

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

# **For Your Prayers**

The Funeral of the Reverend Dennis Richards will be held in the cathedral at 12.30pm on Friday 1st October. The service will be livestreamed for those unable to be present in person. Due to Covid restrictions numbers of those able to attend are limited. Could any clergy who wish to attend please email <a href="mailto:jeremydharris@hotmail.com">jeremydharris@hotmail.com</a> and indicate if they wish to robe (Alb and white stole).

# **News**

# **Q4 Financial Support and 2022 Ministry Share**

At their recent meeting, the Diocesan Board of Finance agreed to continue their financial support to parishes with a 20% rebate in Q4 of 2021. This is on top of the 30% that the board have already agreed for Q3. This is intended to allow time for parishes and Ministry Areas to recover as restrictions ease. The DBF acknowledge it remains an uncertain time for many, and recognise the need for this continued support.

This means that the Board will have offered a 40% rebate for three quarters of 2020 and two quarters of 2021 with a further 30% in Q3 of 2021 and 20% in Q4 of 2021— a full 21 months of enhanced support. It has only been possible to offer this level of support for such an extended period of time, partly by drawing on the Board's own reserves, but largely thanks to the generous support that we have received from the Representative Body of Church in Wales. This clearly demonstrates how the whole Church continues to work together and support each other through these most difficult times.

In addition to agreeing the 20% rebate for Q4 of 2021, the DBF have also set the Ministry Share level for 2022. Due to the lack of attendance data, the DBF have made the decision that Ministry Share figures will again be rolled over from 2020 with a 2% increase to reflect the 2% stipend increase. Individual correspondence with each parish will be sent out in the usual way in due course.



# All Things Considered - Ty Mawr

The Sunday morning BBC Wales Radio programme, 'All Things Considered', focussed last Sunday on our own Ty Mawr, the Anglican Contemplative Community just outside Monmouth that many of you will know. It provided a lovely insight into their life and calling with some beautiful singing as well. For those of you who missed it, or who would like to listen to it again, the link is https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000zrzv

# **Contacting the Diocesan Office**

We are in the process of having our phone system switched to a new contract meaning the office phone lines are temporarily unavailable. Staff are still contactable via email and mobile numbers listed here.

For general enquiries please call Libby on 07508 801511

### Flourish September - Caring for Creation

Join Bishop Cherry Vann and others from across the Diocese of Monmouth and beyond, as they talk about what caring for creation means to them. In this edition, we hear from a farmer talking about harvest; young Christians joining together to raise awareness of climate crisis by walking from Cornwall to Glasgow (in time for Cop26 - the UN Climate Change Summit); Revd Becca Stevens, who updates us with what's happening across the wider Church in Wales and also how we can all do our little bit to help, while Revd Tim Clements, Rural Life Advisor, gives us an insight into this very special type of ministry.



# Same-sex: Civil Marriage or Civil Partnership Blessing

Liturgy for the Blessing of a Same-sex Civil Marriage or Civil Partnership has been published today for use from 1st October. Read more <a href="here.">here.</a>



### **Conference 2021**

We are pleased to announce this year's Conference will be held digitally. Papers for Conference have been posted out to members, if you haven't received them please email monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk

Thank-you to members who have already registered their attendance, if you haven't already done so please click <u>here</u>

Only those who register will receive the zoom link to be able to participate.

If you wish to attend Conference as an observer, a YouTube link be sent out by email and social media in the coming weeks.





# **Together for Our Planet**

The National Lottery are offering from £1,000 to £10,000 of funding to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.

Projects should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. They could cover an area like:

- food
- transport
- energy
- · waste and consumption
- the natural environment.

You do not need to be an expert in any of these areas to apply. They're particularly interested to hear from people starting to think about taking action on climate change in their communities.

Application Deadline: 5pm on 18th of November

To help answer any questions you may have about the Together for Our Planet funding programme, including the criteria and what they are hoping to fund a webinar was held on Tuesday 21st of September, you can view the presentation from the webinar <u>here</u>.

# **Training and Events**



# Why should Christians Campaign?' event happening during the Great Big Green Week

A Rocha are looking forward to joining communities across the UK and contributing ourselves to the <u>Great Big Green Week</u> (18 - 26 September). The week is organised by The Climate Coalition, of which A Rocha UK is a member. It will have a particular focus on the links between climate change and nature and be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK. The week will be an opportunity to raise the profile of climate change and how it is affecting nature and people, and the places we love, right here in the UK and across the world. You can sign up **here** to receive notifications for events happening near you.

On 24 September, A Rocha UK are inviting their supporters to meet online for a first pilot 'Campaign Friday' event. Experienced campaigner (and also CEO of A Rocha UK), Andy Atkins will speak on why Christians should campaign; they'll point towards some key nature related campaigns; and - for those who want - take part in them right there and then! More info and event sign up can be found on the Eventbrite page <a href="here.">here.</a>

# **Calling Conversations**

The next session is about Vocations in the Workplace and is on the 28th of September. Join the session here.



### The St Deiniol Lectures - Monday October 4, 7pm

Professor John Clarke, Professor Emeritus in the History of Ideas, Kingston University, London, on:

"Mysticism: its Relevance Today"

followed by open discussion

at Itton Village Hall, NP16 6BP Itton Road, Chepstow (B4293)

To allow for Covid safety measures, please pre-book with Anne Octon (01291 641918; anneocton@gmail.com)

NB: Please wear masks on entry to the hall - you can remove them once seated.



Please email office@stpaulsnewport.org.uk or phone 01633 266076 to book a seat.



# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS



# Safeguarding training Module B sessions will resume week beginning the 18th October 2021

Further information about dates, times and booking will follow in due course

(Please note Module A Safeguarding Awareness is still available through the Church in Wales Website)

For further information please contact SarahRobinson@cinw.org.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.

Email SarahRobinson@churchinwales.org.uk for more details.



# **Music for Mission and Ministry**

Music for Mission and Ministry is designed primarily for Anglican clergy, Readers and Lay Leaders, but is open to anyone who wants to deepen their understanding about the use and management of music in worship. It is a carefully targeted course, providing practical guidance for parish music situations of all types, since the principles are generic and the application of them is part of the topic of the course.

RSCM are holding the next course from the 19th to 21st of October. Find out more here.



# Lift up your Voice - Bristol - Saturday 23 October, 2-5pm

Workshops for churches with limited musical resources.

Come and be encouraged about making music with your congregation. Miles Quick, former RSCM Head of Congregational & Instrumental Music, will unpack strategies and share resources to help you think creatively about how you can incorporate music into your church's worship, however limited the possibilities might seem.

To find out more and to book your place, click <u>here</u>.

Hosted at the church of St Thomas the Martyr, Bristol. In association with The Churches Conservation Trust.



# The Healing Potential of the Hybrid Church - 30th October, 10.30 - 13.00

In this workshop, we explore what church worship and the healing potential of ministry looks like as we emerge from lockdown and have a blended approach of an online and offline communities. With expert input from a range of specialists, we will together consider the opportunities of the hybrid church to offer hope and healing to our traumatised communities. We will also explore how our churches can learn from the digital world and the communities themselves in order to grow the Kingdom in the world we find ourselves in today.

#### Online booking:

https://gohealth.org.uk/shop/booking/the-healing-potential-of-the-hybrid-church-live-streaming-booking/?category=all



# **Services and Resources**

Join a Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am here.



# Nations' Climate Sunday Service: Churches Prepare for COP26 - Live Stream Recording Available

The Nations' Climate Sunday Service was held on 5 September 2021 at Glasgow Cathedral. The service was a partnership between Climate Sunday (an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland), Glasgow Cathedral and Glasgow Churches Together.

You can now watch a recording of the livestream on the Climate Sunday website here.

#### It's not too late to hold a Climate Sunday service!

Monmouth Diocese is designating **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** as our **Climate Sunday**. We have chosen the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the end of Creationtide that runs through September. There are some excellent resources on the website at <a href="https://www.climatesunday.org">www.climatesunday.org</a> to help you to plan for worship and other activities.

Make sure you register your service on the Climate Sunday website. This will ensure that your church can be counted in the total commitment from churches across the UK, which will be presented at COP26 to the UK government.

# **Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Hydref 2021**

Hydref / October 12th
Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth
7pm / y.h., St Mary Magor
Harvest Festival / Diolchgarwch am y Cynhaeaf

# **Sight Loss Sunday**



Find out more at sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday

# **Vacancies**

# **House for Duty Priest - Monmouth Ministry Area**

Monmouth Ministry Area 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 Llanishen and primarily working with 4 churches around that area, you will also be part of the Ministry Team covering the new Ministry Area of Monmouth which has 19 churches.

They 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

For an informal conversation please contact The Venerable Ian Rees, Archdeacon of Monmouth on 07983 684151 or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 18th October 2021 Interviews will be held early in November

Click here for more details and the application form.

# **Ministry Team - East Cardiff (3 Posts)**

East Cardiff Ministry Area are forming a new creative and collaborative Ministry Team, who will help us to grow in our united mission to serve the communities of East Cardiff. Our goal is for each member of our team to work to their strengths, bring their own complementary gifts and skills and, we pray, to flourish in their own ministry and vocation.

#### Post 1: Vicar for Liturgy and Worship

Are you someone who:

- Has a deep and mature spirituality rooted in the sacraments?
- Values the breadth of worshipping traditions across the Anglican Church?
- Has relevant experience developing vibrant liturgy which draws on sources both ancient and modern?

Our new Vicar for Liturgy and Worship will help us to develop a vibrant and diverse worship and prayer life, taking full responsibility for coordinating public worship across the Ministry Area.

#### Post 2: Vicar for Belonging and Pastoral Care

Are you someone who:

- Has a pastoral heart, sensitive to the needs of others?
- Is passionate about the occasional offices as an opportunity for hospitality, mission and faith formation?
- Has experience providing one-to-one pastoral care and developing a team of pastoral visitors?

Our new Vicar for Belonging and Pastoral Care will help us to develop our inclusive welcome, ensuring all are able to belong fully to the life of the Church. They will take full responsibility for co-ordinating pastoral care across the Ministry Area.

### Post 3: Priest for Children, Families and Community

Are you someone who:

- Has a servant's heart, with a community focused and strengths-based outlook?
- Believes in the profound goodness of children, even the most challenging, and has experience of youth and/or schools ministry?
- Is deeply loving, inclusive and affirming with a highly effective understanding of the challenges and opportunities in urban communities?

St Teilo's, the largest Anglican school in the Province of Wales, is at the heart of the new East Cardiff Ministry Area. Together, we are seeking to develop creative and deeply Christian partnerships within and between St Teilo's and the East Cardiff Ministry Area, our Church in Wales primary schools and other local schools.

Our new Priest for Children, Families and Community will help us to create projects and initiatives focused on wholeness and wellbeing in our schools and local communities, with a

particular focus on the poor and vulnerable. They will explore and encourage discipleship by growing opportunities for prayer, hospitality and service.

The salary for the post will be a little over £38,000 and will increase with inflation in line with JNC pay awards. The post is subject to membership of the national Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

For an informal conversation on any of these posts, please contact Reverend James Henley, Ministry Area Leader on 02920 752138 or james.henley@gmail.com

For the recruitment pack and applications forms please click here.

Applications should be submitted by email to: <a href="mailto:james.henley@gmail.com">james.henley@gmail.com</a>

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th October 2021



# **Verger and Sacristan (full-time)**

Applications are invited for the Cathedral Verger and Sacristan. This is a key position in the functioning of the Cathedral. The verger holds the space and is an ambassador to all who come.

Salary package: 23,000 plus 10% to the approved pension scheme.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales with excellent road and rail links.

Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 8th October 2021.

Application is by submitting the completed application form which includes a confidential declaration – a CV substitute is not sufficient. In addition please write a letter of application stating how you meet the requirements of the post.

Completed applications by email to <a href="mailto:deanofnewport@churchinwales.org.uk">deanofnewport@churchinwales.org.uk</a> by 12noon on 8th October 2021.

Interviews will be on Friday 5th November 2021.

Further details and application form can be downloaded here.