. If you have any general church items which are surplus to your requirements, I would appreciate your help. I can assure you we will give them a good home."*

If you can help, please contact the administrator of St Helen's Church, Bonnie Russell, on 01873 852507 or [bonniemaryrussell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bonniemaryrussell@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Training & Events

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## Recharge: A Heart for Worship

Sunday 16th September, St Mary's Priory Church,  
Monmouth

9.30am - 8.30pm

Come and join St Mary's Monmouth for an exciting and interactive day of learning and experiencing musical worship through the traditions - and how we can develop different styles and types of worship and praise today.

Whether you attend a church, or are interested in finding out more about God and the work of the church; whether you play an instrument or have a skill that you want to grow, or to make use of in supporting your community... there is something for everyone.

Why don't you come and join in for the day, or dip into the workshops that interest you. **There is no charge for entry.** Opening Worship is at 9.30am and their live worship event, *Recharge Worship: A Heart for Worship*, is at 6pm.

The team running this event are keen to meet you, to learn and to share together. Let them know if you're coming by booking in on their Eventbrite page [here](#).

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## A Concert of English Ayres and Songes Sunday 6th August, 6pm at Newport Cathedral

With Morgan Pritchard (voice) and Emma Gibbins (piano).

**Free admission**, with a retiring collection in aid of Coram.

Coram is the UK's children's charity that has been supporting vulnerable children for 279 years and is still finding new ways to help children. They currently support around 1.4 million children and young people every year.

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## Services

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

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG



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*August 12*  
Dydd Sadwrn  
*/ Saturday*

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Glyn Ebwy /  
*Ebbw Vale*

Cymanfa  
Ganu

Medi 9  
*September 9*  
Dydd Sadwrn  
*/ Saturday*

9.30  
*am / y.b.*

St Thomas  
Trefynwy /  
*Monmouth*

Ewcharist  
*Eucharist*

Hydref 11  
*October 11*  
Dydd Mercher  
*/ Wednesday*

6.30  
*pm / y.h.*

Cadeirlan  
Casnewydd  
*Newport*  
*Cathedral*

Gosber  
*Evensong*

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)  
For further information contact Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)

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## Vacancies

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### House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire

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.**

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or [mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk)

**We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome applications from all suitably qualified clerics.**

Application form and full profile available at  
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-north-monmouthshire-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:  
[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Monday 17th July 2023**

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## **House for Duty Priest - St Illtyd**

**Is God calling you** to South Wales and the welcoming communities of the Valleys?

Are you **collaborative in nature**, able to recognise the many talents and gifts of laity?

Are you **community minded**, able to engage with people of all ages, inside and outside the church, and be a visible part of the local community?

Are you **caring** with a strong pastoral heart and passion for encouraging the congregations in discipleship, and building a strong unity in Christ?

Are you **forward and outward looking** with a creative approach to ministry and outreach?

*Based in the upper Eastern Valley you will be part of a supportive Ministry Team.*

**We hope for a Priest who will:**

- Respect our sacramental tradition but broaden our horizons.
- Communicate the Gospel in an inclusive and engaging way.

- Relish working as part of a team.
- Enjoy supporting and developing small churches.
- Laugh at themselves and with others.

**We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome applications from all suitably qualified clerics.**

For an informal conversation please contact Fr Dominic McClean, Ministry Area Leader on (01495) 304919 or [frdominic86@gmail.com](mailto:frdominic86@gmail.com)

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-st-illtyd-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: [archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Sunday 23rd July 2023**

Interviews to take place on:  
**Thursday 3rd August 2023**

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## **Deaf Community Mission Outreach Worker**

**Working with the Deaf / Hard of hearing / Deaf-blind communities in South-East Wales**

This is a position offered in partnership between the Dioceses of Monmouth and Llandaff, and the South-East Wales Deaf Church Association.

We seek a native BSL user (or competent to CACDP level 3 or equivalent) aware of the life challenges inherent in being part of the Deaf/hard of hearing/Deaf-blind community. The key focus of the role is to develop new enterprises with the Deaf, cultivating partnerships with churches and secular bodies, including Deaf organisations. The role will also include working with churches to raise awareness of the Deaf Community and provide training, advice and support as necessary, and pro-active use of social media for contact with and support of the Deaf Community.

Initially this is a 3-year post, for either lay or ordained. The worker will be based primarily at home, but a hot-desk is also available in Newport or Cardiff.

For an informal conversation, please contact Revd Mary Moore on

[marymoore@cinw.org.uk](mailto:marymoore@cinw.org.uk) or 07543 512147.



The application form and full profile are available at  
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/deaf-community-mission-outreach-worker/>

Applications should be submitted by email to the Diocesan Secretary Isabel Thompson - [isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Monday 24th July 2023, 8am**

Interviews to take place on:  
**Wednesday 26th July, in Cardiff**

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