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## Diocese of Monmouth

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# News

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## Exciting News About Our New Hub Churches



We are delighted to announce that recruitment for our new church 'hubs' is almost complete!

The diocese has secured funding to create four new church communities over the next five years. Through social action and community engagement, these church plants will seek to bring the transforming love of Christ to their communities, aiming to bring the under 40s into a vibrant faith life.

Currently we are setting-up two 'hubs' – one in Tredegar and one in Chepstow – with plans to extend to other areas in the future.

This exciting project needs the right people to drive it forward and we are pleased to announce that Adrian Davila, has been appointed hub church leader for Tredegar (with the Children and Families Pioneer role currently being advertised), while the Chepstow hub will be led by Revds. Zoe and Barney Pimentel, alongside Clare Edwards as Children and Families Pioneer.

Adrian, a friendly Tredegar local, is an active member of several communities within the town, including boxing. He has a passionate and infectious faith and enjoys growing in his own discipleship as he walks alongside those new in faith. He has a professional background in coaching, digital marketing and social media. Adrian aims to bring his creativity, passion and local knowledge to his Hub Church Plant Lead role and his local knowledge as with the Hub team they seek to grow the new church and make missional endeavours in Tredegar.

Revds. Zoe and Barney Pimentel have recently joined the diocese as 0.5 Ministry Area Leader and 0.5 Team Vicar in the Severn Wye Ministry Area. To benefit the growth of the church in Chepstow and the whole Ministry Area, they will also share the role of hub church leader for the Chepstow hub. The couple met at training college in Bristol and have been in joint ordained ministry for over 10 years, spending the last seven as vicars of St. Alban's Coventry. Bringing their extensive experience in church growth, Zoe also worked for two years as Coventry Cathedral's Lead Chaplain Missioner and is a qualified Youth & Community Worker. Barney was Assistant Area Dean for Coventry East and on Diocesan Synod before moving to our diocese.

Clare joins us from Coventry and where she is currently a Children and Families worker for a church in Kenilworth. As a qualified primary age teacher with SEN specialty, she comes with a huge amount of experience in working in this field. As well as developing and maintain existing pioneering outreach activities, she has launched various projects that have enabled children and families to discover the love of God and to engage with the church, including holiday clubs, bumps and babies' groups and Lego church.

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# Ordinations 2024 - Are you attending?



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 **Wednesday 26th June**. 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:01633263510)

The Ordinations Service will be live streamed from the Cathedral on

29th June at 10:30am and can be viewed [here](#).

## Ordinations Service 2024

Preparations are well underway for this year's Petertide Ordinations Service, which will be held at Newport Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am.

It promises to be a wonderful morning, as friends and family fill the cathedral to support and celebrate with those who have been called into ministry in the Diocese of Monmouth.

The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth will ordain three new deacons and three new priests. Please meet some of our ordinands [here](#).

Please hold our ordinands in your prayers.

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## Funding Opportunity



## Apply to the Co-op Local Community Fund

Do you have a local cause that's looking for funding? One that benefits the whole community? The Co-op Local Community Fund is looking to support

new projects that are helping to create sustainable futures for People and our Planet.

The fund, which has already awarded £108m to over 38,500 unique projects across the UK since 2016, is now open for applications.

Local charities, community groups and other not-for-profit organisations can apply if they are delivering projects that support young people to fulfil their potential, help older people feel connected or improve people's mental wellbeing.

They are also accepting applications for projects that focus on tackling climate change, reducing waste and protecting nature.

For more information and to apply to the Local Community Fund please visit <https://www.coop.co.uk/blog/are-you-looking-for-funding>. Applications must be submitted by midnight on **Sunday 7th July**.

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## Music Awards Presentation

Bishop Cherry and her senior team have nominated six people from across the diocese to receive The Archbishop of Wales' Award in Church Music. This award recognises and pays tribute to the talents and devoted service of musicians across the province.

The recipients will be presented with their certificates and medals during a special service of **Choral Evensong at 4pm on Sunday 30th June 2024, at Newport Cathedral**. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and to join in the celebration of their musical achievements.

Those receiving the awards are:

- **Mike Wilcox** – long serving organist and choir director in various churches in the Gwent Valleys, for forming and directing the Bedwellty Deanery choir, bringing together choristers from various churches to sing across the deanery.
  - **Philip Norman** – church organist in North Monmouthshire Ministry Area, with many years of experience in music across the country, for contributing hugely to music across the ministry area, bringing together singers and musicians for enjoyment and fellowship.
  - **Emma Gibbins** – Director of Music at Newport Cathedral, for services to music in Newport Cathedral, the city and diocese, for starting the girls' choir, and for inspiring and encouraging choristers since 2015.
  - **Nathan Bird** – Director of Music at St Augustine's Church, Rumney, for enhancing the choral tradition at St Augustine's by recruiting and training both young people and adults.
  - **Graham Davies** – A long standing singer in the choir of St Cadoc's Church, Caerleon, for working hard to maintain the choral tradition, and for stepping up to organise and direct the choir when they have been without a Director of Music.
  - **Alistair McCormick** – Musical Director at the Church of SS Julius and Aaron in St Julian's, previously Cantor and Assistant Organist, for extending the music range considerably over the years and for his gift of a liturgically informed and sensitive musicality.
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# Churches Unlocked



Thank-you so much for all the time and effort put in by our churches taking part in Churches Unlocked. And thank-you if you took the time to visit any of the 'unlocked' churches!

We've got lots of lovely pictures and feedback we'll be sharing soon, watch this space.

And if you're interested in taking part next year look out for details of our feedback and information evening being held in the autumn.

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# Annual Returns - six weeks left to submit!



Thank-you to the treasurers who have already submitted their annual finance return.

The deadline for submission is the **31st of July** so there is now just over six weeks left to get it submitted.

The return can be submitted online through the CinW portal, through MyFundAccounting, or via a paper form.

For assistance with any of these or if you have any questions, please contact Libby on: **07508 801511** or [libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:libbymorgan-owen@churchinwales.org.uk).

Diolch yn fawr!

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# Inventory of Contents from Closed Church - St Cadwaladr, Bishton



Following the closure of St Cadwaladr Church in Bishton, Martyn Jones, DAC Secretary, advises that some of its furnishings are now available for use at other churches.

[To view the inventory list please click here.](#)

Should you be interested in any of the items for your church, please contact Ian Rees, the Archdeacon of Monmouth directly by email at [archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk) by **Friday June 28th**.

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# Save The Date For Next Year's Diocesan Celebration

Save the Date!

## DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2025**

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



# Events

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## Open Table celebration

You Are Invited!



**OPEN TABLE**  
East Cardiff

#ComeAsYouAre

**1st Birthday**  
CELEBRATION

**6pm | 7th July 2024**

**All Saints, Cyncoed**

The Most Reverend Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales  
will be leading us in worship and preaching.

Light Refreshments after the service

Open Table East Cardiff is celebrating it's first birthday!

The Most Reverend Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales will be leading worship and preaching at the event on **7th July** at All Saints, Cyncoed.

The Open Table Network is run by, and for, LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families. They welcome people of any faith, colour or background and people of every gender identity and sexual orientation. Meeting in person and online, hosted by inclusive churches, they find God and each other in their gatherings, which gives time and peace to grow together.

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# For Your Prayers

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## **Stephen Smith**

We give thanks for the life of Revd Stephen Smith, who died on 10th June 2024.

Following a career in industry, Stephen became a Lay Minister in 2006 before being ordained in 2016, serving his curacy in Goetre. In 2018, Stephen moved to the now Islwyn Ministry Area, where he served as Associate Priest, and more latterly as Team Vicar.

Stephen was a keen rugby player in his younger days, having played for New Tredegar and other local clubs.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Christine, and their 3 children, Amanda, Mark and Robert.

Please remember Stephen, and his family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Stephen's funeral is taking place at 12noon on Tuesday 2nd July 2024, at St Paul's, Newbridge.**

## **Sheila Toms**

We also give thanks for the life of Revd Sheila Toms, who died on 7th June 2024.

Following a long career in teaching, Sheila was ordained as Deaconess in 1991, joining the priesthood a few years later in 1994. Sheila started her ministry in the Diocese of Llandaff, before moving to the Diocese of Monmouth in 2000, where she exercised her ministry in St Paul's, Newport

until 2006. Sheila held Permission to Officiate in the diocese and continued to exercise her ministry in the now Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area until very recently.

Sheila was a talented cricket player in her youth, playing for Kent at county level.

Sheila is survived by her 3 children, Bart, Deborah and Sarah.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Sheila's funeral is taking place at 4pm on Thursday 11th July 2024, at St Cadoc's, Raglan, followed by Langstone Crematorium at 10am on Friday 12th July 2024.**

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# 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.**


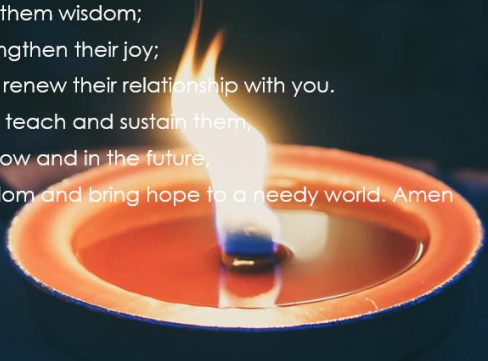
**To be ordained Deacon:**  
**Ashley Davies** to serve in the Abergavenny Ministry Area with Revd Lea Ryder  
**Mariwyn Nixon** to serve in the Cwmbran Ministry Area with Revd Wendy Tayler  
**Liane Miriam Chalmers** to serve in the St Illtyd Ministry Area with Revd Tony Hodges

**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





# 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.

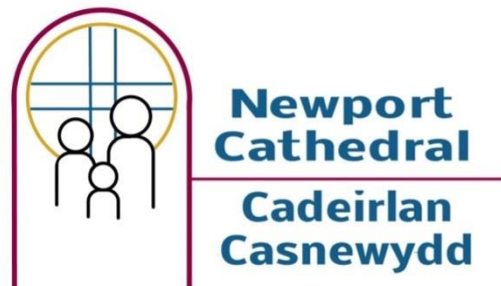
**Register your church** here to start receiving additional funds. It's completely free to register and use and is open to all churches. Then, whenever anyone registered as a supporter buys something online, the retailer will send your church a free donation based on how much they spend. It doesn't cost 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 4 service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at **10:30am**

[You can watch the Trinity 4 service here](#)

Join us for the Ordinations Service from the Cathedral, on **Saturday 29th June at 10:30am**

[You can watch the Ordinations service here](#)

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# Vacancies

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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.

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

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or [mardylvicarage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mardylvicarage@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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## Children and Families' Pioneer



Children and Families' Pioneer – full time position, £26,599. Children, youth and families work in an exciting church plant.

Location: Tredegar, South Wales.

Do you have experience with children, youth or families? Are you enthusiastic about sharing the joy of your faith with the under 40s? Join Saints, a vibrant church plant, as our Children and Families' Pioneer. Be part of a Hub Church Leadership Team in Tredegar, pioneering new initiatives, designing engaging activities, and nurturing young hearts. Your role involves building relationships, partnering with schools, and creating safe spaces for growth. This role benefits from the support of a church leader, a project manager, and senior clergy, including those responsible for the areas where the hub churches are located, and Archdeacons who have oversight of a large geographical area and are members of the Bishop's Staff Team. If you have a heart for children, a passion for ministry, and a desire to make a difference, check out the full job description on our website. Join us in creating a lasting impact on young lives.

Full person specification and more information about the team you'll join is found on our site: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

**Applications close: Sunday 21st July.**

**Interviews: Monday 29th July**

[Please click here for further  
details and to apply](#)

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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.

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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: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Interview date to be confirmed.*



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