

Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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

News

NOVEMBER: Discipleship



This month, we're reflecting on Discipleship.
A new video is being released each week each week.

Our third video reflects on the discipleship and fellowship found through meeting in small groups.

Appointment of New Cathedral Lay Canon

Bishop Cherry is pleased to announce that Ian Loynd has accepted her invitation to become Lay Canon of St Woolos Cathedral.

Commenting on the acceptance, Bishop Cherry said "I am delighted that Ian is joining the team at the Cathedral. He will bring exceptional gifts drawn from his work as Headteacher of a Church in Wales Secondary School and an energy and passion for justice that fits well into our Diocesan and Cathedral vision".

Ian will be welcomed formally as Canon at a service in the Cathedral at **4pm on Sunday 12th February 2023**. Further details of that service will be sent out nearer the time.



Celebrating Chaplaincy

Chaplains work on the front line. Whether in hospitals, prisons or schools or with seafarers, deaf people or army cadets, chaplains make connections with people outside the context of church and community, offering ministry to those who may never have set foot inside a church building.

To celebrate this distinct ministry, we are holding a service of celebration in the Cathedral on **Sunday January 22nd at 4pm**. Please note the date and come along if you can.



Daily Reflections for Advent

We're pleased to announce a new series of daily reflections to celebrate Advent written by Archdeacon Ian Rees.

"Advent is a wonderful but often overlooked season in the church calendar. For many it is associated simply with getting ready for Christmas, but Advent is much more than that. It is a season when we take time out to prepare for the coming of Jesus, something we celebrate as we mark his birth at Christmas, but something we also await as he has promised to return one day. We wait, not looking up to the skies for something to happen, but we wait, celebrating the gift of life and new life through Jesus. We wait, seeking to be more like Him as we look to follow His command to love God and to love our neighbour as ourself.

Perhaps this year we can rediscover something about waiting, about longing. It seems to have been a long and difficult few years for all kinds of reasons, but we wait in hope, we wait in expectation and we wait knowing that God has never failed to deliver on any of the promises he makes.

Whatever we usually make of the Advent season, make this one special – make it about Jesus and make it about you and your relationship with him and with the people and the creation around you."

DOWNLOAD: [Advent Reflections 2022 \(PDF\)](#)

DOWNLOAD: [Advent Reflections 2022 \(WORD\)](#)

In addition, you may like to use our latest diocesan vision course (Faith in our Future) as an Advent course this year. During this period of reflection, we encourage you to spend time looking at our new vision and praying for a future of growth.

"With the launch of the Diocesan Vision in October 2022, we are pushing a restart button in some ways for the life of the diocese. That doesn't mean the life had stopped and it certainly doesn't mean that we're rejecting the wonderful work that has been done and continues to be done, but it does mean another chance to focus on a new vision, one that will help to shape our mission as a diocese over the next 5 years and beyond.

What is very clear is that the Vision isn't about survival of our churches, but about growth. It is about doing whatever we do for God well. It's about recognising the messages that we are entrusted with."

DOWNLOAD: [Faith in our Future \(PDF\)](#)

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Update - A Gift for Christmas

Many thanks to all those who are responding to the invitation to create boxes of toiletries as Gifts for Christmas. There are two foodbanks I know of who are acting as distribution centres. Churches local to Rhymney and Malpas can contact Mark Owen and Becca Stevens respectively to arrange times to drop boxes off.

Other churches, such as the Cathedral, are partnering with local schools through the Headteachers and providing food and toiletries for families in particular need.

A Gift for Christmas is a way of sharing what we have and caring for those in particular need. It's a small way of demonstrating something of Christ's love as we prepare to celebrate his birth.



A Rocha UK & Christian Aid session at Wales Climate Week - next week!

Wales Climate Week provides an annual opportunity to hold a national conversation on climate change. The week explores the urgent action needed to reduce carbon emissions and create greater resilience to the impacts of climate change we are already experiencing across Wales.

Wales Climate Week 2022 is about climate choices and the important contribution that the general public can make in helping to tackle climate change.

A Rocha UK and Christian Aid will host an online session on **Monday 21st November at 3.15pm** focussing on both the local and global action taken by churches across Wales. You will hear directly from churches of different denominations about their experiences, what they have done with regards to their buildings, land and nature and campaigning and what they have achieved. We hope it will inspire more to act.

Register now for this and any other session during the week- all free of charge- by clicking here:

<https://www.climateweek.gov.wales/EN/pages/Programme2>

Mae *Wythnos Hinsawdd Cymru* yn cynnig cyfle blynyddol i gynnal sgwrs genedlaethol ynghylch y newid yn yr hinsawdd. Mae'r wythnos yn archwilio'r gweithredu brys sydd ei angen i leihau allyriadau carbon a magu gwytnwch gwell i effeithiau newid yn yr hinsawdd yr ydym eisoes yn eu gweld ledled Cymru. Mae Wythnos Hinsawdd Cymru 2022 eleni yn canolbwyntio ar y cyfraniad pwysig y gall y cyhoedd ei wneud er mwyn mynd i'r afael â newid yn yr hinsawdd.

Bydd A Rocha UK a Chymorth Cristnogol yn cynnal sesiwn ar lein ar **Ddydd Llun, 21ain o Dachwedd am 3.15 o'r gloch** yn focysu ar y camau mae capeli ac eglwysi yng Nghymru wedi eu cymryd yn lleol a byd eang. Cewch glywed yn uniongyrchol wrthyn nhw am eu profiadau, beth maent wedi eu gyflawni wrth son am eu hadeiladau, eu tir, byd natur ac ymgyrchu. Gobeithio y bydd yn ysbrydoli fwy i gymryd camau tebyg.

I gofrestru am y sesiwn yma a sesiynnau eraill yn ystod yr wythnos – i gyd am ddim – ewch i: <https://www.climateweek.gov.wales/EN/pages/Programme2>

Some social media posts you could use:

Join @ARochaUK & @DileuTlodi #WalesClimateWeek2022 as we show how churches are acting and working with others to help tackle #climatechange Register now: <https://bit.ly/3DrxuQw> @christian_aid

Join our session on Monday 21st as part of #WalesClimateWeek2022 to hear stories from churches that are helping with climate and nature emergencies. Register here : <https://bit.ly/3DrxuQw> @christian_aid @ARochaUK @DileuTlodi

#WythnosHinsawddCymru2002

Training and Events

Curry and Quiz Night - 25th November

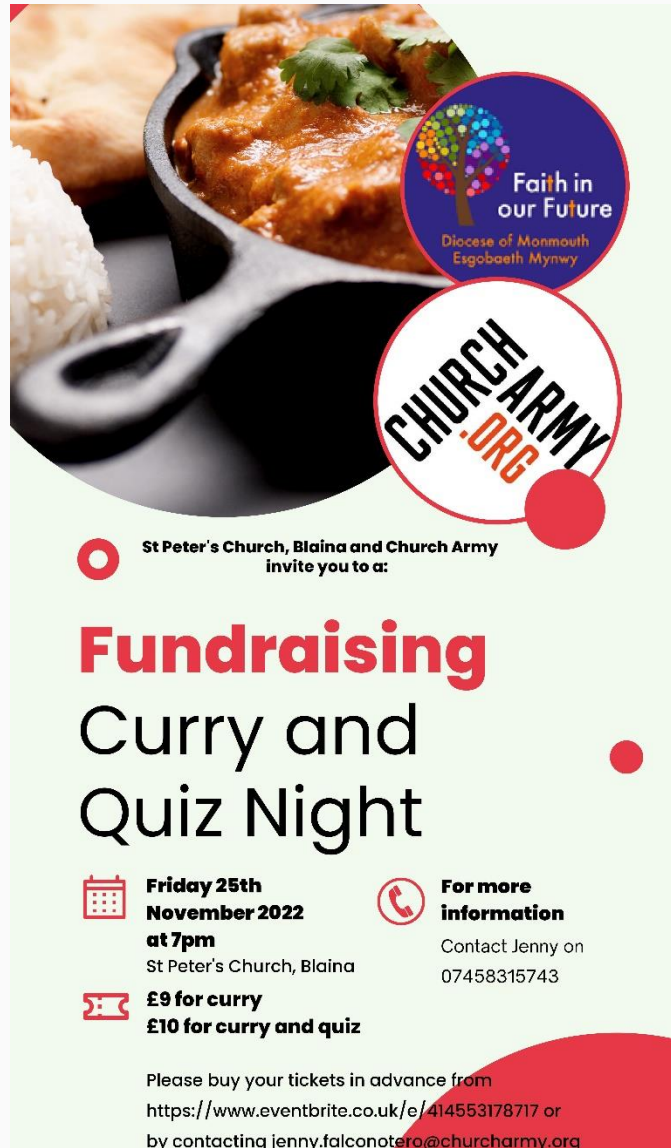
Gwent Valleys Centre of Mission and St Peter's Church, Blaina are hosting a joint fundraising Curry and Quiz night on Friday 25th November.

We are selling tickets online in advance via this

link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/curry-and-a-quiz-tickets-414553178717>

There is a Facebook event page with some info

here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/curry-and-quiz-night/602108051699040/>



The poster features a central image of a black cast-iron skillet filled with a vibrant orange curry, garnished with fresh green herbs, and served with a side of white rice. Overlaid on the top right of the image are two circular logos: a purple one with a colorful tree icon and the text 'Faith in our Future Diocese of Monmouth Esgobaeth Mynwy', and a white one with a red border containing the text 'CHURCH ARMY .ORG'. Below the image, the text reads: 'St Peter's Church, Blaina and Church Army invite you to a: **Fundraising Curry and Quiz Night**'. Further down, it specifies the date and time: 'Friday 25th November 2022 at 7pm' at 'St Peter's Church, Blaina'. Ticket prices are listed as '£9 for curry' and '£10 for curry and quiz'. Contact information for Jenny is provided: 'Contact Jenny on 07458315743'. Ticket purchase instructions are at the bottom: 'Please buy your tickets in advance from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/414553178717> or by contacting jenny.falconotero@churcharmy.org'.

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invite you to a:

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Spanish Mass - St John's Maindee

¿Conoces a alguien cerca de Newport o Cardiff que se interese en servicios en español? Actualmente estamos planeando una misa española semanal* en la Iglesia San Juan Evangelista, en Maindee, para comenzar el 6 de enero 2023 (la Epifanía),* a las 17:00, y después, cada domingo a las 17:00. También la transmitiremos en YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@padrewill> .

Les daríamos la bienvenida a hispanohablantes nativos y estudiantes del idioma igualmente. Si eso te interesara, por favor envíame un mensaje por texto (07722500805) o correo (father.william@bma.church).

(*Desafortunadamente, tuvimos que posponer el servicio hasta después del Adviento)

Do you know anyone near Newport or Cardiff who'd be interested in services in Spanish? We're currently planning a weekly Spanish mass at St. John's, Maindee, starting on the 6th January 2023 (la Epifanía), at 17:00. We'll also be broadcasting on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@padrewill> .*

We would welcome both native Spanish speakers and language learners. If you are interested, please send me a message by text (07722500805) or email (father.william@bma.church).



**LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL
... EN NEWPORT**

LA IGLESIA SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA, MAINDEE

UNA MISA SEMANAL. COMENZAMOS
EL MARTES, 6 DE ENERO 2023 A LAS 17:00 GMT,
Y DESPUÉS, CADA DOMINGO A LAS 17:00.
TAMBIÉN EN [YOUTUBE.COM/@PADREWILL](https://youtube.com/@padrewill)



SAINT JOHN'S
MAINDEE

Diocesan Choral Festival - 5th February 2023

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 register your interest with the Director of Music,
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.

The hymns and Psalm will be circulated nearer the time.

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

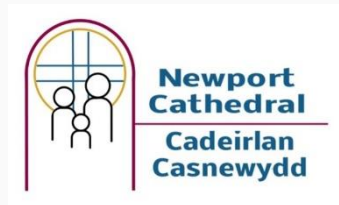
Canticles

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

Services and Resources



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

Books Available

The following items are available for free.

- Full set of William Barclay N.T. Commentaries
- Other Barclay publications
- Various theological books

Contact: Donald Maxfield (Retired LLM) - 01633 894193

Help Needed

Night Shelter Volunteers - Newport Cathedral

Newport Cathedral is hoping to provide a winter night shelter on Wednesday nights in January, February, and March, but needs additional volunteers.

If you would be interested in volunteering, it would be every other week commitment, please contact Phae Cole by the end of November.

Phae's email address is: coo.newportcathedral@gmail.com

Vacancies

Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area

Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area 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.

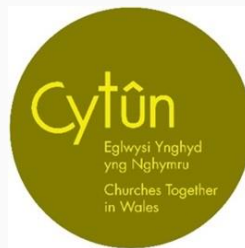
Application form and full profile available at
<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

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

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 18th November 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:
The Rev'd. Kevin Hasler, Rector and Ministry Area Leader on 078 3679 5753.



Cytûn Churches Together in Wales

Cytûn, Churches Together in Wales is seeking applications for the post of **Chief Executive Officer** which will become vacant soon because of the retirement of the present post-holder the Rev Canon Aled Edwards.

The postholder will

- provide a visionary lead for ecumenism and public engagement by the Churches of Wales and will enable and carry forward the work programme and priorities set by the Cytun Board of Trustees in the service of the Churches.
- oversee support for the Covenant for Union in Wales through the Commission for Covenanted Churches.

- Support the Free Church Council
- manage a team that delivers the programme of work agreed by the board and member churches
- be a Christian who understands and accepts the basis of Cytûn
- be proficient at communicating in Welsh and English

For more information about Cytûn, the role, and the person we are looking for, see the Cytûn website <https://www.cytun.co.uk/hafan/en/vacancies/> or contact chair@cytun.cymru

Please apply online to chair@cytun.cymru

Please include the following:

- A comprehensive CV that includes your recent achievements and the details of two referees one of whom oversees your current work.
- An application letter that includes your reason for applying and the qualities that you will bring to the role.
- Applications must be received by 11th November 2022

Interviews will be held 25th November 2022

Please contact chair@cytun.cymru if you have any problems

Vicar - Tredegar Park Ministry Area

We are looking for a collaborative and supportive priest with a genuine passion for discipleship to join us in this new Ministry Area to serve a group of communities in Newport in South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is a people person, able to connect with those both in and outside the Church?
- Has a strong faith and a desire to share God's love?
- Has gifts in leadership while being a team player?
- Can empower others to use their gifts in God's service?

- Is sensitive, compassionate and prayerful with a good sense of humour?

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

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

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

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 9th December 2022**

For an informal conversation please contact:
The Revd. Chris Stone, Ministry Area Leader
on 01633 378354 or vicchris78@sky.com

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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