

# Diocese of Monmouth

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## Esgobaeth Mynwy

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

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## For Your Prayers

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Paul Williams, who held many roles over the years in Magor Ministry Area and was a long standing member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, has sadly passed away this week.

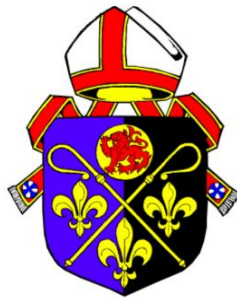
Paul was a retired senior local government official and prior to this served in the Household Cavalry from 1963-1975, studying at the Royal Military School of Music and Guildhall School of Music in London. He was the choirmaster in the Magor Ministry Area and a LLM.

Please keep his wife Lisa and the rest of his family and friends in your prayers.

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## News

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### Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We had great hopes of marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Monmouth Diocese in style. But continuing COVID restrictions mean that this is not possible. We are, however, going to celebrate the day – **October 17<sup>th</sup>** – with a special Songs of Praise from the Cathedral that will, as usual, be live-streamed. The service will start at 4pm. If you would like to attend this service, please email Vicki Stevens on [monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk) to reserve a space.

Further celebrations are planned for next summer when, hopefully, gathering together will be less of a risk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal line underneath.



## **Archdeacon Ian's Guide to Ministry Areas**

We welcomed the Ven Ian Rees to the Diocese of Monmouth at the beginning of the Summer. Now that he has had time to settle in, we thought it would be a good time to ask him what he has thought of his move so far! In this edition of the Friday e-mail, he speaks about the warm welcome he has received, but also outlines his thoughts about Ministry Areas – which he has compiled in [Archdeacon Ian's Guide to Ministry Areas \(PDF\)](#).

Archdeacon Ian may have only been here a short time, but it has been a challenging time. Sadly, Archdeacon Sue passed away at the end of July and Archdeacon Jonathan was on sabbatical which has meant a steep learning curve. Thankfully, Archdeacon Jonathan returned on the 29<sup>th</sup> September so we are back to two Archdeacons!





Llandaff Diocese have created a toolkit to assist churches in helping Afghan Refugees.

Bishop June says,

*"Wales has had a rich history of welcoming migrants and refugees to these shores - from students across the Celtic world attending Llanilltud in the 6th century, to the industrial migrations of the 19th and 20th centuries. The Irish Famine of the 1840s saw Wales welcoming 30,000 Irish migrants fleeing starvation. In Llandaff our industrial valleys have played host to workers from across the world, and Tiger Bay and Butetown transformed Cardiff into one of the most wonderfully multicultural cities on these islands.*

*Yet in Wales, and across the United Kingdom, we haven't always got it right, we haven't always given the welcome those arriving at our shores have deserved. And now, as thousands of families who have worked with and supported British*

*and Welsh troops, diplomats, and civil servants in Afghanistan flee from the Taliban, we as a nation face the challenge of welcoming them and helping them to build new lives in a foreign land."*

View the toolkit [here](#).

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This month, we are being encouraged to support several campaigns highlighting the importance of defibrillators and the need to learn life-saving CPR.

From 'Shoctor' to World Restart a Heart Day, there are plenty of opportunities for our churches to get involved and help support and raise awareness of these hugely important initiatives.

Rev Gilly Hubbard, team vicar in Caldicot, says: "Back in June, our churches were encouraged to support the Save a life campaign to 'Touch Someone's Life' by watching and displaying a short film which gives clear instruction as to what to do should someone suffer a cardiac arrest – as we, the general public, are the people most likely to be called upon to perform life-saving CPR. This is a Welsh Government initiative, supported by the Church in Wales and numerous other organisations and charities. including Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST).

"Hopefully, by now this film has been watched in some churches and been integrated on some church websites. However, if this has passed your church by, please consider making it a priority in the weeks to come, especially during the month of October so we can support the work of WAST and Save a Life Cymru."

‘Shoctober’ may sound like a Halloween event but is actually a Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) annual campaign held throughout October which aims to teach Junior pupils (Primary schools) appropriate use of 999 and life savings skills; recovery position, CPR, choking and raise awareness of defibrillators.

October also marks National Restart a Heart Day. Held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, this special day helps to create awareness about the importance of learning CPR and using defibrillators to help save lives.

Revd Gilly, says: “The Save a Life Cymru campaign seeks to promote the placing of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) outside halls, community centres, churches, businesses and other public places and for the general public to know where they are situated.

“Do you know where your nearest AED is? Is it within 500 meters? 500 metres is a long way to run in an emergency...Maybe your church could support a local organisation to fund-raise for an AED, or run a CPR training morning?

“God has given us the wonderful gift of life- sometimes we are called upon to save a life in more ways than one!”

To watch Save a Life Cymru's video on what to do if someone has a cardiac arrest, please visit <https://gov.wales/save-a-life-cymru>.

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### **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**

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# 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.



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## 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](mailto:monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk)

Thank-you to members who have already registered their attendance, if you



haven't already done so please click [here](#)

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.



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## Training and Events

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### **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](mailto:anneocton@gmail.com))*

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

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## **Organ Recital at St Cadoc's Caerleon**

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**St. Cadoc's Church Caerleon**

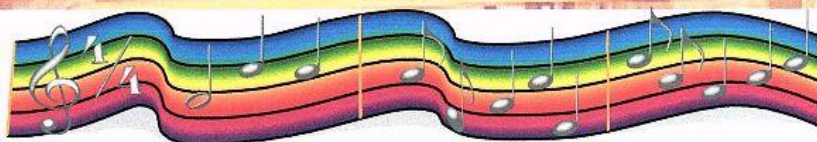
**Organ Recital**

**with**

**Julius Nglass**

**Saturday 9th October  
1p.m.**

**followed by  
Tea and Cakes  
in support of Children's Ministry**





# OUT OF THE ASHES

JAZZ, R&B AND BLUES WITH GOSPEL ROOTS

*Service With a Swing*



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6 pm

A musical evening with speaker  
Peter Gladwin, Evangelist

St Stephen's Church, Pill, Newport NP20 2HA  
phone 01633 266076 or email [office@stpaulsnewport.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsnewport.org.uk)  
to book. A collection will be taken.

[www.outoftheashesmusic.uk](http://www.outoftheashesmusic.uk) [outoftheashesmusic](https://www.facebook.com/outoftheashesmusic) [oota\\_music](https://www.instagram.com/oota_music) [youtube.com/c/outoftheashes](https://www.youtube.com/c/outoftheashes)

Please email [office@stpaulsnewport.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

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### **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 [here](#).

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>



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## **Services and Resources**

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Join a Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

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## **Calling Conversations**

Our latest "Calling Conversation" is on vocations in the workplace and our panellists include:

- Darren Millar MS, Member of the Welsh Parliament for Clwyd West
- Penny Heard, Operational Director of the Highveld Anglican Board of Social Responsibility
- Ian Loynd, Headteacher of St Teilo's Church in Wales High School

Watch here:

## 2021 VOCATIONS SERIES

God is Calling

JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK

# CALLING CONVERSATIONS: VOCATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE

TH 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

❖ DARREN MILLAR MS – MEMBER OF THE WELSH PARLIAMENT FOR CLWYD WEST

❖ PENNY HEARD – OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHVELD ANGLICAN BOARD OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

❖ IAN LOYND – HEADTEACHER OF ST TEILO'S CHURCH IN WALES HIGH SCHOOL





## **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 [www.climatesunday.org](http://www.climatesunday.org) 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.

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## **Third Sector Resilience Fund for Wales**

Charities and voluntary organisations in Wales are facing existing and new challenges as they deal with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phase 3 of the Third sector resilience fund for Wales (TSRF) is part of the £2.4m of support announced by Welsh Government. Grant funding is available to help voluntary organisations with the costs of surviving the COVID-19 pandemic and / or invest in new or additional activity which will generate a return beyond the period of funding.

Find out more [here](#).

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## **Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Hydref 2021**

Hydref / October 12th

Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth

7pm / y.h., St Mary Magor

Harvest Festival / Diolchgarwch am y Cynhaeaf

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## **Sight Loss Sunday**

**20% of your  
community  
will experience  
sight loss in  
their lifetime.**



**Sunday  
17th  
October**



Take part in Sight Loss Sunday  
and equip blind & partially  
sighted people to contribute  
to church life.



Free resources available from [sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday](https://sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday)

from TORCH TRUST

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## 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](mailto: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.](#)

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### **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](mailto:james.henley@gmail.com)

For the recruitment pack and applications forms please click [here](#).

Applications should be submitted by email to: [james.henley@gmail.com](mailto:james.henley@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th October 2021

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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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