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News

New Clergy for the Upper Eastern Valleys

Welcome to Revd Dominic McLean and Revd Tony Hodges who were licensed by the Bishop of Monmouth in Ebbw Vale on Sunday.

They will serve as Ministry Area Leader and Vicar in the proposed Upper Eastern Valleys Ministry Area.

Dominic and Tony come to Monmouth from the Diocese of Bangor and will look after an area including Ebbw Vale, Blaenavon, Abertillery and the surrounding communities.

Find out more about Dominic and Tony [here](#).



Ember List

• Diocese of Monmouth •

Ordinations to be held at **11.00am**
on **Saturday 25th June 2022**,
at **Newport Cathedral**.

To be ordained Deacon:

Ruth Rowan to serve in the Islwyn Ministry Area
with Revd Canon Mark Owen

Tina Parry to serve in the East Cardiff Ministry Area
with Revd James Henley

Sarah Rosser to serve in the Heart of Monmouthshire
Ministry Area with Revd Kevin Hasler

Rachel Nelmes to serve in the Mynydd Bedwellte
Ministry Area with Revd Matthew Davis

Daniel Damon to serve in the Monmouth Ministry Area
with Revd Timothy Dack

Glen Wilkins to serve in the Beechwood Ministry Area
with Revd Dr William Ingle-Gillis

Janet Pain to serve in the Monmouth Ministry Area
with Revd Karen Dack

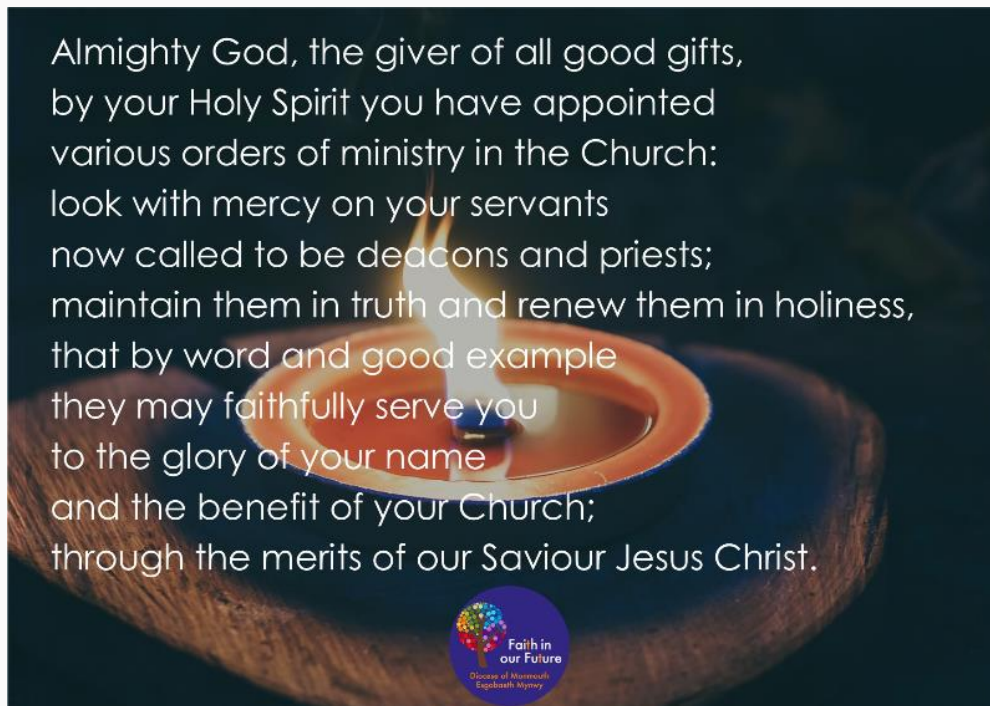
To be ordained Priest:

The Revd Mandy East to continue to serve
in the Netherwent Ministry Area with the
Revd Canon Jeremy Harris

The Revd Andrew Nelmes to continue to
serve in the Islwyn Ministry Area
with Revd Canon Mark Owen

The Revd Karin Pardoe to continue to
serve in the Cwmbran Church in Wales
Ministry Area with Revd Nick Perry





Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
now called to be deacons and priests;
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example
they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



Please click on the images to enlarge.



Safeguarding Update and Training

Last week we send out an update from Ant Griffiths, Director of Safeguarding for the Church in Wales.

The following changes will now be rolled out in all diocese,

- New and improved safeguarding training
- More qualified safeguarding staff in both training and casework to directly support Ministry Areas
- A new safeguarding training and DBS database to make it easier for dioceses and ministry areas to keep track of records
- New safeguarding webpages and improved guidance

You can view the full update [here](#).

Safeguarding Training

New Safeguarding courses will be available in the coming months with Bec Jones, the new Safeguarding Trainer for the Diocese of Monmouth. To ensure that everyone has the right level of up to date training for their role and a good understanding of their role in Safeguarding in the Church, there will be four available modules and dates will be released throughout the year.

Our first training sessions will be Module B, parts 1 and 2, at the Monmouth Diocesan Office (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ):

- Wednesday 8th June – 13:00-15:30 Module B: Part 1
- Wednesday 22nd June – 13:00-15:30 Module B: Part 2
- Wednesday 6th July – 13:00-15:30 Module B: Part 1
- Wednesday 20th July – 13:00-15:30 Module B: Part 2

Module B: Understanding Safeguarding in the Church – this module is for everyone who works in the Church (paid, voluntary, clergy and lay). It is divided into two sessions, both need to be completed to finish the module.

Spaces are available to book via our team administrator safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk.

If you have any questions please contact rebeccaiones@churchinwales.org.uk

Further dates will be released later in the year to include evening and weekend sessions.

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FUND FOR CHILDREN

The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

The Newport Committee of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children is holding a Supper Party at Bishopstow on Friday 1st July 2022, by kind permission of Bishop Cherry. The event will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be obtained from Chris Edwards (01633 430768), Chris Purkiss (01633 422051), or from any member of the committee.

The AWFC provides financial support to a wide range of children's projects, and backed 20 enterprises in 2019 and 14 in 2020. The Newport Committee (Monmouth Diocese) was specifically thanked in the 2019/20 report for raising the largest percentage of the money donated. We note, however, that only **one** project in this diocese was supported in 2019 and a further **one** in 2020. Out of a total of £23,556 allocated in 2019 only £3,000 went to Monmouth, and only £454.20 of £16,669.70.

We would therefore like to encourage local groups and churches who are about to undertake any projects supporting children to apply for help via the [AWFC website](#). It's easy to do!

Join The National Churches Trust in celebrating Her Majesty The Queen and her outstanding support of churches as a part of the Jubilee commemoration

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II has been Patron of the National Churches Trust since 1953 when the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, its predecessor charity, was founded. In that time, they have supported over 12,000 churches with grants and loans in excess of £100 million.



National Churches Trust say, ' To mark Queen Elizabeth's support for churches, we have produced a special Jubilee Proclamation which thanks her for her patronage of church buildings and heritage.'

'We will be publishing the proclamation in some national and specialist newspapers and magazines, but are calling on churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout the UK to join us in publishing this special proclamation in parish magazines, newsletters, on church websites and as posters on church noticeboards.

We have produced a number of resources to make this easy. There is a special press release as well as ready-to-use artwork, available in several different formats, for you to download. All the information that you need as well as answers to any questions you may have can be found on our website at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/TheQueen

We hope that you will join us in celebrating this important occasion and will be able to publish this Jubilee Proclamation ideally at the end of May or start of June 2022.'



Platinum Jubilee

If your church is planning anything to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee we'd love to feature it as part of the Church in Wales round up.

Please send details to debragoddard@churchinwales.org.uk

Annual Returns & Accounts

Treasurers should now have received login details to submit the Annual Finance Return online or a copy of the paper form in the post.

If you have not, please contact Helen

Clifford, helencifford@churchinwales.org.uk

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts, including a Balance Sheet, should be sent to the diocesan office, this can be via post (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ), or email (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

The Membership and Church Fabric Returns are not required this year.

If you have any questions please contact Libby (libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their returns and accounts.

Training and Events

Jubilee Concert - 21st May

A concert to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with the combined choirs of the Unicorn Singers and the Welsh Camerata, comprising a programme of music with Royal connections including Tallis's awe-inspiring 40-part motet

Spem in Alium

and Britten's Choral Dances from Gloriana as well as anthems sung at the Coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.



21st May 2022

7pm • St Woolos Cathedral • Newport

Tickets £12 available at www.unicornsingers.co.uk

Proceeds to:



Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk with Newport Cathedral – 28th May



Newport Cathedral is hosting a sponsored pilgrimage walk in order to raise funds for the Bishop of Monmouth's new Social Responsibility Fund.

The walk will begin at Llandaff Cathedral at 9.30am and will then follow along an old pilgrimage route to Newport Cathedral by 3.30pm for a well-earned afternoon tea with cake and refreshments. There will also be a break for prayers for Ukraine at one of the churches on route. The walk is approximately 14 miles in total and should take about 5 hours to complete. Participants are welcome to join in for as much distance as they would like to cover or are welcome to join at one of the meeting points for fellowship if they prefer.

[More details are available here.](#)

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up, please contact Revd Canon Andrew Lightbown at andrewlightbown@cinw.org.uk



Mission to Seafarers – SafeTALK course – 7th June

The Mission to Seafarers is running a SafeTALK course at the Mission to Seafarers centre in Newport (Flying Angel Centre, Alexandra Road, Newport, Wales, NP20) on **Tuesday 7th June at 9.00am.**

For more information click [here.](#)

To sign up please select this

link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/209783988557> or email Mark Lawson-Jones at mark.lawson-jones@mtsmail.org

There are only places for around 12-15 attendees so book now!



safeTALK

Suicide Alertness For Everyone

**A half-day, in-person, course that can
help you make a difference**

Focus: Suicide alertness training for the community

Duration: 3.5 Hours (half a day)

Participants: 10 – 30

Trainers: One SafeTALK trainer and one Community Support Resource person.

Most people with thoughts of suicide don't want to die—instead, they are looking for a way to work through the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they usually invite others to help them in making a choice for life. SafeTALK teaches participants to recognise these invitations, engage with the person with thoughts of suicide, and connect them with resources to help them be safer from suicide. These resources could include health care professionals, first responders, or crisis line workers—among many others who have suicide intervention training. The SafeTALK course was developed by Living Works in Canada and is delivered worldwide by The Mission to Seafarers.

What will I learn?

SafeTALK helps participants become alert to suicide. Suicide-alert people are better prepared to connect persons with thoughts of suicide with life-affirming help. Over the course of their training, SafeTALK participants will learn to:

- Notice and respond to situations where thoughts of suicide may be present.
- Recognise that invitations for help are often overlooked.
- Move beyond the common tendency to miss, dismiss, and avoid suicide.
- Apply the TALK steps: Tell, Ask, Listen, KeepSafe, and
- Connect people at risk of suicide with further appropriate help.

On completing the workshop, you will receive a SafeTALK certificate, acknowledging your abilities as a Suicide Alert Helper in the community.

What are the teaching methods?

The session combines various teaching methods, including:

- Video clips
- Discussion
- Practice

What do participants say?



"I feel much more confident to ask directly and to talk about and use the word suicide. It made us feel relaxed and not intimidated by the topic. I now understand my possible role as a suicide helper."

Timings and Breaks?

Our SafeTALK workshops are 3.5 hours, split into two sections with regular comfort and refreshment breaks. Morning and afternoon workshops are available.

Why is The Mission to Seafarers providing SafeTALK courses?

Our primary aim is to further support Seafarers through empowering our port based teams with confidence to talk about suicide. The Mission to Seafarers recognises that there is a high risk of suicide at sea and we want to ensure our teams are confident talking about suicide. We know crew have less access to help when they are at sea. Poor connections, limited awareness of signposting services, and limited supported networks onboard exacerbate feelings of loneliness and isolation in their immediate surroundings. Whilst suicide has always been a major concern for seafarers the Covid-19 global pandemic exacerbated triggers causing symptoms that lead to thoughts of suicide. Indefinite time on board, restrictions on crew changes, financial uncertainty for crew on board and on shore. It is imperative that we address this silent killer, as the UK P&I club stated in 2017 'Suicide rates among seafarers suffering from poor mental health have more than tripled since 2014'.

The Mission to Seafarers has a long and solid history providing seafarers with the greatest degree of welfare. SafeTALK will part of this. It is time to talk, ask, listen, and Keep Safe in our communities, at sea and on land.

For more information about the course visit www.livingworks.net/safeTALK or contact our in-house trainer Tom (I.D. 45144) at Thomas.ohare@missiontoseafarers.org / +44 7788 312288

"Ensuring our front-line teams are able to recognise and respond to potential signs of suicide amongst seafarers is vital. SafeTALK prepares us to respond appropriately and has a proven track record.

This is a tough subject, but suicide is everyone's business"

Rev'd Canon Andrew Wright, Secretary General, Mission to Seafarers



CMD: Collaborative Ministry - 11th June at St Peter's, Blaina

We hope you are looking forward to our upcoming Study Day on Collaborative Ministry with David Heywood - taking place on **Saturday, 11th June from 10am to 4pm at the Gwent Valleys Centre of Mission (St Peter's, Blaina).**

All clergy (Stipendiary, NSM, PTO) and LLMs are invited to join us for this CMD Study Day.

If you would like to attend, please use this link to RSVP:


<https://forms.gle/ADTrw4Q3H6RfuvR49>

or contact the Diocesan Office on admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk or 01633 267490


Please RSVP by **Friday 27th May.**

Important: As a reminder, it is assumed that all Stipendiary clergy will attend. Please contact the Bishop's Office at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk if you can't make it, with your reasons for being unable to attend.

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022



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DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022
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SATURDAY 9th JULY 2022
10:00AM to 4.30 PM
A DAY TO EXPLORE
SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER
www.festivalofprayer.live

EXPLORE **ENERGISE** **ENJOY**

ABOUT THE DAY: The Festival of Prayer Day began in 2016 and until the Pandemic went from strength to strength. The Festival will be held in St Teilo's Church in Wales High School, Circle Way East, Cardiff CF23 9PD. The day begins with the Eucharist and Address at 10am.

This will be followed by three sessions throughout the day.

The Llandaff & Monmouth Festival of Prayer provides 'taster' workshops in many different prayer techniques and spiritual traditions, and sessions that go deeper. The breadth of content will be delivered in a gentle pace with lots of renowned Welsh hospitality making the day suitable for beginners and the more experienced alike.

Among the riches on offer are different ways of praying, 'Your Will be Done', 'God's Amazing Plan', 'To Hell's Mouth', 'Does God Love Sport?', 'Icon of Annunciation and Pentecost', 'Music and Faith'; Julian of Norwich', 'The Compassionate heart', 'Poetry and Prayer', 'What does God need with a Starship? Encountering the Divine in Star Trek', to name but a few.

There are lots of workshops to choose from, each standing alone and lasting an hour, with most offering a time of prayer in the appropriate style except the Islamic one which will not include sharing in prayer.

To help you choose the details of each session, and information about their leaders, are much more detailed online at www.festivalofprayer.live

There will also be an opportunity to experience personal time of prayer at lunchtime by either walking the Labyrinth or walking in the school grounds.

The cost for the three Workshops, teas, coffees, and lunch, is £25 per person, or £20 per person for Group Bookings of 5 or more. St Teilo's School is wheelchair accessible and an excellent venue.

If you are unable to access the internet please contact Rev Moira Spence on 01656 881960 for further details, any queries about the Festival, and to book.

Places are still available for the 2022 Festival of Prayer - held on 9th July 2022 from 10am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

This will be a day of varied and stimulating lectures, discussions and different opportunities for prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to select 3 workshops to attend out of the 19 topics available.

Bishop Cherry will be presiding at the opening Eucharist and giving this year's Address.

To find out more or book your place: <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Services and Resources



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

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Mehefin 2022

Mehefin 15 / June 15

Dydd Mercher / Wednesday

6:30 yp / 6:30 pm

Cadeirlan Casnewydd / Newport Cathedral,

Stow Hill,

Casnewydd / Newport,

NP20 4ED

Hwyl Weddi / Evensong

You may notice we are starting to add some more Welsh words and phrases to our diocesan communications!

Welsh language services that are held regularly across our diocese are a great way to embrace the Welsh identity of our diocese.