



Midweek Mailing

This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.

From Bishop Cherry



Visit from Bishop Charles and his wife Tabogo



Bishop Charles and his wife Tabogo are going to be visiting our diocese immediately after the Lambeth Conference; from August 8th to 11th. As Bishop of our link diocese, The Highveld, +Charles was present for my consecration and enthronement two and a half years ago. Sadly, because of Covid, a planned return visit in 2020/21 was not possible. So we are delighted that he will be here again for a couple of days before flying back to South Africa.

Various events are being planned for their stay, including a diocesan event at the Cathedral on the evening of **Wednesday August 10th at 6.45pm**. We hope that many will come to meet +Charles and Tabogo that evening, to enjoy a buffet meal together and listen to them speak about their diocese and the importance to them of our link. We will also be hearing from some of those who have visited the Highveld and who have maintained a much valued link with churches there. With the worst of the pandemic over, now is a good time to look to strengthening our links and building on the important relationships that have been established over the years.

If you would like to book a place to attend the evening with Bishop Charles and Tabogo, please contact Vicki Stevens at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk or 01633 263510 by **Friday 29th July**. When booking a place, please include any dietary requirements you may have.

Praying for the Lambeth Conference

The Lambeth Conference is a meeting of all the Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion and has been taking place roughly every 10 years since 1867. This year will be convened and hosted once again by the Archbishop of Canterbury between 26th July and 8th August.

I am writing to ask for your prayers over the coming weeks as the Anglican bishops from Wales and over 160 other countries prepare to gather for retreat and prayer, for bible study on the First Letter of Peter and for mutual support and encouragement. The following is from The Brotherhood of St Gregory in the Episcopal Church of the USA. Please use it in your daily prayers.

O God, by your grace and Spirit you have raised up witnesses and servants in many lands and cultures: pour out your blessing upon the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion and upon their leaders as they prepare to gather for fellowship in the Lambeth Conference, that their diversity may enrich their common witness and service to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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News

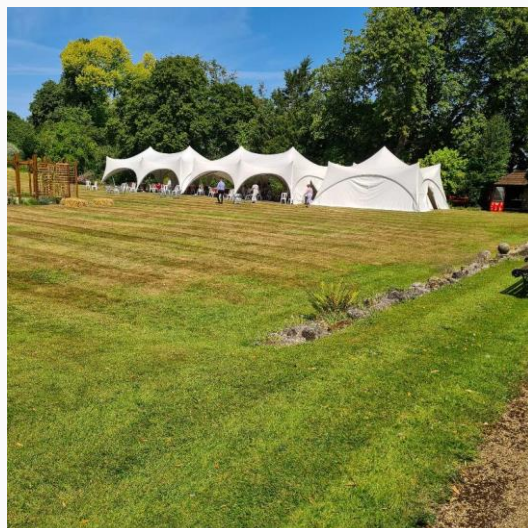
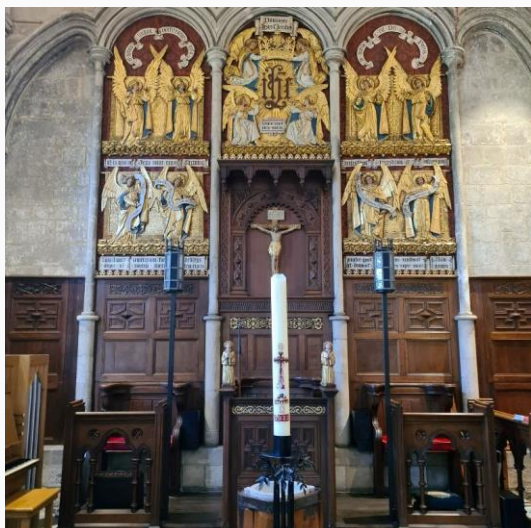
Celebration Service for our Year Six Leavers

More than 400 Yr 6 pupils flooded into Newport Cathedral to take part in special services marking the important milestone of leaving primary school. Led by Bishop Cherry, the services were a celebration of their time at primary school, but also a reminder that God is with them as they begin the next chapter in their education. Each child received a small olive wood cross on cord as a reminder of how much God loves them and how much they are valued as part of God's family within our diocese.



Celebrating 100 Years of the Central Readers Council

On Saturday 16th July, Helen Millard, an LLM from Ebbw Vale attended an event on behalf of the diocese to celebrate 100 years of the Central Readers Council.



Helen said,

"On Saturday 16th July I had the privilege to travel to York to represent the Monmouth Diocese at a garden party to celebrate 100 Years of the Central Readers Council at Bishopthorpe Palace, the home of the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell. The afternoon was one of meeting readers across the country and sharing tea and scones together. The highlight of the visit was to be shown around the palace and then to share worship together led by Archbishop Stephen. Although it was a long journey and very hot, it was amazing to meet so many readers/LLM's who support their parishes in various ways. I am proud to be a LLM/Reader and follow the call God has on my life as a Baptised Disciple of Jesus."



Abergavenny Pride 2022



St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny hosted Abergavenny Pride on Saturday 16th July. The day began with a Eucharist service with Rev Canon John Connell and Bishop Cherry Vann and continued on with music, a variety of stalls, and a 'Faith Forum' in the Tithe Barn for reflection and discussion. A copy of Bishop Cherry's sermon can be downloaded [here](#).



Nominations open for the UK's first National Church Awards

The first ever National Church Awards to celebrate churches and the people who use and look after them are open for entries until the 1st August.

The categories for the 2022 awards are:

- [Church maintenance](#)
- [Church volunteers](#)
- [Church tourism](#)

A special prize for the UK's 'Church of the Year' also forms part of the awards, being run by the National Churches Trust.

The National Church Awards are open to any church, chapel or meeting house in the UK and are free to enter. Nominations will be judged by a team of church and heritage professionals. Churches can enter for as many categories as they wish.

Winners will include churches from each of the four nations - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - as well as UK wide.

The National Church Awards will culminate in a high profile ceremony, including a glorious high tea, to be held at the historic Mercers Company Livery Hall in the City of London in October 2022.

Full details can be found at: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/awards2022

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust, said:

“Churches, chapels and meeting houses are impressive, exciting and surprising. We want to keep them open and in use.”

“Our new National Church Awards bring together all that is brilliant about the work happening in and around church buildings. Architecture, conservation, maintenance, supporting volunteers and providing a great welcome are all hugely important to the future of our churches.”

“We're really excited to be celebrating the UK's amazing churches and the people who care for them and look forward to entries from all parts of the UK.”

Training and Events

The Human One - Exhibition Launch - tonight!

Wednesday 20th July, 7pm
St Mary's Priory Abergavenny

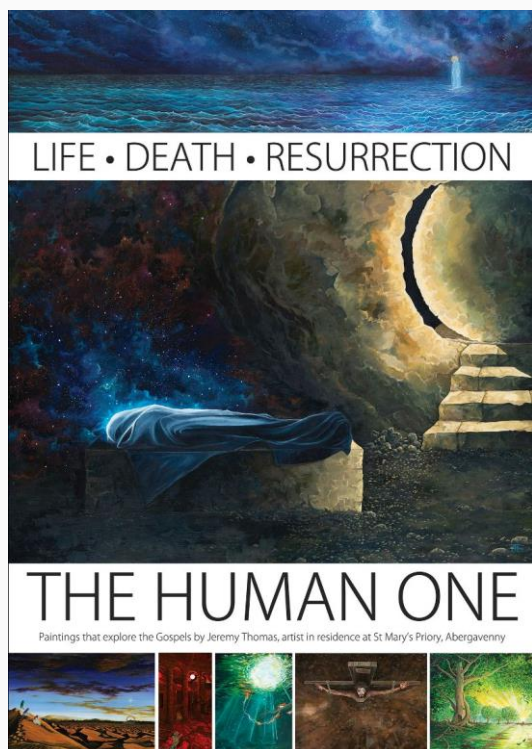
Fr John Connell says,

"Do come and join us here at St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny on Wednesday 20th July at 7.00pm for a viewing of a series of 30 paintings by our artist in residence Jez Thomas. From the incarnation and birth of Jesus through to his

passion, death, resurrection and ascension and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost the paintings have layer upon layer of rich symbolism. These are true icons, windows into the deepest mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ. I promise you will leave moved and inspired by these incredible paintings.

The viewing starts at 7pm with a few words of welcome and introduction and then you will have opportunity to view the pictures before they go on the next stage of their tour. They have recently returned from an exhibition at St David's Cathedral and will soon be in display at Newport Cathedral and a number of other cathedrals across England and Wales.

Drinks and nibbles will be served. Entry is free and there will be both an opportunity to meet the artist and to buy prints and a guide to the pictures."



Cathedral Organ Open Afternoon - 20th August

CATHEDRAL ORGAN OPEN AFTERNOON

Saturday 20th August 2022
2pm – 4.30pm

Would you like to:

- Hear a demonstration of the organ?
- See inside the organ?
- Have a go on the organ?

Do drop in any time between 2pm and 4.30pm!

Short demonstrations of the organ will take place at 2pm,
3pm and 4pm

If you are a pianist, do bring along some piano music to try
out on the organ!

Refreshments will be available

Children are most welcome, but should
be accompanied by an adult

Rural Clergy Refreshment Day - 29th September

RURAL CLERGY REFRESHMENT DAY

A day for clergy working in
rural communities to receive
spiritual refreshment, mutual
support and fellowship, and
to share ideas

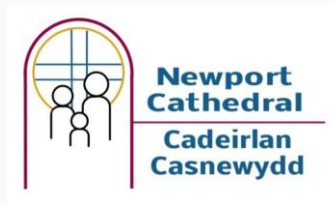
Thursday 29th September 2022
At Llanarth Village Hall
10am until 4pm

Bring your own lunch.
Tea and coffee provided.

Please book in with;
Rural Life Advisor - Rev'd Canon Tim Clement
rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Please email rlamonmouth@churchinwales.org.uk to book.

Services and Resources



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

Celtic at the Cathedral

For three evening services over the 'summer season' the cathedral will offering a Celtic style service, with folk hymns, and all are welcome. The dates are:

24th July, preacher The Venerable Stella Bailey, Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Diocesan Director of Mission.

14th August, preacher The Rev'd Canon Becca Stevens

21st August, preacher The Rev'd Justin Groves

The services will start at 5 p.m.

In these services there will be a specific focus on praying for the City of Newport and for the mission of the Monmouth Diocese.

All are very welcome, and refreshments will be available after the service.

Esgobaeth Mynwy Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Awst 2022

Awst 9 / August 9

Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday

Ardal Weinidogaeth Islwyn / Islwyn Ministry Area

Manylion i'w cadarnhau / tbc

Cymanfa Ganu / Singing Festival

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

Vacancies



Newport Cathedral has vacancies for altos, tenors and basses from September 2022

Be part of a traditional cathedral choir

Enjoy singing in a friendly and sociable environment

Sing a wide range of choral repertoire from the 17th - 21st century

For further details please contact the Director of Music, Emma Gibbins:

07952 514117

emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

Organist needed at The Priory Church of St.Mary, Usk



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for Sunday services, where a mix of traditional and modern hymns/songs are sung and the Malcom Archer Mass setting is used.

The role would also involve accompanying the church choir in services, the occasional Monday evening rehearsal, and playing for weddings and funerals.

For further details please contact Judith Lee (Director of Music) on 01291 675404

or musicalee@aol.com.

A part time role may be considered.

