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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.*

Disability Awareness Sunday - 22nd September



Disability Awareness Sunday

On **22nd September** you have the opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our church with Disability Sunday. This comes at the end of Disability Awareness Week in the UK.

To help you shape your service or for ideas of sermon themes visit the Through the Roof website to register for resources. <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>

Why is disability inclusion important?

Churches are often not aware of the many barriers disabled people can face on their journey to join, or be fully included, in church communities. Accessibility of church buildings is not the only barrier – there are lots of social and attitude barriers too, which are easy to overlook.

In a UK survey, two out of every three people said they felt ‘uncomfortable’ speaking with disabled people, and 3 out of every 4 disabled people reported experiencing negative attitudes or behaviour from others (Scope).

Together, we can change this! Your church can journey with Jesus towards disability inclusion and fulfil the Great Commission by including disabled people, as Jesus said:

‘Go out quickly into the streets ... Bring in those who can’t see or walk ... compel them to come in so that my house will be full.’ (Luke 14:23, NIV)

Moorepay Fraud

Message from Mike Wakeman (Director of IT)

Moorepay Fraud

There has recently been an instance of fraud on a cleric's Moorepay account, resulting in them not receiving their stipend payment. It transpires that their bank details had been changed on their Moorepay account, but they had not made those changes.

The cleric has a Church in Wales email account but had used their personal email account to register with Moorepay. Their personal email account was hacked, and the hackers changed the bank details.

We have taken the necessary steps to log this as a fraud case with Lloyds and they are taking it forward though I doubt we will recover funds.

Our finance team are also introducing further controls to check if cleric bank details are changed every month.

However, this incident highlights the importance of our clerics signing up for and using their Church in Wales email address for all activities in relation to their role in the Church. Using their Church in Wales email address massively decreases the risk of hostile agents defrauding us and potentially doing further damage within our network.

I would be grateful if you could encourage your clerics to use their Church in Wales email, and if they don't yet have one then please direct them to helpdesk@cinw.org.uk and one of my team will set up their account.

Volunteers for Chaplaincy Tent at The Usk Show



The Usk Show this year falls on **Saturday 14th September** and will be held at the 100-acre Usk Showground near the village of Gwernesney just outside Usk.

Amongst the many agricultural attractions, craft and food traders there will be a chaplaincy tent, run by us, providing tea, coffee, squash and biscuits, together with baby changing and feeding facilities and somewhere for people to rest a while and talk.

It is not meant to be an evangelising place, but just somewhere to be alongside the visitors and to be willing to talk to them about anything which may be on their minds.

The tent will be manned between 8:00am and 5:00pm and volunteers to help from both lay and clergy are always welcome.

People come to the show from far and wide, so volunteers do not have to be limited to Heart of Monmouthshire MA people only.

If you are able to help, please contact **Clare Bradly**, Safeguarding Officer, Bettws Newydd Church at strawberry.flann@virgin.net or **07952 754744** and she will include you on the rota.

Also Needed - Horsebox/Van!

In addition to the above Clare Bradly has asked if anyone has a horsebox or a transit sized van which can be used to transport all the tables and chairs from St Mary's, Usk to the showground on the Friday, and return them to St Mary's on the Saturday evening. The van possibly will be used as a Baby Changing facility on the day.

Unfortunately the horsebox that has been used in the past is no longer available so if you can help please do contact Clare at strawberry.flann@virgin.net or **07952 754744**.

Thanks/Diolch

Training

Safeguarding Training Dates



The dates for the next round of safeguarding training sessions have been released by The Church In Wales and can be found below.

Module A Training Sessions:

Saturday 12th October - 9:30am - 10:30am

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

Module B Training Sessions:

Thursday 12th September - 6pm - 8pm

St Mary's Church, Caldicot, NP26 4HN

Tuesday 1st October - 9:30am - 11:30am

Shirenewton Church Rooms, Chepstow, NP16 6RQ

Saturday 12th October - 10:30am - 12:30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

Friday 8th November - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Monmouth Priory, Monmouth, NP25 3NX

Module C Training Sessions:

Saturday 28th September - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Christ Church, Abergavenny, NP7 7EB

Details of the online training dates are available here:

[Safeguarding training via Zoom - The Church in Wales.](#)

To find out when your Safeguarding training is due for renewal, please contact Vicki Stevens at Monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk or by phone on **01633 263510**.

To book onto the sessions please click on the button to access the CiW web booking form

[Safeguarding Training Booking Form](#)

or contact the team via email at safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk or by phone on **07376 199668**.

Contact details for all of the safeguarding team can be found here:

[Meet the team - The Church in Wales](#)

The Provincial Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese of Monmouth is **Colin Taylor** who can be contacted via email at colintaylor@cinw.org.uk or by phone on **07956 790330**.

Suicide Awareness Training - 2nd & 3rd October

We are arranging two suicide awareness/intervention training sessions for our clergy which will be held at All Saints Church, Brynglas, Newport on **October 2nd** from **12.30pm to 4.30pm** and **October 3rd** from **9.00am to 1.00pm**.

The sessions will be led by Susie Mapledoram who is an instructor with the National Centre for Suicide Prevention, Education and Training. Each session is limited to 20 people.

Suicide obviously has massive pastoral implications and the sessions will involve understanding statistics about suicide, the impact of suicide and risk factors for those who might experience thoughts of suicide. They will also assist people in being equipped with a 3-part suicide intervention conversation structure that would support someone in crisis.

Course overview:

Teaching the theory and practice of suicide intervention skills that can be applied in any professional or personal setting, this programme is delivered as a suicide prevention awareness session.

The Suicide First Aid Lite course gives learners the knowledge and tools to understand that suicide is one of the most preventable deaths and some basic skills can help someone with thoughts of suicide stay safe from their thoughts and stay alive.

Course content:

Part 1 – 90 minutes

- Introduction to the session; programme, ourselves and suicide prevention
- Stigma and survivors of bereavement by suicide and the Hidden Toll
- Suicide thoughts and suicide behaviour
- Intention of behaviour versus outcome of behaviour
- Possible causes of suicide thoughts
- Suicide – the ripple effect

Break

Part 2 – 90 minutes

- ‘I’m really glad you told me’ audio visual
- Suicide Safety Guidance
- Recognising and asking about suicide
- Referring a person onto Suicide First Aiders

To sign up for one of the sessions please click the link below and select your preferred date. Places are being taken up so please book soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Archdeacon Ian Rees (ianrees@cinw.org.uk)

[Book Your Place Here](#)

For Your Prayers

We give thanks for the life of Canon John Woodward, who passed away peacefully on 21st July 2024, aged 88 years.

John was ordained in 1958 by Archbishop Edwin Morris and spent all his stipendiary ministry in the Diocese of Monmouth, where he retired as Rector of Cyncoed in 2000.

During his retirement he held Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Llandaff and he continued his priestly ministry in the Roath area where he was much loved and admired.

John is survived by his wife Pat and his children, Christopher and Susan.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

There will be a public Thanksgiving service for John at 2.30pm on Saturday 17th August in St Margaret's Roath, Waterloo Road, Cardiff, CF23 5AD.

Donations, if desired, can be made to Huggard at www.greenwillowfunerals.com

Services



Join us for the Trinity 12 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at **10:30am**

[You can watch the Trinity 12 service here](#)

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[Please click here to email Ruth Rowan for a recruitment pack](#)

