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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

Scam Alert!

Please note one of our treasurers has received an email appearing to be from their energy supplier (Total Energies) stating that they need to fill in a survey as their account has been closed.

Following contact with the energy supplier, it was confirmed that the account had not been closed and it was highly likely a scam email.

Please be vigilant and do not click on links or attachments from emails if you have any doubt as to their authenticity.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK: **Spring Conference and MA Team Day - 11th March**



Invites for the special Spring Conference 2023 and Ministry Area Team Day went out last month and we are fast approaching the deadline for booking on!

As we are providing lunch and therefore need information regarding dietary requirements, the deadline to book on is **Friday 3rd March**.

Conference members have been invited to the morning and ministry team members (consisting of licensed clerics, LLMs, MA Wardens and MA Lay Co-Chairs) have been invited to the afternoon.

We are aware that some people's invites have gone straight into their junk mail folder so if you are still waiting for an invitation, please check there first.

We would also be happy to send an invite out to you or answer any questions, if you don't know which part of the day you are invited to, just email admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

We look forward to having you with us on the day!

Cardiff University Faith Research

People across Wales are invited to participate in an online study into the impact of faith practices on people's lives.

Participation will involve conducting a faith practice for just 10 minutes a day for one week.

Please click on the following link for more information and to sign up:

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Ministry Areas and Deaneries

The end of January 2023 saw the final commissioning service to celebrate the creation of the sixteen ministry areas in the Diocese of Monmouth. In preparation for this the Diocesan Conference, at its meeting in October 2022, agreed to increase the number of deaneries in the Diocese from eight to sixteen, with each ministry area also being a deanery and with the Ministry Area Leader taking on the role of Area Dean. The ex-officio, elected and co-

opted members of the Ministry Area Council will also be the Deanery Conference. This change will come into effect on 1st May 2023. This means that at the next Annual Vestry Meeting in each of our ministry areas the appointments and elections to the Ministry Area Council will also create the new Deanery Conference.

Each Ministry Area Council will determine its own pattern of meetings, but it will be a requirement that they meet as the Deanery Conference before the end of June 2023 so that the nominations of candidates for election by the Diocesan Conference can be determined, including nominations for membership of the Governing Body and the Representative Body. Further details of these elections will be issued by the Diocesan Office in due course.

We would like to thank all those who have been members of the current Deanery Conferences and especially those who have taken on officer roles in the deaneries. Particular thanks go to those who have taken on the role of Area Dean during this time of significant change and restructuring.

Ven Jonathan Williams, on behalf of the Bishop's Staff Team
February 2023

For Your Prayers

We give thanks for the life of Very Revd John Rogers, who died peacefully on 16th February 2023. Having served his curacy in Llandaff, John served over 20 years in the Diocese of Monmouth, including as Vicar of Caldicot (1971-1977), Vicar of Monmouth (1977-1984) and Rector of Ebbw Vale (1984-1993), before being appointed as Dean of Llandaff in 1993. He was also made a Canon of St Woolos Cathedral in 1988.

Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

Training & Events



CYNNAL | SUSTAIN
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Free Online Training on Eco-Literacy

Churches in Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport are being offered free online training on eco-literacy by Cynnal Cymru as part of its Nature Wise programme.

The remaining dates are:

1. Tuesday 28 February 2023 10 am – 12.30 pm
AND Thursday 2 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
2. Tuesday 14 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
AND Thursday 16 March 2023, 10 am – 12.30 pm
3. Monday 20 March 2023, 1.30 pm – 4 pm
AND Wednesday 22 March 2023, 1.30 pm – 4 pm

For more information or to book, please head to their website: [Cynnal Cymru](https://www.cynnal-cymru.org.uk)

Radical Welcome
1st Sunday | March-June
6 pm
All Saints Cyncoed

Radical Welcome is a four session programme aimed at helping our churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive - to be radically welcoming.

**EAST
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MINISTRY
AREA**

Radical Welcome Course

“Radical Welcome is a four session programme aimed at helping churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive – to be radically welcoming.”

As East Cardiff MA prepare to launch their Open Table, they will be exploring the Radical Welcome course as a ministry area (although those from outside their MA are very welcome).

Course details and notes for preparation or home study are provided here: <https://eastcardiff.church/radical-welcome/>



Last Chance to Book: Statue for Lady Rhondda

INVITATION TO MEET THE MAQUETTE - NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

Monday 6th March 2023

7pm – 9.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

An exciting opportunity to begin celebrating International Women’s Day 2023 by viewing the maquette of what will be the first statue of a named woman in Newport.

Free event tickets available from

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/statue-for-lady-rhondda-an-invitation-to-meet-the-maquette-tickets-524579089177> &

Newport Cathedral Office:

enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk01633267464



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](#)



Theology for Life

Would you like to....

- learn more about the Bible and the teachings of the church, and deepen your discipleship?
- study towards a diploma or a degree in Theology for Discipleship, Ministry and Mission?

The BTh (Theology for Life) is for anyone who wants to deepen their faith and learn more about theology. If you're interested, why not join our FREE online taster sessions on 18th April, 25th April, 2nd May or 9th May, from 6-7pm.

For more information contact: david.taylor@stpadarns.ac.uk or download this document: [Theology for Life taster sessions](#)



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 today for Ash Wednesday, at 7.30pm, [here](#) and this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

New Taizé Service

Monday 6 March 7.00 pm

St Mabli's Church, Llanvapley

Taizé

Peace

Prayer

Meditation

Music



St Mabli's Church NP7 8SN

A new Taize service is being led in North Monmouthshire ministry area.

All are welcome!



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](#)



Chrism Mass

Our Chrism Mass this year will take place, once again, on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **4th April, at 11am in Newport Cathedral.**

This is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament, together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord's Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

Bishop Cherry warmly encourages all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church of God, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus's self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

It would be very helpful if you would contact the Bishop's PA, Vicki, at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk and confirm:

- that you will be attending
- whether you will be robing (ie and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)
- whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so
- whether you have any dietary requirements

Please get in touch with this information by **24th March at the latest** so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG

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

Prison Chaplaincy (part-time)

Usk/Prescoed prisons have a vacancy for a part time ordained chaplain. It would be for 3 days a week, and would include a service or two on Sundays (times can be negotiated). Initially the post would be from March 2023 to March 2024 and in this time the salary would be paid on an hourly rate (about £13 per hour). Travelling time and expenses will also be paid.

There is a hope, but not a certainty, that the role will continue and even be made into a full time position after the initial year and, if that happens, it would need to be advertised again.

If you are interested in finding out more details or visiting the prison to meet the Lead Chaplain, please speak to the Ven Ian Rees on **07983 684151** or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

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: **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

Children and Families Pastor (part-time)

St Mary's, Marshfield are looking for an experienced and confident children and families pastor that can work with us to rebuild our engagement with families from the ground up. You will work with us to re-establish our previously very popular monthly family service and to introduce and lead a term-time Sunday School.

You will take a lead on working alongside families who come to St Mary's for special family events, like baptisms, and share with the Vicar in their work at the local Primary School.

To find out more information about this position or to apply: <https://docdro.id/DyYrS5x>

If you wish to apply for this role, please submit your CV along with a covering letter and details of two referees to rossmaidment@cinw.org.uk by **March 17th**.

Worship Leader / Director of Music (part-time)

St Mary's, Marshfield are looking for an experienced musician and confident singing instructor that can work with us to rebuild our choir from the ground up. You will work with us to develop the choir's musical repertoire and to recruit new members.

We believe in this project and are ready to invest in it.

We are prepared to offer:

- > A competitive package of remuneration based on experience
- > Funding for the recruitment of choristers
- > A substantial investment in improving our existing instrument

To find out more information about this position or to apply:

<https://docdro.id/s5Abln1>

If you wish to apply for this role, please submit your CV along with a covering letter and details of two referees to rossmaidment@cinw.org.uk by **March 17th**.

For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click [here](#).

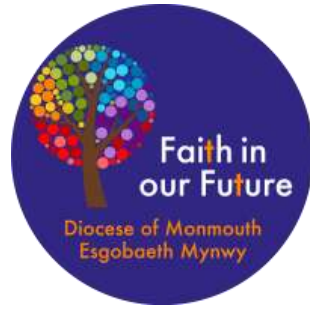
You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates [here](#).



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