

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



DECEMBER: Social Justice

Throughout December, we will be focusing on another 'branch' of our Diocesan Vision – Social Justice.

It is easy to care for those we know and love. But loving our neighbour means looking out for all, whoever they may be! This often calls us to look out for those who are vulnerable and in most need, serving our whole communities, and challenging injustice where it arises.

By “Serving together” we “strengthen our communities.”

During Advent, we have uploaded lots of resources for our school families to use as part of Taith Adfent, including simple worships around the theme of social justice.

These are great resources which encourage children to think about 'fairness' and ends with a prayer....

*Heavenly Father,
You taught us to seek justice by speaking up for and defending others who may
not be able to help themselves.
Give us the courage to speak out when we see that something is not fair and
the wisdom to know how to take action.
Amen*

Find out more: [Advent Worship Resources for Children](#)



Bishop's Advisor - Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation

Following the retirement of the Revd Beverley Smith, Bishop Cherry is pleased to announce that the Revd David Matthews has accepted her invitation to become the Bishop's Advisor in Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation (HWR).

Fr David will take up this responsibility with immediate effect and work with the members of the HWR team to develop and embed the ministry of healing in each of the Ministry Areas. Please pray for him and all involved in healing ministry across the diocese.



Diolch yn fawr

As well as using our weekly mailing to announce new appointments to our diocese, it is also an opportunity for us to say 'thank you' to all those who have served faithfully in ordained ministry for many years and have now retired.

As mentioned above, Revd Beverley Smith has now retired. We are tremendously grateful for the ministry you have offered.

"Please continue to pray for one another and for the life of our diocese as we each seek to be faithful to all that God asks of us; and may God continue to bless you in all that you are and all that you do in your service of the gospel."

Da iawn Malpas CiW Primary!

Thanks to hard work and commitment, Malpas Church in Wales Primary has been taken out of special measures by school watchdog, Estyn.

Speaking to Wales Online about the welcome news, Beccie Morteo, Head of Education, Monmouth Diocese, said: "On behalf of Bishop Cherry and Monmouth Diocese I would like to congratulate the team at Malpas Church in Wales Primary School and commend the incredible amount of hard work that has taken place over the last few years. We have every confidence that Mr Hills will continue to lead Malpas Church towards a bright and exciting future."

Read the full article here <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/primary-school-newport-taken-out-25641900.amp>



Safeguarding Advice - Warm Spaces

We are aware that various diocese are setting up 'warm spaces' this winter. This is a great idea and use of churches.

The safeguarding team want to make sure that Churches and Diocese have

considered safeguarding in the set up of these projects and think the link below is a helpful resource is helpful in adding us to consider the safeguarding implications and safe practices for Warm Spaces.

[Setting up 'Warm Spaces' safely \(thirtyoneeight.org\)](http://thirtyoneeight.org)

We also have an Safeguarding Engagement and Assurance Officer now in place who is available to support and advise from a safeguarding perspective when setting up new projects.

Sarah Jones: SarahEJones@churchinwales.org.uk



Mission to Seafarers - Donations Welcome!

As the weather gets colder, Mission to Seafarers particularly welcomes donations of woolly hats and balaclavas. If you are in need of a pattern, please see their website: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/at-church/knitting>

Donations of tubs of chocolates are also very welcome too!

Revd Mark Lawson-Jones and Ros Downs are also both happy to be invited to give talks on the work they are doing. Please contact them directly to arrange donations.

Revd Mark Lawson-Jones: mark.lawson-jones@mtsmail.org

Ros Downs: ros.downs@mtsmail.org

Advent Vocations

Advent is a season in the Church's life which of its nature looks to the future – yes, to the coming of Christ as a child at Christmas, but also beyond that to his coming in glory at the end of time. What better time is there in the Church's liturgical calendar to think about our own futures too, about what God is asking of us, about how we might respond, and about the direction of our lives in light of our faith.

So where might God be calling you this Advent? To help us reflect on that we have a video from Revd. Andrew Webster who is Chaplain at St David's Hospice.

If you feel a prompt to explore, please do speak to your focal minister or contact RebeccaStevens@cinw.org.uk



Revd. Andrew Webster, Chaplain at St David's Hospice

Training and Events

Wales: A Spiritual and Historical Profile – a talk with Rowan Williams - 11th December

An invitation from the Broughton Park Jewish-Christian Dialogue Group to an online talk by Dr Rowan Williams:

Sunday 11 December, 4.30pm – 6pm: The culture of Wales has a long and rich history.

This talk, by Lord Williams of Oystermouth, will discuss some of the literary heritage of Wales, the story of religious development and diversity in Wales and its impact on Welsh politics, and the history of troubled relations with England and the complexities of devolved government.

Any queries can be addressed to Dr Irene Lancaster (0161 792 2446; email irenecr123@gmail.com).

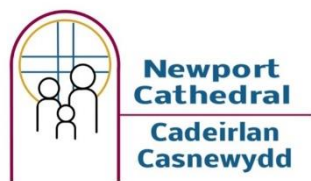
This talk is open to all. Please let them know. The talk will be given via Zoom – here's the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85879256913?pwd=TIg3anVaa1FtbDZERkZBWEN6eEdqUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 7925 6913

Passcode: 497230

Services and Resources



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

ESGOBAETH MYNWX – GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2023

Dyddiad <i>Date</i>	Amser <i>Time</i>	Lleoliad <i>Venue</i>	Gwasanaeth <i>Service & Th</i>
Tachwedd 12 <i>November 12</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist: St <i>Eucharist: Re</i>
Rhagfyr 13 <i>December 13</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	10.30 am /y.b.	St John, Maindee, Casnewydd / <i>Newport</i>	Ewcharist: Ac <i>Eucharist: Ac</i>
Rhagfyr 17 <i>December 17</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	I'w gadarnhau / <i>tbc</i>	Beaufort	Gwasanaeth y <i>Advent Servic</i>
Ionawr 14 <i>January 14</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Ionawr 15 <i>January 15</i> Dydd Sul / <i>Sunday</i>	4.00 pm /y.h.	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport <i>Cathedral</i>	Plygain
Chwefror 7 <i>February 7</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	7.00 pm / y.h.	St Mary Magwyr / <i>Magor</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Mawrth 11 <i>March 11</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Ebrill 18 <i>April 18</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	10.30 am / y.b.	St John, Maindee, Casnewydd / <i>Newport</i>	Ewcharist: St <i>Eucharist: St</i>
Mai 13 <i>May 13</i> Dydd Sadwrn / <i>Saturday</i>	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / <i>Monmouth</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Mehefin 13 <i>June 13</i> Dydd Mawrth / <i>Tuesday</i>	7.00 pm / y.h.	St Mary Magwyr / <i>Magor</i>	Ewcharist <i>Eucharist</i>
Gorffennaf 8	9.30	St Thomas	Ewcharist

July 8 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	am /y.b.	Trefynwy / Monmouth	Eucharist
Awst 12 August 12 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	I'w gadarnhau / tbc	Glyn Ebwy / Ebbw Vale	Cymanfa Ga
Medi 9 September 9 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Trefynwy / Monmouth	Ewcharist Eucharist
Hydref 11 October 11 Dydd Mercher / Wednesday	6.30 pm /y.h.	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport Cathedral	Gosber Evensong

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

Vacancies

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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