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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Lent Vision in Focus



The Lent Vision in Focus has thoughts and ideas to use throughout the season, including a booklist for those who want to do some extra reading at this time.

You can view the **Lent Vision in Focus** on our webpage [here](#).

Lent Appeal 2024 - Safe Parks Initiative



As you know, this year's Lent Appeal is for our link diocese, The Highveld in South Africa. In responding to this appeal, you will be supporting projects aimed at communities and churches throughout the diocese.

I would like to highlight the Safe Parks initiative.

HABSR, the Highveld Anglican Board for Social Responsibility is working tirelessly with churches, schools and households to give their people the skills and resources to improve their lives.

Many young children are left in the care of older siblings when their school day ends. These older children shoulder the responsibility of this care on a daily basis, when they are barely old enough to look after themselves.

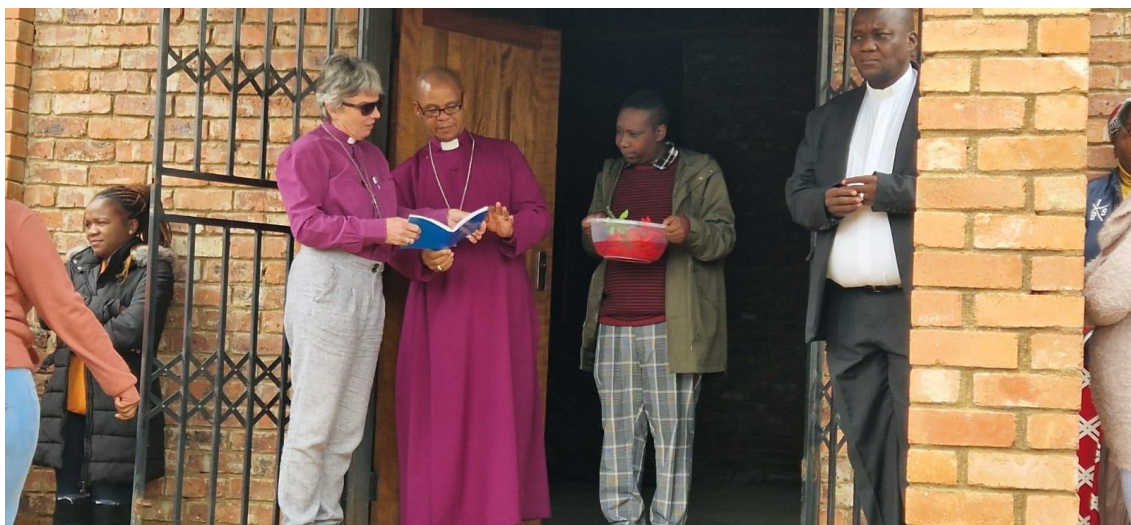
HIV/AIDS has decimated and dislocated families, and there is often no adult available to look after the children. Many mothers are alone because their partners have died, are working away, or they have been deserted during pregnancy. Many children have been orphaned and are looked after by members of their extended family.

The need was recognised to offer orphans and vulnerable children a safe environment where they can meet and play.

Child Care Advocates assist in the care and support of the children in the Safe Park, which provides after school care for children in the form of a nutritious meal, homework supervision, supervised games and sports, and where necessary, counselling.

The children are also assisted with obtaining birth certificates and ID documents, as well as applying for grants from the Department of Social Services.

In 2013 there were six Safe Parks in the Diocese of the Highveld; caring for children varying in numbers from 30 to 300 per venue.





During our visit to All Saints church in the parish of Mayflower, on the Swaziland – now Eswatini, border of the diocese last November, Bishop Cherry and Bishop Charles blessed the Community Hall; built with donations from the Diocese of Monmouth following our last group visit in 2017.

This is a perfect safe space for a Safe Park, but the loss of trained personnel, and the lack of suitable replacements means that there is no Safe Park running in Mayflower at the moment.



Fr Tony of the St. Illtud Ministry Area, visiting their link parish of Embalenhle, found that the Safe Park there has also had to close.

HABSR also experienced difficulties in accessing funding to train volunteers and Advocates, and when the COVID pandemic reduced church congregations by fifty per cent in some cases, the project lost momentum.

Sakhile in Sanderson is the only Safe Park currently functioning in the diocese. This is thanks to Fr. Maseko, who uses his own money ensuring children get something to eat. The people helping him with homework provision and other activities do so voluntarily; and new Child Care Advocates will need to be trained before other Safe Parks can be opened.

These children are the future of the Church in the Highveld.

Remember them in your prayers; and since the Safe Park initiative is dead in the water without the vital funding needed, please respond positively to our Diocesan Lent Appeal.

Thank you.

Chris Purkiss
St. Cadoc's Church Caerleon twinned with All Souls Church Northmead Benoni.

How to Donate - Lent Appeal

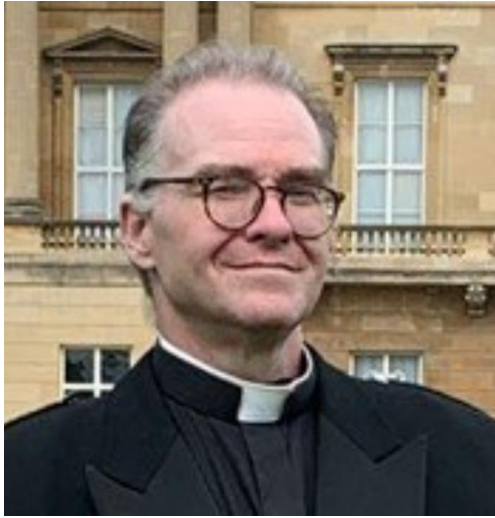
If you would like to donate to the Lent Appeal 2024, you are able to do so in the following ways:

- A cheque made payable to "**Monmouth DBF**" can be sent to the Diocesan Office at 64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ. Please ensure you write "**Lent Appeal 2024**" on the back of the cheque.
- By bank transfer, including the reference "**Lent Appeal 2024**" within the transaction.

Ministry Areas will already have the diocesan bank details, but if there are any queries, or any individuals would also like to donate this way, please contact the Diocesan Office on [**\(01633\) 267490**](tel:01633267490) who will provide the necessary details.

New Vicar for Heart of Monmouthshire MA

Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce the appointment of Revd Dr. William Ingle-Gillis, as a Vicar in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area.



Will, originally from Texas, has served in Monmouth Diocese since his ordination at St. Woolos' Cathedral in 2004. He has served as Curate in the Rectorial Benefice of Caldicot; Priest-in-Charge in Caerwent, later forming the Wentwood Ministry Area; then again as Priest-in-Charge of Maindee & Lliswerry, later becoming the Ministry Area leader of the Beechwood Ministry Area.

In addition to holding several small Diocesan roles over the years, Will has taught ordinands in Cardiff and currently serves as a Diocesan Vocations Advisor. In his spare time he enjoys science fiction, language learning, travel, writing, and cookery (not least American slow-cook barbecue!). He is currently working on a book based around daily prayer with the lectionary readings.

Will is looking forward to returning to rural ministry, and to joining the lively, innovative team in the Heart of Monmouthshire.

He will take his final service in Beechwood on Easter Day and be licensed on April 30th in St Mary's Church in Usk.

Safeguarding Sunday



Safeguarding Sunday this year takes place on **Sunday 17th November**. This is an opportunity to raise safeguarding awareness within our churches, demonstrating our commitment to being a Safe Church, fostering an environment where everyone can worship and participate in the life of the church in safety.

Join in as churches across the country come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people.

The Christian safeguarding charity, Thirtyone:eight, coordinates this campaign, and provides digital church resource packs that will give you everything you need to plan and run your service.

These are available when you register with them at

<https://thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday/>

The Church in Wales is committed to provide a safe, happy, and supportive environment of mission and ministry in which all God's people can grow and develop in their Christian commitment.

Find out more about our policy and training:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/>



Training and Events

National LLM Support Day 2024

If you are interested in attending this online event, please ensure you register by **13th March** using the following link <https://bit.ly/3U20loA>

THE CHURCH IN WALES PROVINCIAL LLM DAY 2024

SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH
10:00 – 15:00, ONLINE

Come and join us for this event and meet other LLMs from right across Wales!

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate lay ministry in all of its richness and diversity and will include worship, study, and discussion. We will touch on the new MDR Scheme for LLMs, with a firm focus on enhancing our prayer lives and encouraging a culture of prayer in our churches.

REGISTER BY THE 13TH MARCH:

[**https://bit.ly/3U20loA**](https://bit.ly/3U20loA)



To view this in Welsh please click [here](#).

Week of Guided Prayer



Finding it difficult to hear God's voice?
Wanting to know what God is saying to you?
Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start?
Would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent?
Why not learn a new way of using God's word?
Would you like a little help along the way?

Then the **Week of Guided Prayer Online 2024** is for you!

The Week of Guided Prayer Online is suitable for everybody. You will use Bible passages, and other material, as a basis for prayer, with a guide alongside you to suggest what you might pray with and to hear how it went.

Previous participants told us:

'During this short time I was able to consider the pathway of my spiritual journey and reflect upon the will of God for my life. Thank you!'

'My guide was/is a brilliant spiritual person. I was having a really bad week outside the week of Guided Prayer, but the love and support that my guide gave me is beyond words.'

'Thank you for your accompaniment and care this week - a valuable time of focus on my prayer life. See you next year!'

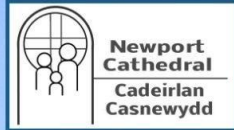
The Week of Guided Prayer Online starts with an introductory gathering on Zoom for all the participants and guides on **Sunday 17th March at 7pm**. We will match you with a guide who will arrange to meet with you on Zoom each day, Monday to Friday, at a time that works for both of you. These sessions usually last 20-30 minutes and we suggest that you make 20-30 minutes available for the prayer itself. The week ends with a closing session online on **Saturday 23rd March at 6pm**.

Register you place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/week-of-guided-prayer-online-2024-tickets-830330219037>

Important: Please book as soon as possible so we can match you with an appropriate guide.

If you would like to find out more please contact Revd. Lea Ryder -
LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk

Come and Sing - 26th March



Holy week & Easter
March 2024

COME AND SING

COMPLINE

AT NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

Tuesday of Holy Week, 26th March, 7.30pm

Address given by the Dean, the Very Rev'd Ian Black

All welcome to come and sing

**Rehearsal 6-7pm
Tea/coffee 7pm
Service 7.30pm**

**For more information / to register interest /
to request a copy of the music in advance,**

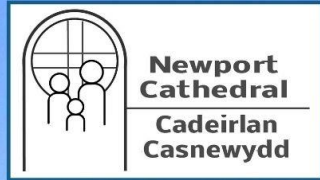
Please contact the Director of Music:

Emma Gibbins

emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill 01633 267464

Holy Week & Easter 2024



Holy week & Easter March 2024

Monday 25th, 7.30pm – Reflective Service
I am Peter, John and Judas

Tuesday 26th, 11.00am - Chrism Eucharist
7.30pm – Compline; Come and Sing and Address

Wednesday 27th, 7.30pm – Reflective Service
I am Simon of Cyrene, Mary and the Centurion

Maundy Thursday 28th, 7.30pm – Choral Eucharist
(with incense) and Watch until 10.00pm

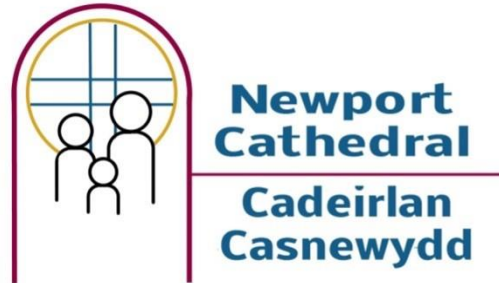
Good Friday 29th, 10.30am - Ecumenical Walk of Witness
from Salvation Army, Hill Street
2.00pm – Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30th, 8.00pm – Easter Vigil & Choral Eucharist
(with incense)

Easter Sunday
8.00am – Holy Eucharist
10.30am – Easter Day Choral Eucharist (with incense)
4.00pm – Choral Evensong

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill 01633 267464
enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk

Services



Join us for the Lent 3 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Netherwent MA



NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA

MINISTRY AREA LEADER

We are looking for a new Ministry Area leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God 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.

The person we would like for this role will have:

- A heart for community, for mission and evangelism and for nurturing disciples.
- A servant-heart, who is confident, possesses good relational skills and who is prepared to be 'hands-on' whilst not losing sight of the 'bigger picture'.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to forge, maintain and develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families.
- Vision to recognise the contribution and value of each individual church, whilst also seeking to foster a sense of unity and purpose across the Ministry Area as a whole.
- Experience as a good leader and communicator who recognises the importance of teamwork and collaborative ministry.
- A real desire for the excitement and challenge of ensuring an effective structure to help the ministry area to grow. This will be done in conjunction with an innovative and supportive Ministry Area team of clergy and lay people.

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 (07983 684151) or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

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

Closing date for applications: April 3rd 2024

Interviews to take place on April 29th 2024



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Or can be found below:

[Nethwerwent Ministry Area Leader Advert](#) / [Netherwent MAL Advert](#)
[Welsh](#)

[Ministry Area Leader Role Profile](#)

[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

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Closing date for applications:

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House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire MA



NORTH MONMOUTHSHIRE MINISTRY AREA

HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST

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 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

If you think you might be that person... we would very much like to hear from you.

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

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or mardylvicarage@yahoo.co.uk

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 15th March 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after



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/about-us/jobs/>

Or can be found below:

[North Mons MA HforD Bilingual Advert](#)

[HforD Role Profile](#)

[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:

Friday 15th March 2024

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