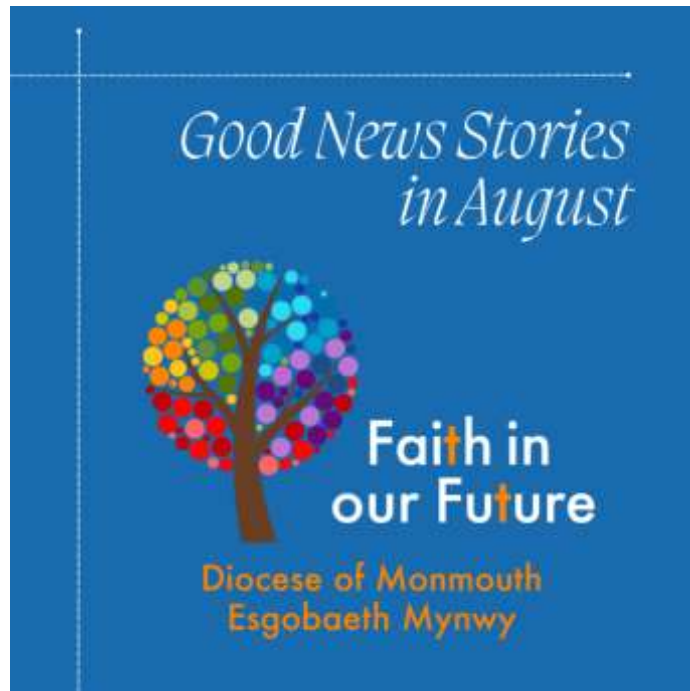


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Diocese of Monmouth



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

Midweek Mailing in August

As diocesan events and news slows down for the summer, we would love to use the Midweek Mailing in August as an opportunity to share Good News stories.

If your ministry area has anything to share that will encourage and uplift others, please get in touch with the Diocesan Office. You can send your articles (with photos where possible) to admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk



Pop Up Communion

A few months ago Newport Northwest Ministry Area had an amazing time as they entered 9 days of mission between Ascension and Pentecost. One of the activities during this time was '*Pop Up Communions*', where they took communion out into their communities.

They loved it so much that they decided to do it again!

On Wednesday last week, Church services were cancelled and about 30 people gathered at Ridgeway, Newport, not far from the café. The sun shone

on everyone as they sang and worshipped in a place that seemed so natural and so very right to gather and proclaim Gods goodness.

As Revd Liz Houghton said, *“The location was perfect to witness to our faith. We had multiple conversations with people as they passed by, particularly the dogwalkers who loved the fuss we made over their 4-legged family members.”*

They finished the morning off with enjoying time together, and more conversations with passers-by, as they enjoyed refreshments from the local café.

They’re already looking to put a date in the diary for the next one!



An Eco Toilet for a Rural Church

St Brides is a tiny rural parish in the northern part of the Netherwent Ministry Area. The church is lovely, listed, and located in the middle of a meadow which is accessed over a stone bridge and across a stream. The meadow is itself a scheduled ancient monument, because it is the site of a substantial deserted medieval village. St Brigid's church is the only community building in the parish.

The parishioners have always tried to make the most of what they have, which is a lovely flat meadow in a beautiful rural valley, fantastic for concerts, outdoor services, and fun events of all sorts. And because the church is atmospheric and serene, it is perfect for services such as weddings and funerals. There is always a large attendance for the landmark services of the rural year such as Harvest, and a healthy attendance at the regular Sunday services. But the church has no water, no drainage and of course therefore no loo, meaning that it has either been necessary to hire one, or friendly and supportive neighbours across the lane have helped, by allowing the use of their facilities.

To offer even more for the community and the ministry area, the loo problem needed to be solved! So investigations started into the options.

Because of the constraints and challenges of the site, it had to be a dry composting model. Another objective was to make sure that it would be a something that would not be unpleasant to use and because the maintenance of the loo will fall to volunteers, to find system that needed as little maintenance as possible. Lots of research ensued and eventually a dry composting eco-toilet was identified, a *Kazuba KL2 model*, which is fully wheelchair accessible.



This is a really clever system that uses the effect of the sun and wind to drive significant evaporation, meaning that very little remains once the work of the wind and sun has been done. The system also makes use of the breeze being drawn down through the bowl of the loo, which means there is no smell and the cabin is made from aromatic cedar wood.

There is no soakaway, no sawdust or similar is required and no real maintenance. The baskets are changed over every year or so and one is emptied every couple of years, by which time the contents will be fully desiccated and completely inert.



Big Breakfast

The Big Saturday Breakfast first took place at the Memorial Hall in Usk in September 2017 as an initiative of what was then the Raglan and Usk Deanery. Bob Greenland, who was then an ordinand, came up with the idea and so he applied for a grant from the Mission Fund at the time. They were awarded almost two thousand pounds which enabled the purchase of equipment and food.

It was suggested they attempt to source all the produce from within Monmouthshire and so proceeded to investigate local producers and suppliers.



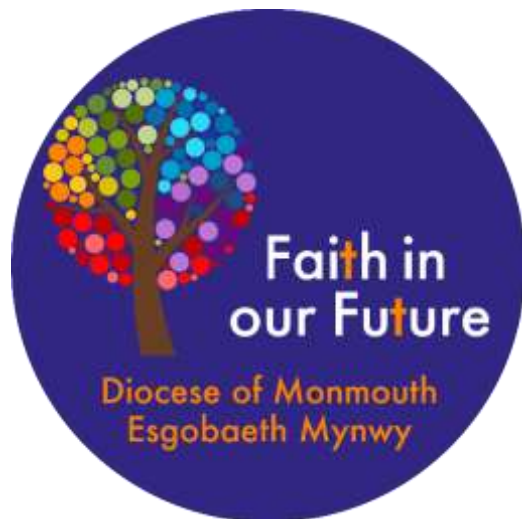
The group organising The Big Breakfast agreed there would be no charge for it, but a donation box was available for anyone who wished to contribute. The donations have always exceeded the cost of the food and they are so grateful that the hall committee regard this as a community event and so waive all the

charges. They have even been able to give back to the Bishop's Mission Fund one thousand pounds!



These breakfasts were run three or four times a year, serving local apple juice, a full cooked breakfast, cereals, bircher muesli, toast and preserves and as much tea and coffee as anyone wished to drink! An amazing group of volunteers came forward to set up the tables, cook, serve, clear tables and wash up and the clergy welcomed folk and were a presence to circulate and chat and make sure no-one felt alone. Numbers varied between 100 and 175! But then came covid and lock down.

It was decided at a Ministry Area Council meeting to restart the Big Breakfast last Saturday and a great time was enjoyed by all, guests and helpers! It seemed a fitting tribute to Bob who died last August.



Vision in Focus

This edition looks at wellbeing - which is weaved through all five branches of our diocesan vision.

- Bishop Cherry reminds us how important it is to look after ourselves and others
- Archdeacon Ian Rees helps us do this by introducing us to Kintsugi Hope
- Fr David Matthews talks about how healing, wholeness and reconciliation can also aid our wellbeing
- Head of Education Beccie Morteo shares her insights (and some useful tips) on how we, as churches and communities, help to support children and young people

Click here to read and hear more [Vision in focus - wellbeing](#)

Services



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

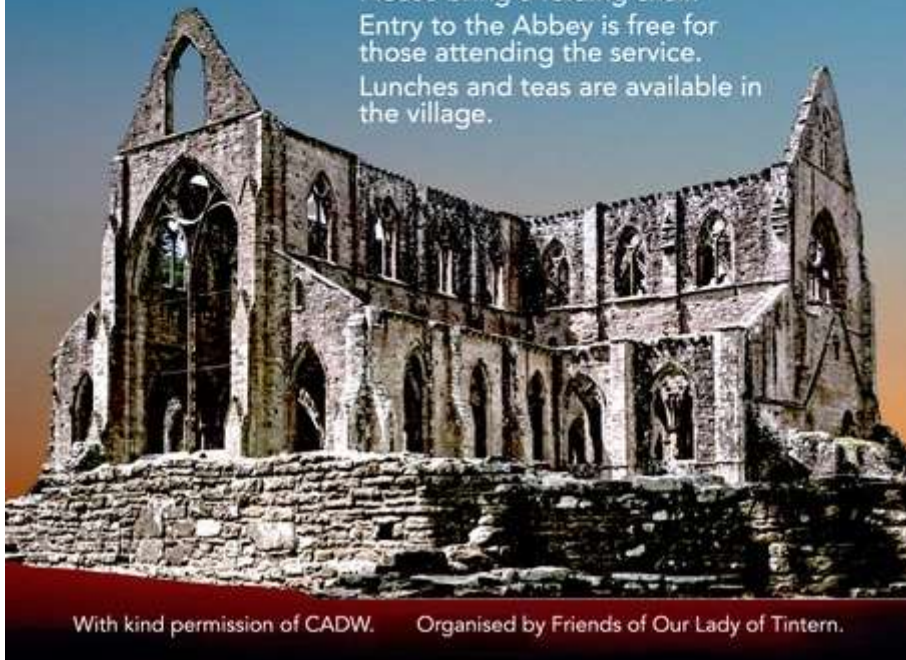
Tintern Sung Vespers

An Ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace

3.00pm Sunday 10th September
Tintern Abbey

Speaker: Rt Rev'd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth
Newport (St Woolos') Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair.
Entry to the Abbey is free for
those attending the service.
Lunches and teas are available in
the village.



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Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

Sung Vespers

On Sunday 10th September at Tintern Abbey, there will be an ecumenical service of Sung Vespers with Bishop Cherry as the speaker and the Cathedral Choir from St Woolos' also part of the service. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service but you are asked to bring folding chairs.

Clergy are invited to robe in the village hall (to wear cotta/choir dress) and take part in the procession.

Vacancies

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 the 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:
August 25th 2023

Interviews to take place on September 22nd 2023

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



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