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## News

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**£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](#)

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## Churches Unlocked - this weekend!!



It's nearly Churches Unlocked: Hidden Gems time!

The festival starts this **Saturday (8th June) and runs until Sunday 16th June** and it would be great to welcome lots of visitors - so why not pop along?

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 are 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 more being added every day. With community events, family fun, music, arts, workshops and special services there is plenty for everyone!





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

The Diocese of Llandaff are holding their Churches Unlocked 2024 from the 1st – 9th of June and you can see which churches are taking part here, <https://www.churchesunlocked.org/>

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## Eco Fair update

Not long to wait until our Eco Fair at Newport Cathedral!

The event will be held on Saturday 15th June and 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.

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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.

He has previously held posts as Assistant Organist at Ripon and Brecon cathedrals, Ampleforth College and also taught at Harrogate Ladies' College.

Commenting on the appointment, the Dean, Very Revd Ian Black said: "I am delighted that Tom has accepted the role of Director of Music. He will build on the tremendous work of Emma Gibbins, taking the choir and music of the Cathedral forward. We are looking forward to welcoming him to Newport."

Tom will take over from the current Director of Music, Emma Gibbins in September and was the unanimous choice of the panel and the clear favourite of the choir after leading rehearsals with them as part of the interview process. He is passionate about the role of music within the liturgy.

Tom said, "I am really looking forward to taking up the position of Director of Music at Newport Cathedral. I greatly enjoyed working with the choir in the audition process and I am excited to lead the music at the Cathedral working alongside my new colleagues. It's clear to me that Emma Gibbins has done so much to build up the music at Newport and I hope to be able to continue the great work she has achieved."

Tom began his musical career as a chorister at Chester Cathedral and went on to study music at Durham University. He has a Research Master of Arts in Musicology and was recently awarded a Master of Music in Choral Conducting with distinction from the Royal Academy of Music. He has a Licentiate, or professional diploma, from the Royal Academy of Music and is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists.

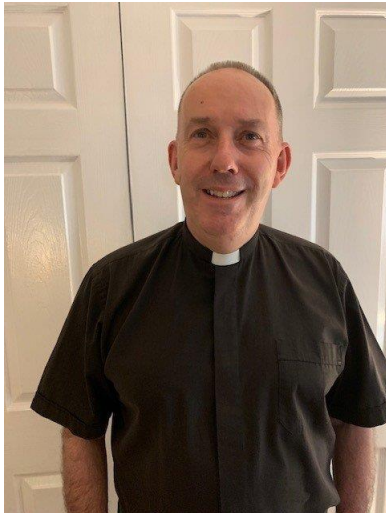
Tom frequently edits and arranges music, as well as maintaining his academic profile researching twentieth century British composers - particularly Kenneth Leighton. He occasionally composes, and his anthem, written with his sister Elizabeth, '*My eyes for beauty pine*', was sung at the Royal Maundy service in 2023 at York Minster.

In his spare time, Tom enjoys hiking and walking, is a keen amateur artist, and likes cooking – particularly enjoying good food with company to match.

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

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## New Vicar Announced for Mid-Torfaen



Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce that Rev Martyn Evans will be joining Mid Torfaen Ministry Area as vicar.

Martyn is currently serving as Ministry Area Leader in neighbouring Llandaff Diocese, but was ordained in Monmouth and spent several years in the diocese.

Bishop Cherry said: "It is good to be welcoming Martyn back to the Diocese of Monmouth. I look forward to licensing him and celebrating all that he will bring

to the life of the churches in the Mid-Torfaen Ministry Area and wider diocese."

Martyn is excited to be joining Fr Philip Godsell and the rest of the ministry area team.

He said: "Having served as the Ministry Area Leader of the Llynfi and Upper Afan Valleys over the last few years, I am looking forward to the opportunity to focus more on 'discipleship and spiritual nurture' and 'mission and outreach' in the churches and communities which the ministry area serves.

"I have a passion to move people from being simply 'church attenders' to become 'Lifelong Disciples' and 'Ambassadors for Christ', encouraging people to make connections between their church life and their life outside of the church.

"I am also delighted to be returning home to the Monmouth Diocese where I was ordained in 2012, serving my curacy in Tredegar and later in 2015 as Ministry Area Leader in Lower Islwyn."

Prior to ordination, Martyn was the Finance Director for a division of a medical company, having qualified as a Fellow of the Chartered Certified Accountants. He has never really been able to escape totally from the world of finance, serving on the Diocesan Board of Finance for both the Diocese of Monmouth and Llandaff. He has also been a member of Governing Body.



In his spare time, Martyn enjoys spending time with his black Labrador 'Maisie' and trying to play the piano.

**Rev Martyn Evans will be licensed on 4th August.**

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## Licensing of Rev Bronwen Summers



Rev Bronwen Summers was licensed as Pioneer Vicar for Tredegar Park Ministry Area at a ceremony held at St Thomas, Newport at 7pm on 22nd May.

During her sermon Bishop Cherry said “When we recall some of the great pioneers in history, we might think of those who sailed the seas in search of new territories; who crossed deserts, climbed mountains and hacked their way through jungles because they were there to explore. We might equally think of those who broke new ground in science, education and medicine.”

“A pioneer vicar, then, is a cleric who is breaking new ground, who goes beyond what we might consider the traditional role of a vicar and reaches out into new spaces and places to share the gospel and draw people, by God’s grace, into faith – and into the community of faith.”

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# Ordinations 2024



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](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk)

Phone: [01633 263510](tel:01633 263510)

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## For Your Prayers

# Ember List 2024

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

**To be ordained Deacon:**

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

**Mariwyn 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


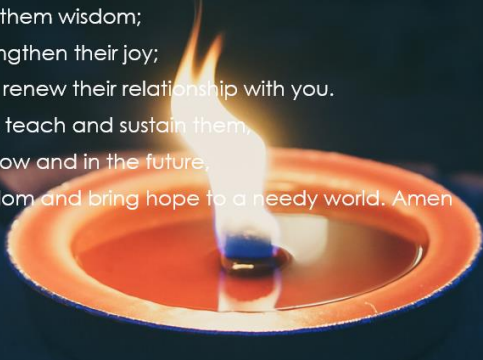
**The Revd William Savage** to continue to serve in the  
Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area with Revd Sally  
Ingle-Gillis



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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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## Resources

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## Easyfundraising

## An easy way to increase funds for your church



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.

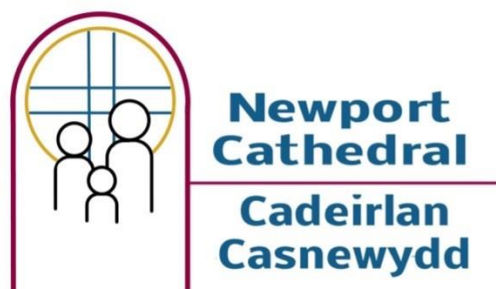
**Register your church** [here](#) to start receiving additional funds. It's completely free to register and use and is open to all churches. Then, whenever anyone registered as a supporter buys something online, the retailer will send your church a free donation based on how much they spend. It doesn't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

Find out more [here](#)

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## Services

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Join us for the Trinity 2 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at **10:30am**

[Click here to join - Trinity 2 Service](#)

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# Vacancies

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## Ministry Area Leader - Netherwent MA



## **NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA**

### **MINISTRY AREA LEADER**

We are looking for a new Ministry Area leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses.

We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

The person we would like for this role will have:

- A heart for community, for mission and evangelism and for nurturing disciples.
- A servant-heart, who is confident, possesses good relational skills and who is prepared to be 'hands-on' whilst not losing sight of the 'bigger picture'.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to forge, maintain and develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families.
- Vision to recognise the contribution and value of each individual church, whilst also seeking to foster a sense of unity and purpose across the Ministry Area as a whole.
- Experience as a good leader and communicator who recognises the importance of teamwork and collaborative ministry.
- A real desire for the excitement and challenge of ensuring an effective structure to help the ministry area to grow. This will be done in conjunction with an innovative and supportive Ministry Area team of clergy and lay people.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Venerable Ian Rees on (07983 684151) or [archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.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: [archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Interview date to be confirmed.*



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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

*Interviews to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or [mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mardyvicarage@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](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Interviews to take place soon after*



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