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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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# News

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## Governing Body of Church In Wales



Delegates from across Wales are in Newport this week attending the Governing Body of the Church in Wales.

One of the key agenda items of the two-day meeting is the pollution of our rivers and the Archbishop of Wales called for a halt to the “indefensible abuse” of our waterways, during his opening address. Rivers, he said, were dying because of pollution.

It was the role of the Church to speak out on issues of fairness and justice, he said.

“As we serve those around us, we do so as Christians. We are not an NGO nor an arm of government. We are compelled to speak out on issues where we believe something is out of place.”

Archbishop Andrew’s keynote address also looked at how the Church in Wales could grow and thrive in an uncertain landscape.

The full presidential address is available [here](#).

The Governing Body is meeting at the International Convention Centre Wales today (April 17) and tomorrow (April 18) and is live-streamed via a link on the [Church in Wales website](#) and [YouTube channel](#)

Please keep all those attending Governing Body in your prayers.

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## Vocations Sunday - 21st April



Vocation is the place where the world's greatest need and a person's greatest joy meet." — Frederick Buechner

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday as, on this coming Sunday in the gospel reading, Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep'. So on this day we will specifically pause to reflect on the fact that everyone has a vocation. Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry. For others, it could mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life.

In order to explore and discern we have created some resources for you to use in your local context or on a personal level. The resources can all be found on the Diocesan website [here](#).

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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 Canon John Connell](#)  
**Marlwyn Nixon** to serve in the Cwmbran Ministry Area with [Revd Wendy Tayler](#)

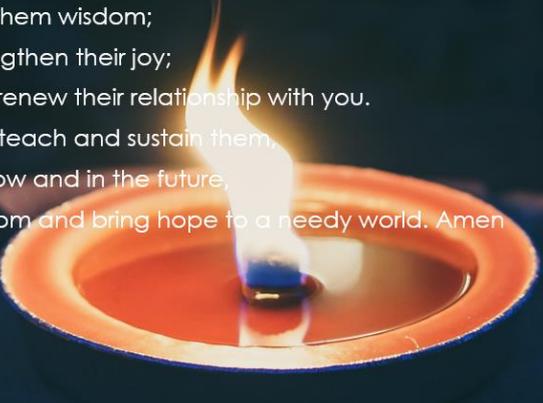
**To be ordained Priest:**  
**The [Revd Julia Durham](#)** to continue to serve in the Tredegar Park Ministry Area with [Revd Chris Stone](#)  
**The [Revd Dawn Lindsay](#)** to continue to serve in the Newport [North West](#) Ministry Area with [Revd Canon Rebecca Stevens](#)  
**The [Revd William 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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# Training and Events

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## Diocesan Celebration - 18th May

On behalf of **Bishop Cherry** we invite you to:

# DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

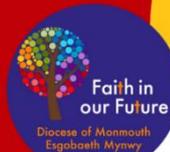
**SATURDAY  
18TH MAY**

**ST MARY'S PRIORY,  
ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND**

**TEA & COFFEE FROM 10AM  
SERVICE STARTS AT 11AM**

Join us for a morning  
of worship & fellowship  
Celebrating the birth of  
our Lord's Church  
Including activities for  
children and youth

Followed by cake!



**EVERYONE WELCOME  
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FULL FLAT ACCESSIBILITY  
TOILETS AVAILABLE**



# National Memorial Service for LGBT+ Lives Lost



A national memorial service to remember and commemorate all LGBT+ people who have lost their lives to suicide or experienced harm following exclusion from Christian faith communities, will be held at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday, **May 26 at 5.30pm**.

The service is organised by [OneBodyOneFaith](#) with support from the Bishops. Tickets are free and you can book yours here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/memorial-service-tickets-763324021697>

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Cynhelir gwasanaeth coffa cenedlaethol i gofio a choffau pob person LHDT+ a gollodd eu bywydau i hunanladdiad neu a brofodd niwed yn dilyn eu gwahardd o gymunedau ffydd Cristnogol yng Nghadeirlan Llandaf ddydd Sul, **26 Mai am 5.30pm**.

Trefnir y gwasanaeth gan [OneBodyOneFaith](#) gyda chefnogaeth yr Esgobion. Mae'r tocynnau yn rhad ac am ddim a gallwch archebu eich tocyn chi yma:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/memorial-service-tickets-763324021697>

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# Chaplaincy Conference 2024 - Monday 3rd June

Bywyd Campws Campus Life

## 2024 CHAPLAINCY CONFERENCE

The Haven, Swansea University Bay Campus  
Monday, 3rd June 2024  
09:00 to 16:00

**JOIN US**

Bywyd Campws Campus Life

## 2024 CYNHADLEDD CAPLANIAETH

Yr Hafan, Campws y Bae Prifysgol Abertawe  
Dydd Llun, 3ydd Mehefin 2024  
09:00 nes 16:00

**YMUNWCH**

### DISCUSSION & INSIGHT



**Celebrating Diversity and Commonality: what makes us Chaplains and Faith Teams?**

**Rev. Dr Sally Nash**  
Practical Theologian  
She researches and teaches paediatric chaplaincy, and is one of the Directors of the Centre for Paediatric Spiritual Care. She teaches at St Padarn's Institute, Cardiff.



**Chaplaincy: The art of legitimate compromise**

**Rev. Dr Paul Nash**  
Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Lead  
The Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Lead at Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital. Paul is also the convenor of the Paediatric Chaplaincy Network for GB&I.



**Challenging Worldviews: The Sacred, the Secular, Space and Discourse in Multifaith Chaplaincies**

**Dr Mansur Ali**  
Senior Islamic Lecturer  
Dr Mansur Ali is Senior Lecturer in Islamic Studies at Cardiff University. Co-Author of Understanding Muslim Chaplaincy



**Prof. Martin Stringer**  
Ex-PVC at Swansea University  
A member of the Council of Birmingham Newman University, and author of "Faith, Diversity and Higher Education: The Swansea Papers, or Towards the Faith Based University" in press.



### TRAFODAETHAU



**Dathlu Amrywiaeth a Chyffredinwch: beth sydd yn ein gwneud yn Gaplaniaid ac yn Dimau Ffydd?**

**Parch. Dr Sally Nash**  
Diwinydd Ymarferol  
Mae hi'n ymchwilio ac yn addysgu ar gaplaniaeth beddiatrig, ac yn un o Gyfarwyddwyr y Ganolfan Gofal Ysbrydol Pediatrig. Mae hi'n addysgu yn Sefydliad San Padarn, Caerdydd.



**Caplaniaeth: Y grefft o gyfaddawd cyfreithlon**

**Parch. Dr Paul Nash**  
Arweinydd Gofal Caplaniaeth ac Ysbrydol  
Arweinydd Gofal Caplaniaeth ac Ysbrydol Ysbyty Menywod a Phlant Birmingham, Phlant Birmingham. Paul hysbysu yn cynnaldd Rhwydwaith Caplaniaeth Beddiatrig PSI.



**Herio'r Byd-olygon: Y Sacred, y Seciwlwr, y Gofod a'r Disgwrs mewn Caplaniaethau Aml-ffydd**

**Dr Mansur Ali**  
Uwch-ddarlithydd astudiaethau Islamolaidd  
Mae Dr Mansur Ali'n Uwch-ddarlithydd mewn astudiaethau Islamolaidd yn Mhrifysgol Caerdydd. Yn gyd-awdur Understanding Muslim Chaplaincy



**Ath. Martin Stringer**  
Cyn-ddirpwy Is-Ganghellor, Prifysgol Abertawe  
Yn aelod o Gyngor Prifysgol Newman Birmingham. Moch awdur "Faith, Diversity and Higher Education: The Swansea Papers, or Towards the Faith Based University" yn y wasg.



To book your space, please email: [g.l.jones-higgs@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:g.l.jones-higgs@swansea.ac.uk)

This event is open to all chaplains and people with an interest in multifaith Chaplaincy. We ask delegates to commit to attending for the whole day. Spaces are limited to facilitate good networking and discussion.

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Mae'r digwyddiad ar agor i'r holl gaplaniaid a phobl â diddordeb mewn caplaniaeth aml-ffydd. Gofynnwn i gynrychiolwyr ddat am y diwrnod cyfan. Mae lleoedd yn gyfyngedig i hwyluso rhydwethio a chynnal trafodaeth dda.

# Churches Count on Nature 2024



The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities A Rocha UK and Caring for God's Acre, as well as The Church of England and The Church in Wales, will take place from 8-16 June 2024 (same as Great Big Green Week).

It is open to all denominations and A Rocha UK are especially keen to see more participation beyond the Church in Wales this year. There were 36 events last year in Wales and it would be great if that increased this year.

You could hold an event in your churchyard/ burial ground/ church land as part of GBGW, where you invite local people in to look for and record different species of plants, birds, insects etc. The scheme is in its fourth year and we would love to see more chapels and churches across Wales participate.

Please register your event or activity on the Caring for God's Acre website [here](#).

You will then be sent a pack that will help with identifying species (Welsh language versions are available too).

It is a fantastic way to involve children and young people (maybe the local school or uniformed groups) as they always love a bug hunt! There will be a page on the 'Stories' section of the [Eco Church website](#) soon from churches that took part in CCoN last year to inspire you too.

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# Resources

## Climate Cymru's Great Big Green Week



Great Big Green Week takes place between 8th and 16th June 2024. All the details are on the website link below but we would like to highlight a few things.

It is a great opportunity to put on an event, activity or make an announcement and take advantage of being part of a nationwide campaign. You can 'hang' your event on the publicity and messaging that this week receives in the media. As the name suggests, it is all about doing something 'green' and drawing people in (including new people from your community) to celebrate environmentally friendly activities while raising awareness of the urgent need for climate action by us all.

There are lots of resources, templates and graphics you can use, which help to cut down on the work for you!

It is important to register your event so that local people and local media can see what's happening and attend or give it a boost.

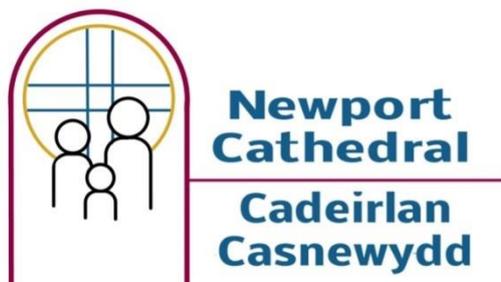
Funding is also available to community groups in Wales to help with the cost of putting on an event. Perhaps churches could work together and put in a joint bid for some funding in a locality - maybe for a series of events in different church locations for example?

Visit the Climate Cymru website [here](#) for more details.

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# Services

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Join us for the Choral Evensong & Sacred Synod service from the Cathedral, this evening 17th April at **6:00pm** [here](#).

**\*\* Please note that last weeks Midweek mailing noted the start time as 6:30pm however the service will begin at 6:00pm as stated above \*\***

Join us for the Easter 4 Choral Eucharist service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at **6:00pm** [here](#).

**\*\* Please note the change in time from 10:30am to 6:00pm due to further tree maintenance and removal \*\***

Should the link above for the Wednesday service not work a recording of it will be made available at a later date.

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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.*



For more information on this vacancy please visit our website [here](#).

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# New Church Community Hubs



You are likely to have already heard something about our diocesan evangelism project but, now that funding is secured, we want to share with you some details so that you have a better understanding of what is planned. This is an exciting project for the whole diocese, and we hope that you will all share in that excitement as we bring more people to faith and look to welcome new worshippers to the diocesan family.

Monmouth Diocese is planting four new church communities, aimed primarily at bringing under-40s to faith. The first two will be launched this year in Chepstow and Tredegar, with the remaining two following in 2026 (locations to be decided). The churches will be focused on sharing the gospel message with the community and creating a 'family' within the church for everyone to belong to – including lots of under 40s.

The landmark £3m project was announced at the start of the year and young people and families will be the focus. The funding comes from the Church in Wales' Evangelism Fund, set up six years ago for diocesan projects to help people engage with the Christian faith in new and exciting ways.

Work on the project has already begun and we are looking for a great team to establish these new worshipping communities, drawing children and families into faith and discipleship.

We are currently advertising for Hub Church Plant Leads and Children and Families' Pioneer, details here [Jobs - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/jobs). If you know anyone who may be interested, please share! For more information, please contact [Emilymartins@cinw.org.uk](mailto:Emilymartins@cinw.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: **Sunday 21st April 2024**

