

Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.

News



Highveld Trip

Monmouth Diocese has recently celebrated its 20th anniversary link with the Highveld in South Africa. The connection was further strengthened during our recent Diocesan Conference when a motion to continue the link for another five years was supported.

Speaking at conference, Bishop Cherry, said: *“The link is much, much more than simply sending money for good projects. We are not interested in perpetuating a rather colonial and patronising attitude towards a poorer church in the developing world. As the motion suggests, the purpose of the link was, and still is, to partner together in the work of living and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. In so doing, we aim to support and strengthen the work of the church across two very different continents and in very different cultures; learning from one another, growing together in friendship and love, and deepening our faith in the one God who calls us all.”*



There have been several trips to the Highveld during the last 20 years, and Bishop Cherry is currently in South Africa making her first trip.

Joined by others from across the diocese, including lay and ordained, the group is midway through the trip and despite an incredibly busy schedule, the rewards are already evident.



Speaking from South Africa, Bishop Cherry said: *“It’s proving to be an extraordinary visit. Many of us have been moved to tears by some of things we’ve seen and heard. We are looking forward to sharing our experience with churches across the diocese and redoubling our efforts to support and strengthen our link, both practically and through prayer.”*

We have been receiving regular updates from the group, so please visit the [Diocesan Website](#) for more photos and videos.





Archbishop Welcomes Supreme Court Judgement

The Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, welcomes the Supreme Court's judgement today (Nov 15th) on the Government's Rwanda asylum plan.

He commented, *“They have determined that the government's plan to deport migrants to Rwanda is unlawful. I have argued previously that this policy was also immoral and indefensible and hope the government will now accept the judgement of the court.”*



Announcement

Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce that Gaynor Burrett will be taking up a role as a house for duty vicar in the Netherwent Ministry Area with a special responsibility for pastoral work.

Archdeacon Ian Rees said, *'This is a really exciting role for the ministry area and the diocese with Gaynor exercising a specialist ministry focusing on pastoral work. Gaynor has over many years exercised a wonderful pastoral ministry in North Monmouthshire and prior to that, in ministry within the Church of England.'*

Ministry Area Leader Revd Canon Jeremy Harris also commented, saying, *'We are very much looking forward to welcoming Gaynor to the Netherwent Ministry Area; her obvious gifts in pastoral care will be very welcome to supplement those of our existing clergy team and growing band of lay pastoral visitors. Gaynor is very much in our prayers as we look forward to her licensing in February and her new ministry.'*

Gaynor will come to Netherwent in late January/early February, having previously been a Vicar in the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area. The licensing will take place on February 4th in Magor at 4pm



International Anglican Women's Network

The International Anglican Women's Network is currently recruiting members for its steering committee. IAWN describe themselves as a bold and prophetic voice for all women throughout the Anglican Communion working to uphold the God-given dignity of women and girls, to eradicate gender-based inequality and violence, and to promote just relationships among all people.

Women are asked to apply by November 30th, sending applications to iawn@anglicancommunion.org

You can find more information in the following documents:

[IAWN Priorities and Activities](#)

[IAWN Steering Group - Purpose and Member Role Description](#)

[IAWN Election Letter](#)

[IAWN Steering Group Member Application Form](#)



Vision in Focus - Discipleship

This edition looks at discipleship and why the good news of Jesus is too good to keep to ourselves!

With helpful resources and practical advice, we can all feel more confident in sharing our stories of faith.

Click to read and hear more [Vision in Focus - Discipleship Nov 23](#)



Diocesan Learning Community

From a helpline for struggling farmers in rural areas to hangouts for students in cities – inspiring stories from churches across Wales were shared at the first meeting of the Diocesan Learning Community.

The event, spread over 24 hours, brought bishops, church leaders, officers from every diocese and provincial advisers together - 56 people in total - in a forum to share their experiences and to learn from and be inspired by each other.

Called **Telling a Hopeful Story**, the programme was made up of five sessions and included presentations on different aspects of ministry where innovative or creative work was taking place. Time was also set aside for worship and prayer and conversations over meals.



The five sessions focused on: the Role of the Bishops; Cathedrals; Rural Ministry; Urban Ministry; Church Plant and Pioneer. Each session was followed by group discussions on the themes raised.

To read more about the five sessions, please visit the CinW website here: [Diocesan Learning Community](#)

Training and Events

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DECEMBER

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Lead by Bishop Cherry



Join us for an Advent
Quiet Day of prayer
and reflection led by
Bishop Cherry.
Fish and Chip lunch is
available at a cost of
£8.50.



10am - 4pm
St Michael's Church,
Llanvihangel Crucorney

Book your place by emailing
maryheading.nmma@outlook.com



Advent Quiet Day

North Monmouthshire Ministry Area are hosting a quiet day on **Saturday 2nd December**, from 10am - 4pm, at St Michael's Church (Llanvihangel Crucorney). The day will be led by Bishop Cherry and a fish and chip lunch will be available to purchase.

To book your place, please email maryheading.nmma@outlook.com



Training on Safer Recruitment and DBS Checking

The Representative Body have been working with the Disclosure and Barring Service to develop some bespoke training around safer recruitment and DBS checking.

If you have an interest in safer recruitment or DBS checking for your church, group or project, you are invited to attend an online training session, delivered by Carol Eland, regional DBS contact.

The sessions are particularly useful if you are a My Church People user, a Safeguarding Officer, administrator or volunteer manager.

The session lasts 90 minutes with time for questions at the end.

The dates are:

- 21st November, 11am
- 24th January, 1pm
- 12th March, 6pm

To book a place, please email mychurchpeople@cinw.org.uk

Resources



Advent Liturgy Resources Available

We are developing space on our website to hold liturgies for special events and festivals. We have started with Advent - so please find prayers, hymns and readings for Advent Morning Prayer, Advent Morning Worship and All-Age Advent Worship [here](#)

More to follow soon.



Energy Bill Support Second Round: Closing Friday 17th November

We are aware that many churches have received energy bills that have increased dramatically over the past few months. Some of these have been considerably 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 and the first round of these funds were awarded in September.

We are now reopening the fund for a second round of applications. We are hoping this will assist ministry areas where fixed term contracts have recently ended, resulting in price rises.

You may be eligible for this support if –

- you have had an energy bill that has increased significantly in comparison to the previous year,
- energy bills have made a significant impact to your finances, including reserves, resulting in the ministry area being unable to meet other costs,
- you have not received grants towards energy bills from any other sources (e.g. LA 'Warm Hub' grants).

If you require 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 note –

Applications can only be submitted by a ministry area, not individual churches.

Ministry area applications should include all churches which have had an increase in bills and wish to apply for support.

Ministry areas that were awarded a grant in the first round of applications cannot apply again for funding for the same churches, unless there have been further significant rises or changes in circumstance, but are welcome to apply for other churches in the area.

Please contact Libby Morgan-Owen by Friday 17th November on:

libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk or 07508 801511



Top Tips for Diversifying Your Income

To successfully fundraise for your church, it's important to look at different approaches to income generation beyond the collection plate.

Ecclesiastical have hosted a webinar, in which you can learn:

- How partnering with other churches, charities, community groups can boost supporter audiences, economise on resource and amplify impact.

- Get creative examples of how to use church assets more commercially through event/space hire, food and beverage, etc, and what churches need to consider before embarking on commercial projects.
- How to think bigger than congregational collections, etc, so actually building major gifts strategies around specific campaigns and ongoing revenue needs, and what the ingredients for this look like.

If you would like to watch the webinar, please follow this link: [Diversifying Income](#)



Warm Welcomes Campaign

The Warm Welcome campaign was developed by [ChurchWorks Commission](#) – which brings together senior leaders from various denominations in the UK to explore the Church's role in national Covid recovery. They are encouraging churches and local communities to provide spaces that offer warmth and company for people in need. With over 7,000 Warm Welcome Spaces now registered across the UK we know many of you will be taking part.

Your church may be providing a Warm Welcome merely by advertising your existing church services as a warm space or extending your service to leave the building open to visitors. Alternatively, you may be opening in the afternoons or evenings and providing:

- office space including Wi-Fi
- food and tea/coffee
- activities for children
- counselling/signposting services to manage finances/heating bills
- cooking courses.

Whatever you have decided to do, you can find some simple guidance to keep everyone warm and safe this winter on this website: [Church Warm Spaces](#)

Services



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

Vacancies

Vicar - Mountain and Marsh Ministry Area

We are looking for a collaborative and supportive priest with a genuine passion for discipleship to join us in a newly formed Ministry Area serving a group of communities in South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- is a skilled communicator and an effective preacher
- knows what it takes to grow churches both numerically and spiritually, and has a track record of doing so
- has the flexibility to appreciate and develop worship in different traditions
- has exceptional gifts in listening and discernment, good attention to detail as well as the ability to see the bigger picture
- understands how to manage change
- has ability to meet people 'where they are'
- has a lively faith, rooted in personal prayer, with the desire and ability to share God's love with people from all walks of life

If you think this could be you then we would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact the Revd Ross Maidment, Ministry Area Leader, on 01633 633990 or rossmaidment@cinw.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Newport:
jonathanwilliams@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Monday 27th November 2023

Interviews to take place on Friday 15th December 2023

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

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.

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For an informal conversation please contact Fr Dominic McClean, Ministry Area Leader on (01495) 304919 or 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-september/>

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

Closing date for applications:
Monday 27th November 2023

Interviews TBC

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.

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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/news-and-events/house-for-duty-priest-north-monmouthshire-ma/>

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

Closing date for applications:
Monday 27th November 2023

Interviews to take place soon after.

Ministry Area Leader - Severn Wye

We are looking for a new Ministry Area Leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God, who will take the ministry area through the development stage and into a period of mission and growth.

The person we would like for this role will:

- Have the vision to lead and develop a committed and enthusiastic lay and clergy team in a beautiful part of Wales, have a calling to grow the church community, and give it a strong sense of unity
- Inspire the ministry area community in worship, and be able to communicate scripture in a way that relates well to existing church members and encourages potential future church members
- Enthuse the ministry area with energy and inspire people with vision, finding novel and effective ways of bringing more people to Christ
- Be caring and relate to people of all generations, helping people of all ages to explore, develop and use their gifts
- Have the desire to work with younger people, engaging enthusiastically with the ministry to schools and, hopefully, with the new Church Hub
- Communicate and develop a creative and missional vision for our buildings

We need a Ministry Area Leader 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.

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 07983684151 or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at:

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/ministry-area-leader-severn-wye-ministry-area/>

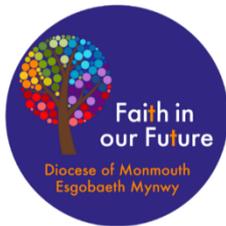
Applications should be submitted by email to:
archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Monday 11th December 2023

Interviews TBC

For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click **here**.

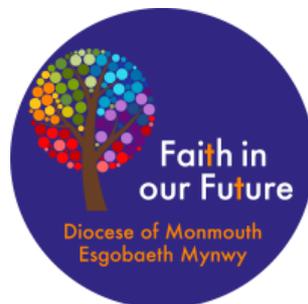
You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates **[here](#)**.



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