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Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Diocesan Day of Prayer

St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny



Our Diocesan Day of Prayer drew people from across our ministry areas to spend time in the presence of God. The various prayer stations gave us the opportunity to explore different ways of attuning our hearts to the heartbeat of God, with plenty of time simply to immerse ourselves in God's love in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Priory in Abergavenny.

Bishop Cherry said, *'Prayer is the most important thing that we can do. It draws us ever deeper into God's love for us and shapes and equips us for the work that God calls us to do in his company.'*

A wonderful summary of the day, with photos, has been written. To view or download it, please click here: [Day of Prayer](#)



Vision in Focus

This month we are looking at the stewardship branch of our diocesan vision and how we are committed to *'living as thankful and generous people'*. Archdeacon Ian Rees shares his thoughts on why stewardship is an essential part of our discipleship and our new Church Resource Officer, Zoe Ward,

provides some insight into ways she can help us to become better stewards (see the video below).



To read the full article, please visit the diocesan website: [Vision in Focus](#)

Archdeacons' Visitation News

A wonderful magazine of news from the three Archdeacons has come out and is filled with updates and useful information. The front page of the magazine can be viewed below but to read the whole thing, please download the PDF below.

DOWNLOAD: [Archdeacons' Magazine](#)



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Faith in our Future

It is great to hear the response to the launch of the Diocesan Vision and there is a real sense of life and excitement to journey into growth. At the Diocesan Conference back in October, we talked about coming to meet your ministry area teams in our capacity as Directors of Mission and Ministry to take you through a process of planning for the future and to help your teams explore what is working, be honest about activities that are no longer suitable and to explore the possibilities for outreach. This isn't an attempt to burden you with extra work but to help and support you as much as we can.

It can be an advantage to have an external team come in to help with this visioning process as you explore the application of the five branches to your context. These meetings will be different in every place as you will all be at different stages of your journey as a Ministry Area, but it would be helpful to meet to:

- initially, discuss your context and issues you have identified and any information it would help for us to know in order that we can support you in the best way.
- at some point to facilitate a vision session with a broad section of laypeople from the Ministry Area and clergy where the net is cast wide and the possibilities are explored. At this session, we can think about the key questions to focus people's energies towards effective mission.

We can then think about how a plan can be drawn up to highlight key achievable opportunities and follow this up to ensure that appropriate support and encouragement can be given. We appreciate that each context is unique and each Ministry Area is at a different stage in its formation and depth of relationships. Some MA's will already have a visioning process and will be developing a strategy for growth, where others will need a bit more time to ensure the foundations are firm for growth.

But wherever you are in your journey, it would be good to have a discussion, so please invite us along!



The Ven Ian Rees
Archdeacon of Monmouth
Director of Ministry



The Ven Stella Bailey
Archdeacon of Gwent Valleys
Director of Mission



The Ven Jonathan Williams
Archdeacon of Newport

Archdeacons Visitations



For the first time in quite a number of years, this year there will be Archdeacons' Visitations taking place in each of the archdeaconries.

Importantly, at a short service, which will be followed by tea and coffee, the two Ministry Area Wardens will make their declarations. The theme of the services will be 'Serving for a purpose'. Obviously, we need the Ministry Area Wardens there but we also expect that all licensed clergy and lay people will attend one of the visitations. Anyone who wishes to support the Wardens, and pray for and celebrate their work and the work of so many who contribute positively to our Ministry Areas, is very welcome and encouraged to attend. If you can't attend the one in your own Archdeaconry, you can attend one of the others instead.

Newport Archdeaconry:
St Basil's Church, Bassaleg.
16th May at 7.30pm

Gwent Valleys Archdeaconry:
St Augustine's, Pontllanfraith.
22nd May at 7.30pm

Monmouth Archdeaconry:
St Cadoc's, Raglan.
14th June at 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing you at one of the services.

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Churches Unlocked Festival

Things are gearing up for our first Churches Unlocked Festival, which will run 3rd – 11th June. The festival celebrates the rich history and heritage of our churches and the lively communities which use them today.

Launched by our neighbour Llandaff Diocese last year, we have decided to join forces with them and pilot the scheme in Monmouth.

The 10 churches taking part from across our diocese are getting ready to host walks and talks around the history and heritage of their area, community events, family fun, music, arts and workshops.

To download the poster and leaflet, please go to this site: [Churches Unlocked](#)



www.churchesunlocked.org

CHURCHES UNLOCKED FESTIVAL 2023

3-11 JUNE



Discover the beauty of South Wales church life

Over 130 events to explore...

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Change of Venue - Safeguarding Training 23/05

Please note that the upcoming Module B safeguarding training on **Tuesday 23rd May**, has changed location to **St John the Evangelist, Maindee** (NP19 8GR).

Module B: Understanding Safeguarding in the Church

Date: 23 May 2023, 6.30pm

Location: St John the Evangelist, Maindee

Training & Events



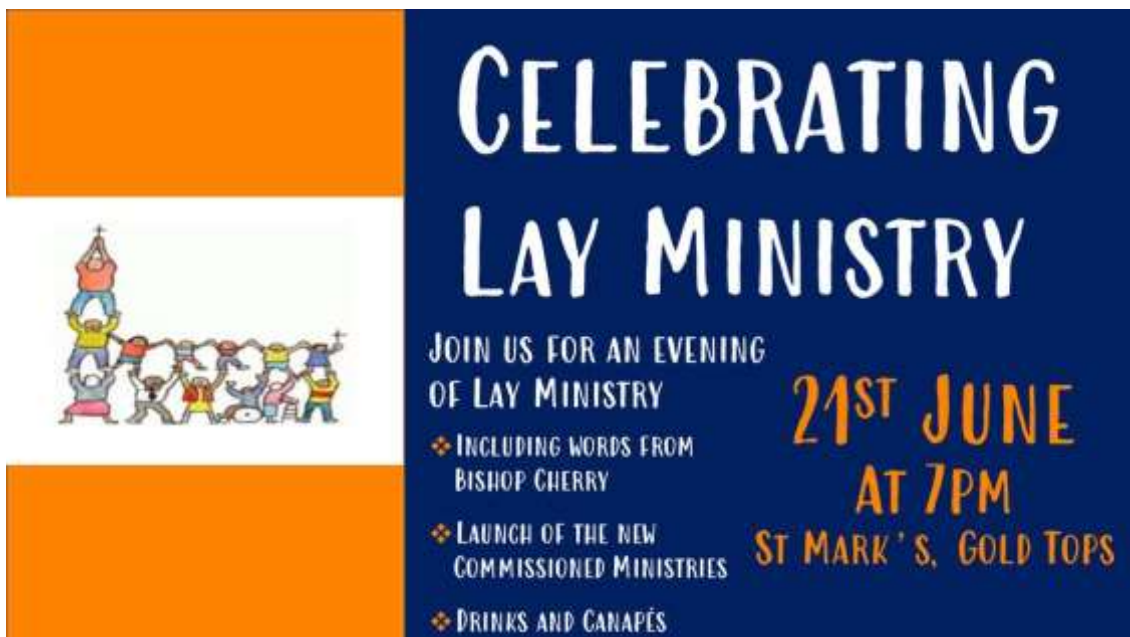
Centenary Eucharist - Celebrating 100 Years

The Society of the Sacred Cross Centenary Eucharist is happening at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport on **Saturday 20 May at 11.00am**. The Celebrant and preacher will be The Bishop of Monmouth. Everyone is welcome to join the Tymawr Sisters in celebrating 100 years since the Society's arrival in Wales at this service.

This service is also available to watch from the link [here](#).

Celebration of Lay Ministry - 21st June

You are invited to a celebration of Lay Ministry, on Wednesday 21st June at St Mark's Church, Goldtops, Newport. More information about the evening will be coming out soon, but for now, please pop this date in your diaries.



**CELEBRATING
LAY MINISTRY**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF LAY MINISTRY

**21ST JUNE
AT 7PM**
ST MARK'S, GOLD TOPS

- ❖ INCLUDING WORDS FROM BISHOP CHERRY
- ❖ LAUNCH OF THE NEW COMMISSIONED MINISTRIES
- ❖ DRINKS AND CANAPÉS

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Friends of St Woolos Cathedral

ANNUAL LECTURE

Canon Dr Arthur Edwards

Alfred Ollivant Reforming Victorian Bishop



Thursday 25th May 2023 7.00pm
Admission Free
Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill

This year's lecture will be given by Canon Dr Arthur Edwards, a former Canon of the Cathedral. Well-known for his expertise in the history of the Church in Wales, Canon Edwards' lecture is entitled **Alfred Ollivant, Reforming Victorian Bishop**. Ollivant was a very significant figure in the revival of Anglicanism in Wales during the nineteenth century and the lecture will provide an opportunity to find out more about him.

The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. Admission is free and all are welcome.



Churches Count on Nature

During Love your Burial Ground Week (*4th-12th of June*) churches from all denominations are being invited to a week-long 'nature count' to monitor and celebrate the biodiversity in churchyards. This initiative will see people visiting churchyards to record what they see – from the ancient yews to tiny ladybirds. The data will then be collated on the National Biodiversity Network.

During Churches Count on Nature 2023, the Church of England Environment Programme is running a special series of webinars on different aspects of land and nature. Find help with churchyard management, inspiring examples of how church land at all levels is being managed, hear from Bishop Graham Usher about becoming more aware of nature, and get informed about the big picture of the twin crises for climate and nature.

For the first time, and to reflect the partnership with the Church in Wales, we are also trialling a webinar simultaneously translated into the Welsh language, on Eco Church Land.

Webinars:

Mon 5th June, noon - Practical Guidance on Churchyard Management

Tues 6th June, noon - Examples of Managing Church Land for Climate and Nature

Wed 7th June, noon - Paying Attention to Nature, with Bishop Graham Usher, Lead Bishop on the Environment

Thurs 8th June, noon - Eco Church Land (Eco Church Rheoli Tir Eglwys)

Fri 9th June, noon - From Global to Local: Tackling the Twin Crises for Climate and Nature

For more information or to book onto one of these webinars, please visit this link:

Churches Count on Nature 2023



Act for Nature

Saturday 24th June, 10.30 - 3pm
Highgrove Church, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2NL

Join A Rocha UK's CEO, Andy Atkins, as we discover how Eco Churches are incorporating care for God's creation as part of their mission.

Highgrove Church is a Silver Eco Church and will be on hand to explain how they act for nature and plant hope through caring for God's creation. We'll also be joined by our friends from Hazelnut Community Farm - a Gold Eco Church and an A Rocha Partner in Action - as well as Delyth Higgins from the Eco Church team.

It will be a great opportunity to learn and share more of your experience of campaigning for nature - and 'speak up'

To find out and more and to book your place, please see the following: [Act for Nature](#)

If you have any questions please contact the organisers on uk@arocha.org



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	Postcode	Module
23/05/2023	Tuesday	6.30pm	St John the Evangelist, Maindee	NP19 8GR	B
25/05/2023	Thursday	10.00am	St Cadoc's Church, Raglan	NP15 2EN	B
06/06/2023	Tuesday	10.00am	Monmouth Diocesan Office	NP20 4HJ	B
22/06/2023	Thursday	10.00am	Monmouth Diocesan Office	NP20 4HJ	E (for PTO)
27/06/2023	Tuesday	6.30pm	St Cadoc's Church, Raglan	NP15 2EN	B

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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

Services & Resources



To join us for services from the Cathedral, please use the following links:

- *Ascension service, Thursday 18th May* at 7.30pm [here](#),
- *Society of the Sacred Cross 100 years Celebration Eucharist, Saturday 20th May* at 11am [here](#),
- The service **this Sunday** at 10:30am [here](#).



The Bereavement Journey

The Bereavement Journey now have an updated website with promotional material.

Feedback from their pilot courses has been extremely positive and they are looking forward to equipping churches to offer support to even more bereaved people.

Any churches who have already purchased a Course Leader's pack for the previous materials will be receiving a link to download the new one early next month, and at the same time, the Leader's Pack will be available to purchase by those new to the course from The Bereavement Journey shop www.thebereavementjourney.org/shop

You can view their promotional film for Churches/Christian organisations here: <https://vimeo.com/825029365>

Free, online introductory sessions available to book now:

- *Are you interested in finding out more about the update to The Bereavement Journey?*
- *Have you run the course before and want to know what has changed?*
- *Are you new to the course and want to know how it all works?*

You are welcome to one of their free, short, and informal online sessions for course leaders in churches/Christian organisations, to learn what is involved and ask any questions.

Over 160 people have booked their place, and one date is already fully booked so they have released two more sessions. To view dates and register, please click [here](#).

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Mehefin 13
June 13
Dydd Mawrth
/ Tuesday

7.00
pm / y.h.

St Mary
Magwyr /
Magor

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Gorffennaf 8
July 8
Dydd Sadwrn
/ Saturday

9.30
am /y.b.

St Thomas
Trefynwy /
Monmouth

Ewcharist
Eucharist

Awst 12
August 12
Dydd Sadwrn
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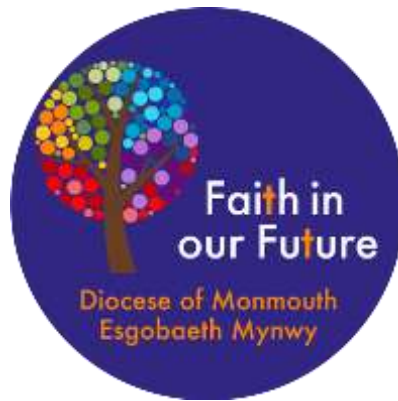
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Vacancies



Hub Churches Project Manager

Our diocese has exciting plans for new worshipping communities (Hub Churches) to be developed across the area and are therefore looking to appoint a Project Manager to oversee this.

- Are you able to manage a team of staff?
- Can you lead the regular project reporting, evaluation and financial planning of this exciting project?
- Can you support the communication between the diocese, ministry areas and Hub Churches?

We'd love to hear from you!

The Diocese of Monmouth are looking to appoint someone who will manage this exciting new project of Hub Churches. Their responsibilities will include coordinating the process of recruitment of all Hub team members, providing quarterly monitoring and evaluation to the Project Steering Group, managing the project budget, line managing the project team members and supporting communication between Hub Churches and the various diocesan structures.

For the full job description and application forms, please visit the website [here](#).

All applications should be submitted to isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 9th June**.

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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