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Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Christian Aid Earthquake Appeal

Homes, buildings, roads and even energy infrastructure have been hit by the widespread devastation. Rescue workers are desperately searching for survivors in cities and towns across the area.

But even before this devastating earthquake, there were more than four million people in need of aid in north-west Syria. Nearly three million people have been displaced by the long conflict in Syria, 80% of whom are women and children. Now extreme weather events and the spiralling costs of food and fuel prices, due to ongoing conflicts, are making the situation even worse.

Christian Aid is working with local partners in north-west Syria. We are already working with partners to provide winter kits to people seeking shelter. These kits include plastic sheeting, mattresses, blankets, and heating materials.

It is not too late to save lives. Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to people hit by disaster.

If you would like to donate, please visit [Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal - Christian Aid](#) or contact the office if you would like any gift envelopes to use in your church service.

Email: Wales@christian-aid.org or cymru@cymorth-cristnogol.org or call 029 2084 4646

For the Welsh translation, please download this document: [Earthquake Appeal](#)

YR EGLWYS THE CHURCH
YNG NGHYMRU IN WALES

God in Heaven,
We pray for the situation in Turkey and Syria.
We pray for those who are trying to coordinate, search and rescue survivors.
We pray for those who can only imagine where their friends and relatives might be,
as well as those who have been injured.
Give them all the strength and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
We remember those who have died,
the people whose hearts have been broken
and those who seek to comfort them.
We offer this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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Appointments



We are delighted to announce that **Revd Kate O'Sullivan** has been appointed as Vicar in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area. Kate moved to the diocese from Manchester two years ago and is currently Ministry Area Leader in Mid Torfaen.

In announcing the appointment, The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, says: *"I commend Kate for her openness and willingness to explore a new challenge in a new Ministry Area and am delighted that the interview panel discerned in Kate qualities and gifts that will fit well in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area and enhance the work of the ministry team."*

Kate has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to joining the people of Tredegar Park Ministry Area and in particular, St John's in Rogerstone. She says: *"I'm very much looking forward to getting to know people and journeying with them in our faith and mission, exploring together God's will for us."*

Kate's licensing will be held on **Sunday 23rd April at 4pm, St Basil's, Bassaleg.**

A familiar face has been appointed vicar in the Newport North West Ministry Area. Having served her curacy in the area, **Revd Liz Houghton** will be starting her new role next month.

The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, says: *"I am delighted that Liz has accepted this new and exciting role. Having served her curacy there, she brings a real understanding of the new ministry area with its opportunities and its challenges."*



Liz was ordained in 2020 and priested in 2021, when many covid restrictions were still in place, meaning both services were very small, but equally, very special.

Speaking of her new role, Liz says: *"I am really happy to continue this next phase of my journey as team vicar in Newport North West Ministry Area. I have enjoyed a fabulous curacy here, accompanied by the wonderful people and ministry team. As I take on this new role, I look forward to deepening relationships within the community, and for the next part of the journey that God has chosen for me. I'm looking forward to sharing my happy news with some of the lovely people who've been with me thus far."*

The licensing service will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 29th March, St Mary's, Malpas.**



Young Vocations Team

We have recently relaunched the Young Vocations team for the Diocese. Previously it had been one person's role, but this placed an enormous amount on that one person.

Three people have now been appointed, one for each Archdeaconry:

Matt Davis - Gwent Valleys (mattdavisciw@gmail.com)

Peter Letson - Monmouth (PeteLetson@cinw.org.uk)

Ross Maidment - Newport (RossMaidment@cinw.org.uk)

The first meeting of the new group, with Archdeacon Ian, the Director of Ministry, and Canon Becca Stevens, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, contained lots of ideas and enthusiasm along with a recognition that we need to begin by identifying who the 'young people' are. For these purposes it is those aged from 18-35, and the team are looking to help with people thinking about ordained, licensed or commissioned ministries, or just thinking about their faith more generally.

Please be in touch with any of the team if you have ideas or, of course, people who want to talk to them.

Training & Events



The Church in Wales Provincial LLM Day - Online

Saturday, 18th March
10:00-15:00 (online)

Readers and LLMs are warmly invited to join Bishop Cherry (Ministry Bishop) and the Rev'd Chris Burr (St Padarn's) for this provincial event, bringing together other Readers and LLMs from right across the Church in Wales.

The event is supported by all six of our dioceses and provides a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate lay ministry in all of its richness and diversity.

The day will feature worship, study, debate, and small group discussion around lay ministry, with specific focus on the theology and practice of preaching.

To register for the zoom meeting, please following this link: [LLM Day](#)



Week of Guided Prayer 2023

*Would you like to make more time to pray, but aren't sure where to start?
Or would you like to give your prayer a renewed focus for a week in Lent?
Would you like a little help along the way?*

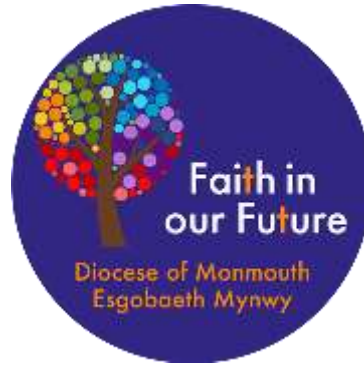
Then the Week of Guided Prayer Online, **26th March - 1st April 2023** is for you.

For more information about the week, download this document:

[Week of Guided Prayer 2023](#)

To book a place, please register here: [Week of Guided Prayer 2023](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev Jane Butler: jane.upperislwyn@yahoo.com (01495 249021).



Changed Date: Commissioned Ministry Celebration

Wednesday 21st June 2023 from 7pm-9pm at St Mark's, Gold Tops

We have new training schemes available for lay worship leaders and pastoral visitors which are being piloted right now. The new training will be launched officially on this evening, where we will also take the opportunity to celebrate the crucial role that licensed and commissioned lay ministers play in the life of our churches across the diocese.

We hope that current licensed and commissioned lay ministers will come along as well as anyone interested in training for these ministries. We are also encouraging clergy to come along and celebrate the importance of ministry teams of lay and ordained people working together.

Services & Resources



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



Lent Reflections 2023

Lots of us like to do something special for Lent. In these daily reflections there is a short reading and reflection and an action that you can do to make a difference, not just for Lent, but for the future as well. We hope you enjoy them and that they make a difference that inspires you for the future as well!

DOWNLOAD: [Lent Reflections 2023](#)



Celtic at the Cathedral

Our first Celtic Evening Prayer of the year is on **Sunday, 19th February** at **4.00 pm**. The theme for the service will be '*abiding*' or '*resting in*

God'. We are delighted to welcome Sister Rosalind Mary from Tymawr Convent as our guest preacher. Sister Rosalind may be accompanied by another member of the community. Bethan Cole will be playing some reflective music on the harp, after the homily, as we seek to abide and rest in God.

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Mawrth 11
March 11
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

9.30
am / y.b.

St Thomas
Trefynwy
/ Monmouth

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Ebrill 18
April 18
Dydd Mawrth
/ Tuesday

10.30
am / y.b.

St John,
Maindee,
Casnewydd
/ Newport

Ewcharist: St.
Mark
*Eucharist: St
Mark*

Mai 13
May 13
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

9.30
am / y.b.

St Thomas
Trefynwy
/ Monmouth

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com
For further information contact Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com

Vacancies

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

Ministry Area Administrator - Heart of Monmouthshire

We are a group of twenty Anglican churches in the heart of Monmouthshire, loving God, serving our communities, and being good neighbours to those around us.

We are looking to recruit someone with gifts for administration and skills who will enable more effective mission and ministry through provision of efficient administration and improved communication with our local community.

The role requires someone committed to our vision who is warm, approachable, flexible, organised, a team player and a self-starter. It is important that the successful candidate is sympathetic to the culture and mission of the Church and the vision of the ministry area. Previous experience in administration working with technology is essential.

References will be taken up on application. The successful applicant will be required to complete an enhanced DBS application. The role will report to the

Chair of the Ministry Area Council and will initially be for a period of twelve months.

Hours of work: 7 hours per week over two days

Salary: £12 to £14 per hour, depending on experience

Location: Home based with regular travel to meetings and to the MA buildings.

Closing date for applications: **5pm, Friday 17th February 2023**

Job Description and the application form are available

from: <https://www.homma.org> or contact harperdeb8@gmail.com

Send completed application forms to: harperdeb8@gmail.com

Interview dates: Week commencing Monday 13th March 2023

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

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Closing date for applications: **Monday 13th March 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

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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