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Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Abergavenny Ministry Area Inauguration

The 13th ministry Area inauguration service in the diocese was held at St Mary's Priory in Abergavenny.

In a wonderful service Canon John Connell was licensed as the Abergavenny Ministry Area Leader and Revd Lea Ryder as the newly appointed Vicar. Gaynor Parfitt, Hywel Griffiths and Clifford Jayne were licensed as Readers. The choir, led by the Director of Music, Tim Pratt, assisted beautifully with the music including a lovely anthem, 'The Call of Wisdom' by Will Todd.

In a particularly moving part of the service, representatives from each of the churches in the new Ministry Area presented cheques to Bonnie Russell to help with repair work following the fire they suffered at St Helen's, Llanellen just before Christmas. The Bishop commented that this was a wonderful example of how Ministry Areas can support one another.

There are now just 3 Ministry Areas to be inaugurated, and these follow on the next 3 Sundays.



Vocations

As the New Year begins, could God be prompting you to think again about vocation?

Mandy Bayton, the Officer for Evangelism in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, has put together this reflection to help us think about the God prompts as we start 2023.

A prayer for vocations this New Year: At the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. Amen

Please contact the Diocesan Director of Vocations for more information on RebeccaStevens@cinw.org.uk



Lent Courses 2023



We are not doing a specific diocesan Lent course this year, but the attached list gives some ideas including the two most recent diocesan courses. There will

also be short daily reflections sent out in the mailing for individual use.

DOWNLOAD: [2023 Lent Course recommendations](#)

Training and Events



DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

Newport Cathedral, Sunday 5th February 2023

You are invited to join the Cathedral Choir for a Diocesan Choral Festival, celebrating choral singing across the diocese.

ALL WELCOME!

Service: 4pm
Rehearsal: 2.30pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

If you would like to sing, please let the Director of Music know:
Emma Gibbins: emmagibbins1978@gmail.com / 07952 514117

REPERTOIRE:

Introit	If ye love me – Tallis
Responses	Ayleward
Canticles	Stanford in C
Anthem	Evening Hymn – Balfour Gardiner (sung in Latin)

Please ensure you have your own copy of all this music.

If you don't have access to copies, please see below for links to downloadable copies which can be printed and duplicated.

Copies of the hymns and Psalm will be available on the day.

Please get in touch with the Director of Music if you would like copies in advance.

Psalm	147
Hymns	Angel voices When in our music God is glorified O praise ye the Lord

Introit

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/4/4a/Tallis-If_Ye_Love_Me2.pdf

Responses

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/6/65/Ayleward_Responses.pdf

Canticles

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/d/dd/Stanford_magnificat_and_nunc_dimittis_in_c.pdf

Anthem

https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/5/5f/Gardiner_Evening_hymn_2022.pdf

Church Service in Spanish

Beechwood Ministry Area have launched an experimental service in the Spanish language at St. John's, Maindee,

each Sunday at 17:00.

In case there isn't much of a local congregation, we'll also be broadcasting on YouTube (at <https://youtube.com/@padrewill>). But if there's anyone interested out there – whatever your level (or lack thereof) of Spanish – we would love to welcome both established speakers and those who, like Fr. William Ingle-Gillis, are just looking for opportunities to use a skill they've learned.

Whether or not you come, we seek your prayers that God will make something good out of the attempt, even — perhaps especially — something unexpected.

Rural Ministry Refreshment Day - 16th February

Refreshment Day for

Rural **Ministers**

Clergy and Lay

Thursday
16th
February
2023

At Llanarth
Village Hall
10am until 4pm



Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

A day for all those ministering in rural communities to receive spiritual refreshment, mutual support and fellowship, and to share ideas.

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Please book in with; Rural Life Advisor - Rev'd Canon Tim Clement
rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

DOWNLOAD: [Rural Ministry Refreshment Day - February 2023](#)



Safeguarding Training Dates

Safeguarding Courses will be available across the Diocese in 2023 to ensure that everyone has the right level of up to date training for their role and has a good understanding of their role in Safeguarding in the Church.

Module A is available online and can be undertaken independently without a trainer and without booking. The course is designed to support all of us within our church communities and aims to equip everyone to help make the church – and keep the church – a safe place. It should be completed by all clergy, everyone with a church office and anyone requiring further safeguarding training. It can be accessed on our webpages or by following this link: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/church-in-wales-safeguarding-awareness-module-a/>

Module B needs to be completed by all clergy, anyone with a church office and all in the church who have a role with children or adults at risk. It is a closer look at safeguarding in the Church context, developing an awareness and understanding of the safeguarding processes related to roles and responsibilities within the Church in Wales. The dates for Module B next term are:

Date	Day	Start Time	Location
17/01/2023	Tuesday	2pm	St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Cr
19/01/2023	Thursday	6.30pm	Magor Church Centre, Magor
28/01/2023	Saturday	9.30am	All Saints Church, Newport
28/01/2023	Saturday	10.30am	All Saints Church, Newport
13/02/2023	Monday	6pm	Tintern Village Hall, Tintern
27/02/2023	Monday	6pm	St George's Church, Tredegar
14/03/2023	Tuesday	10am	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Newport

These are available to book onto by using our webform at <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/safeguarding-training-booking-form/> or by emailing safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Trainer - Bec Jones if you have any questions at rebeccajones@cinw.org.uk

Ministry Area Networking Dates

We are almost at the stage when all of our sixteen Ministry Areas are formed. One of the benefits of working as Ministry Areas is that it will enable closer relationships throughout our diocese.

Starting in February 2023, we are establishing networks for key roles in each Ministry Area so that we can better learn from one another and allow an opportunity for everyone's voice to be heard.

The following dates and venues have been set for the first meeting –

Ministry Area Treasurers' Network – Each Ministry Area Treasurer will be invited to

St David's, Oakdale on the 13th February at 7pm.

Ministry Area Wardens' Network – Both Ministry Area Wardens for each Ministry Area will be invited to **St Mary's, Croesyceiliog on the 2nd March at 7pm.**

Ministry Area Safeguarding Lead Network – each Ministry Area Safeguarding lead will be invited to **St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny on the 16th March at 7pm.**

Lay-Co Chairs' Network – Each Ministry Area Lay Co-Chair will be invited to **St Peter's, Blaina on the 23rd March at 7pm.**

Ministry Area Property Lead Forum – each Ministry Area Property Lead will be invited to **St Michael's, Mitchel Troy on the 30th March at 7pm.**

If you hold any of these positions in your Ministry Area, please put the date in your diary but an invitation will also be sent in the New Year when we have a full list of those holding each position in each Ministry Area.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Conference + Ministry Day

Saturday 11th March 2023 - St Teilo's High School

Next year we will be holding a Spring Diocesan Conference and a Team Building Day for Ministry Teams both in St Teilo's High School and both on Saturday 11th March 2023.

Spring Diocesan Conference

The purpose of the Spring Conference will be to agree changes to the Diocesan Constitution necessary to implement the Deanery motion passed at our 2022 October Conference - making Deaneries co-terminus with Ministry Areas. The Spring Conference will also be asked to debate a paper proposing streamlining our diocesan committee structures with the aim of improving our decision-making structures. Following the debate in March a motion could be brought to the October 2023 Diocesan Conference.

Ministry Teams Team Building

Because we know that time is precious, we have amalgamated our Spring Conference with a half-day team building session for Ministry Teams, MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs with Bishop John Lomas providing the keynote address. Both events will take place St Teilo's High School on Saturday 11th March and Conference members are very welcome to stay for Bishop John's address.

Lunch will be provided for both events following Bishop John's address so it will also be an excellent opportunity to socialize with friends and colleagues from across the diocese.

Each Ministry Area will be asked to invite members of their Ministry Team - consisting of Stipendiary Clergy, Non-Stipendiary Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers together with their MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs.

The schedule for the whole day will be as follows –

	Conference Members		Members of Ministry Teams together with MA wardens and Lay Co-Chairs.
8.45am	Conference Members arrive		
9.15am	Opening Worship		
9.30am	Start of Conference business		
10.30am	End of Conference business		
10.30am	Tea/Coffee Break	10.30am	Ministry Team Members arrive for tea/coffee
11am	Keynote Address - Bishop John Lomas	11am	Keynote Address - Bishop John Lomas
12pm	Lunch	12pm	Lunch
1pm	Conference Members leave	1pm	Ministry Teams Team Building starts
		2.30pm	Tea/Coffee Break
		3.30pm	Plenary with Bishops Cherry and John
		4pm	Ministry Team Members leave.

We appreciate that this will be a long day for those of you who are Conference members as well as members of your Ministry Team, but we hope that you agree that this will make the best use of your travel time and avoid disrupting another Saturday for you in the first few months of the 2023.

Invitations will be sent to Conference members soon, and we are beginning the process of collating the names of all the Ministry Team members, MA Wardens and Lay Co-Chairs. However, if you are aware that you are a member of Diocesan Conference and/or a member of your Ministry Team, a Ministry Area Warden or a Lay Co-Chair then please put the date in your diary and await your invitation.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this exciting event!

Services and Resources



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

ESGOBAETH MYNWX – GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

Dyddiad <i>Date</i>	Amser <i>Time</i>	Lleoliad <i>Venue</i>	Gwasanaeth <i>Service & TI</i>
Ionawr 14 <i>January 14</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Ionawr 15 <i>January 15</i> Dydd Sul / <i>Sunday</i>	4.00 pm /y.h.	Cadeirlan Casnewydd <i>Newport</i> <i>Cathedral</i>	Plygain
Chwefror 7 <i>February 7</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	7.00 pm / y.h.	St Mary Magwyr / <i>Magor</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

For further information contact Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

Vacancies

Team Vicar - Islwyn MA (part-time)

Is God calling you to South Wales and the welcoming communities of the Valleys?

Will you thrive working as part of a supportive team?

Would you like to explore new ways to connect with your community?

Can you enable others in discovering and using their gifts for God?

Then join us to 'Live out a Love without Limit'.

Based in the area of Blackwood and the surrounding communities you will be part of the Ministry Team covering the Islwyn Ministry Area with a focus on Oakdale and Fleur-de-lis.

We hope for a Priest who will:

- *Inspire us to join God in mission*
- *Lead worship in a variety of styles*
- *Be a builder of community relationships*
- *Engage with and Support people of all ages*
- *Take Risks for God*

If this is you... we would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Canon Mark Owen, Ministry Area Leader on 01443 836805 or fathermarkowen12@gmail.com

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 3rd February 2023**

Application form and full profile available at

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/team-vicar-islwyn-ma/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:

archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk

Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire MA

We are looking 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
- Committed to and understanding of the special nature of rural ministry with a desire to serve these communities and farming networks.
- Creative and imaginative in their approach to working with children, young people and families in schools and across the Ministry Area.

Based in the lovely village of Goetre and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of a new Ministry Team covering the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area which has 20 church buildings and distinct communities.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Kevin Hasler, Rector and Ministry Area Leader on
07836 795753

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Closing date for applications: **Friday 10th February 2023**

Application form and full profile available at
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/team-vicar-heart-of-monmouthshire-ma/>

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

Vicar for Liturgy and Worship - East Cardiff MA

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.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Revd James Henley, Ministry Area Leader on 07955 402871 or james@eastcardiff.church

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 17th February 2023**

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/vicar-for-liturgy-and-worship-east-cardiff-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:
jonathanwilliams@cinw.org.uk

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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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