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Diocese of Monmouth



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News

£12,000 raised so far for Lent Appeal



Bishop Cherry would like to thank everyone for their generosity in raising an amazing £12,000 for this year's Lent Appeal.

The money will be donated to our link diocese in the Highveld, South Africa, and with events still taking

place and money still coming in, this total is set to increase even further!

Bishop Cherry, said: "£12,000 is an astonishing amount to have raised, especially in the current financial climate. I am aware that all kinds of events have been put on to help raise funds; events which have brought people together for fun and entertainment as well as supporting the Lent Appeal— Murder Mysteries and African Nights, to name but two. But I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way. The money is very much needed out in The Highveld and will be put to good use in helping to alleviate some of the significant and systemic poverty across our link diocese."

Bishop Cherry and others from across the diocese visited the Highveld last November and saw first-hand how desperately funding was needed and how much it could impact on people's lives.

[Read more about the visit to the Highveld here](#)

Churches Unlocked - this week!!



Our Churches Unlocked: Hidden Gems Festival is up and running - and there have already been some great events and activities!

The festival **runs until Sunday 16th June**, so there is still plenty of time to get involved and it would be great to welcome lots of visitors - so why not pop along!



About 100 people visited St Peter, Llanwenarth Citra for it's open day! It was lovely and sunny and they were able to entice some walkers who were passing too!

About 45 people popped in to St Cenedlon, Rockfield as part of Churches Unlocked. Visitors travelled from Cardiff and even Carmarthen to take a look around the church and enjoy a cuppa!

This is the second year running the event which gives churches the chance to celebrate and share their 'hidden gems' - and even more churches will be opening and holding events this year.

Archdeacon Ian Rees, said: "Last year Monmouth Diocese joined Llandaff diocese in promoting churches unlocked and we are delighted to be involved again this year. Our church buildings represent a massive treasure, but they are too often closed, other than for services or occasional other events.

"We are increasingly focusing on being outward looking in mission, and through our buildings, we have an opportunity to extend an invitation for people to come and take a closer look at them whilst also offering something of the story of our faith. We hope that people will be inspired by the history as well as the generations that have worshipped in those buildings before us, but also recognise the opportunity to show how we our telling the Christian story today and. Our buildings are important tools in doing that. I have no

doubt that Churches Unlocked will be a success for those taking part from Monmouth Diocese and we look forward to it growing in years to come.”

You can view many of the events on the website - with community events, family fun, music, arts, workshops and special services there is plenty for everyone!

[Find an activity or event near you](#)

Eco Fair this Saturday!

Eco Fair at Newport Cathedral this Saturday (15th June)

The event is packed with various activities including talks from the NetZero Newport team, on grants available to charities and businesses, from the bio diversity team out outdoor spaces and from the circular economy about how we share, reuse and repurpose.

Take a look at the timetable below to plan your day!



Timetable

In addition to the stalls and activities we have the following talks and entertainment scheduled

10:20am - Yes to Net Zero Newport
Laura Waldron and Saffron Bowtell

10:40am - How Bad are your Bananas?

11:30am - Embracing Biodiversity,
Kevin Donovan
Gwent Wildlife Trust

12:00pm - A Musical Interlude
Celebrating the Wonder of the World
Emma Gibbins and choristers

1:30pm - The Circular Economy,
Aidan Taylor
Newport Circular Economy Network

Don't forget there's also other national environmental events this month, like [Great Big Green Week](#) and [Churches Count on Nature](#) which both take place between 8th and 16th June.

Music Awards Presentation

Bishop Cherry and her senior team have nominated six people from across the diocese to receive The Archbishop of Wales' Award in Church Music. This award recognises and pays tribute to the talents and devoted service of musicians across the province.

The recipients will be presented with their certificates and medals during a special service of **Choral Evensong at 4pm on Sunday 30th June 2024, at Newport Cathedral**. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and to join in the celebration of their musical achievements.

Those receiving the awards are:

- **Mike Wilcox** – long serving organist and choir director in various churches in the Gwent Valleys, for forming and directing the Bedwellty Deanery choir, bringing together choristers from various churches to sing across the deanery.
 - **Philip Norman** – church organist in North Monmouthshire Ministry Area, with many years of experience in music across the country, for contributing hugely to music across the ministry area, bringing together singers and musicians for enjoyment and fellowship.
 - **Emma Gibbins** – Director of Music at Newport Cathedral, for services to music in Newport Cathedral, the city and diocese, for starting the girls' choir, and for inspiring and encouraging choristers since 2015.
 - **Nathan Bird** – Director of Music at St Augustine's Church, Rumney, for enhancing the choral tradition at St Augustine's by recruiting and training both young people and adults.
 - **Graham Davies** – A long standing singer in the choir of St Cadoc's Church, Caerleon, for working hard to maintain the choral tradition, and for stepping up to organise and direct the choir when they have been without a Director of Music.
 - **Alistair McCormick** – Musical Director at the Church of SS Julius and Aaron in St Julian's, previously Cantor and Assistant Organist, for extending the music range considerably over the years and for his gift of a liturgically informed and sensitive musicality.
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Cathedral appoints new Director of music



Newport Cathedral is delighted to announce the appointment of Thomas Coxhead as the new Cathedral Director of Music. Tom is currently Director of Music at Christ Church, East Sheen in South West London alongside a busy schedule of work as a freelance conductor, organist, and teacher.

Tom will take up the appointment at the beginning of September, at the start of the new choir year.

Ordinations 2024 - are you attending?



All clergy and licensed lay ministers are invited to attend this year's Ordinations Service – to be held at **10.30am, on Saturday 29th June 2024** at Newport Cathedral.

If you wish to attend this year's ordinations, **please let Vicki Stevens (Bishop's EA) know by Sunday 16th June 2024**. This will enable the Cathedral to plan adequate seating for everyone.

In your response, please confirm whether you will be robing for the service (in alb and white stole).

The Cathedral has a finite capacity so if you are aware of a large number of lay people attending from your churches, we would be very grateful if you could again let Vicki know.

Email: monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk

Phone: [01633 263510](tel:01633263510)

Open Table celebration

Open Table East Cardiff is celebrating it's first birthday!

The Most Reverend Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales will be leading worship and preaching at the event on 7th July at All Saints, Cyncoed.

The Open Table Network is run by, and for, LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families. They welcome people of any faith, colour or background and people of every gender identity and sexual orientation. Meeting in person and online, hosted by inclusive churches, they find God and each other in their gatherings, which gives time and peace to grow together.

You Are Invited!



OPEN TABLE
East Cardiff

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1st Birthday

CELEBRATION

6pm | 7th July 2024

All Saints, Cyncoed

The Most Reverend Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales
will be leading us in worship and preaching.

Light Refreshments after the service

For Your Prayers

Stephen Smith

We give thanks for the life of Revd Stephen Smith, who died on 10th June 2024.

Following a career in industry, Stephen became a Lay Minister in 2006 before being

ordained in 2016, serving his curacy in Goetre. In 2018, Stephen moved to the now Islwyn Ministry Area, where he served as Associate Priest, and more latterly as Team Vicar.

Stephen was a keen rugby player in his younger days, having played for New Tredegar and other local clubs.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Christine, and their 3 children, Amanda, Mark and Robert.

Please remember Stephen, and his family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

More information on the funeral arrangements will follow.

Sheila Toms

We also give thanks for the life of Revd Sheila Toms, who died on 7th June 2024.

Following a long career in teaching, Sheila was ordained as Deaconess in 1991, joining the priesthood a few years later in 1994. Sheila started her ministry in the Diocese of Llandaff, before moving to the Diocese of Monmouth in 2000, where she exercised her ministry in St Paul's, Newport until 2006. Sheila held Permission to Officiate in the diocese and continued to exercise her ministry in the now Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area until very recently.

Sheila was a talented cricket player in her youth, playing for Kent at county level.

Sheila is survived by her 3 children, Bart, Deborah and Sarah.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sheila's funeral is taking place at 4pm on Thursday 11th July 2024, at St Cadoc's, Raglan, followed by Langstone Crematorium at 10am on Friday 12th July 2024.

Ember List 2024

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Ordinations to be held at **10.30am**
on **Saturday 29th June 2024**,
at **Newport Cathedral**.

To be ordained Deacon:

Ashley Davies to serve in the
Abergavenny Ministry Area
with Revd Lea Ryder

Marlwyn Nixon to serve
in the Cwmbran Ministry Area with
Revd Wendy Tayler

Liane Miriam Chalmers to serve in the St Illtyd Ministry
Area with Revd Tony Hodges

To be ordained Priest:

The Revd Julia Durham to continue to serve in the
Tredegar Park Ministry Area with Revd Chris Stone

The Revd Dawn Lindsay to continue to serve in the
Newport North West Ministry Area with Revd Canon
Rebecca Stevens

The Revd William Savage to continue to serve in the
Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area with Revd Sally
Ingle-Gillis

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A prayer for those in Training for Ministry:

Loving Saviour, we pray for all following your call to ministry:

in their study, bring them wisdom;

in their worship strengthen their joy;

in their encounters, renew their relationship with you.

Bless all who guide, teach and sustain them,

that their ministry, now and in the future,

will build your kingdom and bring hope to a needy world. Amen



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A prayer for those to be ordained:

Eternal Father, your grace is sufficient for us.

Give to those to be ordained deacon and priest, especially Ashley, Molly, Julia, Dawn and William the gifts of the Spirit they need to do your work:

May they be filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and strength,
the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,
and may their delight be in your service. Amen



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A prayer for all those seeking:

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Speak into the longing you plant within me to serve;

Speak into the fears, doubts and uncertainties;

Speak over the noise of worldly temptations;

Speak your will, speak your word, speak your peace.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless, 'til they find their rest in you. Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may know your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face.

Amen



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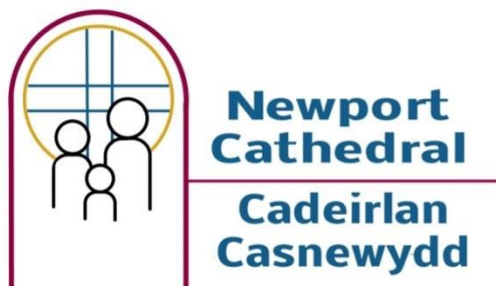


To help our churches raise money easily and safely, we are delighted to announce our new partnership with fundraising website **easyfundraising**. Through this partnership, your church will benefit from free donations from retailers including Tesco, John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Trainline, Holland & Barret, Booking.com, eBay, and 8,000 others.

Register your church here to start receiving additional funds. It's completely free to register and use and is open to all churches. Then, whenever anyone registered as a supporter buys something online, the retailer will send your church a free donation based on how much they spend. It doesn't cost anything extra as the retailer pays the donation, not the shopper.

Find out more [here](#)

Services



Join us for the Trinity 3 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at **10:30am**

[You can watch the Trinity 3 service here](#)

Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Beechwood



BEECHWOOD MINISTRY AREA

Ministry Area Leader

We are looking for a collaborative and supportive priest with a genuine passion for mission to lead the Beechwood Ministry Area in Newport, South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is an experienced priest with a desire to share the Good News of Jesus;
- Is grounded in prayer and can embrace the different traditions in the Ministry Area;
- Has a pastoral heart and possesses good relational skills;
- Is well organised and able to hold together and oversee the Ministry Area;
- Is a good communicator;
- Is able to maintain a good work/life balance and encourage healthy collegial working among the ministry team;
- Has the ability to build relationships with colleagues, church members and the wider community;
- Will foster vocations to both lay and ordained ministry and release the gifts of the whole people of God;
- Recognises that churches can grow and will inspire others with that belief and vision.

If you think this could be you then 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 Archdeacon of Newport, the Venerable Jonathan Williams on 07854 985859 or jonathanwilliams@cinw.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: monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 21st June 2024

Interviews to take place on 8th July 2024

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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 focussed** - 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: **Monday 24th June 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after

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Children and Families' Pioneer



Children and Families' Pioneer – full time position, £26,599. Children, youth and families work in an exciting church plant.

Location: Tredegar, South Wales.

Do you have experience with children, youth or families? Are you enthusiastic about sharing the joy of your faith with the under 40s? Join Saints, a vibrant church plant, as our Children and Families' Pioneer. Be part of a Hub Church Leadership Team in Tredegar, pioneering new initiatives, designing engaging activities, and nurturing young hearts. Your role involves building relationships, partnering with schools, and creating safe spaces for growth. This role benefits from the support of a church leader, a project manager, and senior clergy, including those responsible for the areas where the hub churches are located, and Archdeacons who have oversight of a large geographical area and are members of the Bishop's Staff Team. If you have a heart for children, a passion for ministry, and a desire to make a difference,

check out the full job description on our website. Join us in creating a lasting impact on young lives.

Full person specification and more information about the team you'll join is found on our site: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications close: Sunday 21st July.

Interviews: Monday 29th July

[Please click here for further details and to apply](#)

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