



Midweek Mailing

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

News



Diocesan Vision -

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing five films which reflect some of the conversations and discussions taking place as we develop our Diocesan Vision together.

The Vision is based on the Five Marks of Mission and the films show clergy and laity from across our diocese discussing the key themes of discipleship, stewardship, environment, equality and diversity, and social justice.

The films reflect how people are already thinking of ways in which these themes can be developed across each of our Ministry Areas.

In the fourth film, join Bishop Cherry and others from across the diocese as they explore social justice. Bishop Cherry reminds us that loving one another means doing all we can to create a fairer and more just world for everyone.



The first three films in the series exploring the themes of Environment, Equality and Diversity and Discipleship were included in previous Mid-Week Mailings. If you missed them, you can catch-up here -





New safeguarding guidance

The Church in Wales is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life, mission and ministry. We have published new guidance in English and Welsh on our website. You can find it here with our updated policy and forms:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/safeguarding/>

Please read it carefully – remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Revd Stella Bailey installed as Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys



Welcome to our new Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Director of Mission, Revd Stella Bailey.

Stella was installed on Sunday (19th June) at Newport Cathedral in a wonderful service surrounded by friends, family and local dignitaries.

The service was led by The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth, who encouraged us to 'rejoice' that God has called Stella to serve in our diocese and to pray for God's blessing as she plays her part in 'leading and guiding, equipping and inspiring the people of God to respond to God's loving invitation and to become all that we were created and called to be.'

In her sermon, Bishop Cherry, reminded us of Jesus' words - 'do not fear, only believe' and remarked that Stella was joining us at an exciting time in the life of this diocese.

She said: "Here, we are learning together to trust that God holds out before us a hopeful future. We're learning to discern what God is asking of us – as individual followers of Jesus, as congregations and Ministry Areas and as a diocese - and to be faithful in responding to his invitation. We're learning to grow together in faith and to work together with hope, as we serve the communities in which God has placed us and seek to build with him the kind of world that reflects the Kingdom of God. We're learning to put aside any fear and anxiety that threatens to bind us and to believe and trust in the power and purposes of God even though we do not know what lies ahead."

Stella, a former police officer, joins us from Coventry where she served as vicar and Area Dean.

Read more about Stella's background and appointment - [New Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys and Director of Mission announced - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/news/new-archdeacon-of-the-gwent-valleys-and-director-of-mission-announced-monmouth-diocese)



Contact Details

Archdeacon Stella can be contacted at:
archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk
07741 661154

Archdeacon Stella is using the same e-mail address and phone number as Archdeacon Sue Pinnington. Please be aware that if you had previously saved Archdeacon Sue's details in your telephone or computer contacts then then you will need to amend the name accordingly.

Ordinations - Saturday!

We are getting ready for this year's Ordinations Service, which will be held on Saturday 25th June at 11am at Newport Cathedral.

Friends and family will join the ordinands as they take the next step on their faith journey in a wonderful service of dedication and celebration.

The service is also being live streamed here [Ordination - YouTube](#)

Meet the class of '22

We had a chat with a few of our new ordinands as they prepare to become Deacons.



We also caught up with those who were deaconed last year and will be priested at this year's service.

Read the updates from Revd Karin Pardoe, Revd Mandy East and Revd Andrew Nelves [here](#).

Please hold our ordinands in your prayers.

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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 Nelves 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

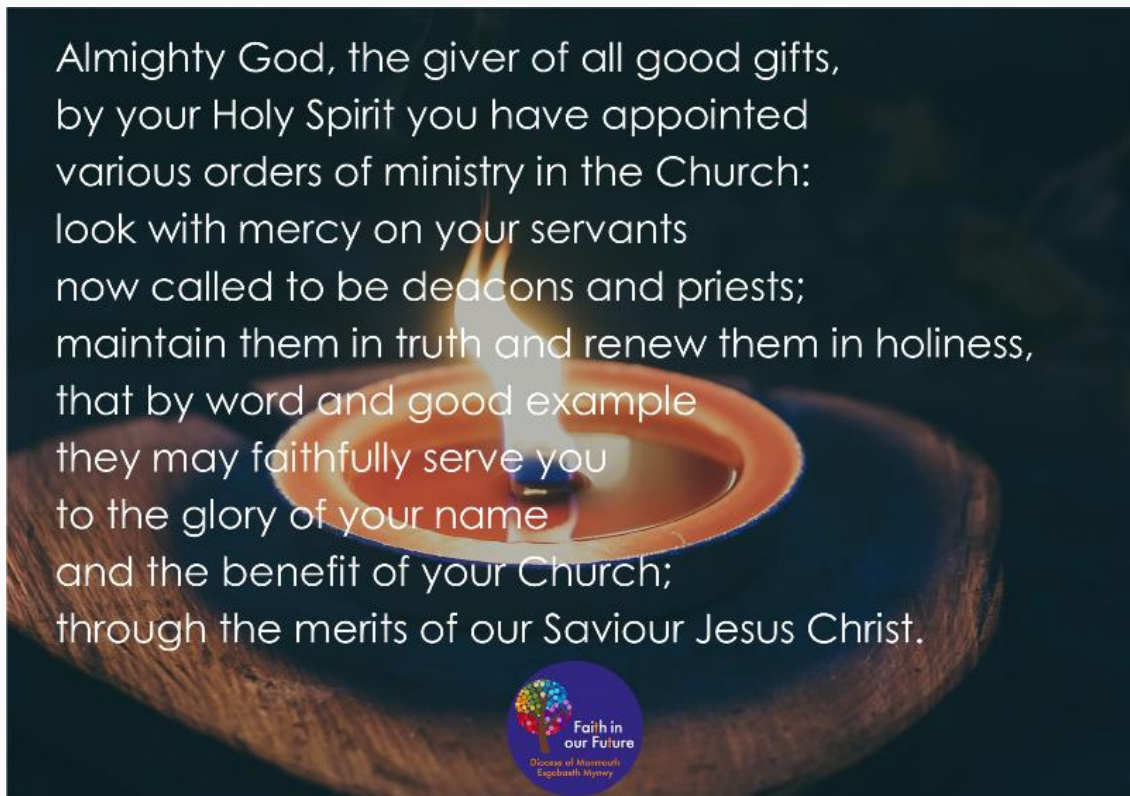
To be ordained Priest:

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

The Revd Andrew Nelves 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





Please click on the images to enlarge.



Refugee Week 2022

Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on the 20 June, Refugee Week is also a growing global movement. Sanctuary Sunday is the last Sunday of Refugee week and provides a focus for Churches. Through a programme of arts, cultural, sports and educational events alongside media and creative campaigns, Refugee Week enables people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as encouraging understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety. Find out more about refugee week by visiting their [website](#).

This year's theme is Healing. For more information and ideas on how to develop the theme in your school or church visit the Refugee Week [website here](#), and Diocesan [website here](#).



Our thanks to the Diocesan Healing Wholeness and Reconciliation Group who have written some Prayers of Healing which can be downloaded [here](#).

St Augustine's Rumney Choral Evensong

Bishop Cherry blessed the new organ and admitted three new choristers to the choir in a special service at St Augustine's Rumney on 12th June.

Revd James Henley said, "We were delighted to welcome Bishop Cherry to the East Cardiff Ministry Area once again on Sunday 12th, to lead a special service of Choral Evensong at St Augustine's Rumney, which included the blessing and dedication of the new Church Organ. Bishop Cherry also admitted our three newest young choristers to the St Augustine's Choir, assisted by our Director of Music, Nathan Bird."





Annual Returns & Accounts - one week left to submit

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

There is now just one week left to get them submitted - where returns are outstanding, treasurers have been contacted.

As well as the Finance Return a copy of your Independently Examined/Audited Accounts 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).

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

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The Headley Trust Grant Scheme

The Headley Trust, one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, has a budget devoted to the restoration and repair of fine medieval (or earlier) parish churches in the Dioceses of England and Wales which meet the following criteria:

- Pre-16th century of architectural merit, listed as Grade I, II* or II;
- Churches in rural, undeveloped, sparsely populated, less prosperous areas (with a population up to 2,500 people). In some circumstances a larger population may be considered;
- Historic chapels or chantry chapels are not normally funded.
- As a general rule, churches with Victorian restoration work will be considered if the church has retained original character and quality. The church must remain in use as a regular place of worship.

If your church meets the above criteria and you are planning works towards conservation, preservation and repairs to the fabric of the church or provision or improvement to toilet or toilet and kitchen facilities which will start start after November 2022 please get in touch with Libby Morgan-Owen, 07508 801511, libbymorganowen@churchinwales.org.uk to see if you may be eligible to apply for a Headley Trust grant.



Historic Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Grant Programme 2022-23

Cadw is inviting applications for the Historic Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Grant Programme 2022-23.

Details are on Cadw's website at [Historic buildings grant | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#)

Community assets that are listed for their special architectural or historic interest have an important part to play in the well-being and vitality of communities across Wales. Their viability and resilience as we face the challenges of climate change is underpinned by routine repair and maintenance. Therefore, the Historic Buildings Maintenance and Repair Capital Grant Programme 2022/23 is intended to offer financial assistance towards the maintenance and repair of historic community assets, such as village and community halls, institutes, libraries, war memorials and places of worship that are open for wider community use.

A grant of 75% of grant eligible works up to a maximum of £25,000 per property is available for a range of small scale maintenance and repairs which are necessary to keep community assets in good order, such as:

- clearing rainwater gutters, valleys and downpipes;
- repairing or replacing sections of damaged rainwater goods, minor roof repairs, slipped slates/tiles/ridges etc;
- leadwork/flashing repair/renewal;
- small-scale rebuilding works eg. chimney stacks/parapets;
- localised masonry repairs or re-pointing;
- joinery repairs and redecoration;
- glazing repairs;
- plasterwork repairs;
- boundary wall and railing repairs.

The work should be undertaken by a contractor with conservation skills / experience of historic buildings, and depending on the complexity of the works, should be specified by a conservation accredited architect or chartered surveyor.

For more details please go to Cadw's website at [Historic buildings grant | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](https://historicbuildingsgrant.gov.wales)



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. It has been postponed for two years running because of the pandemic, but this year is going ahead and 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. There will be discussions held most days on key themes

in the life of the church and its work in the world including Mission and Evangelism, Reconciliation, Human Identity, Safeguarding, Environment and Sustainable Development.

The intention is that the outcomes of the Conference will shape the life of the Anglican Communion in the decade ahead.

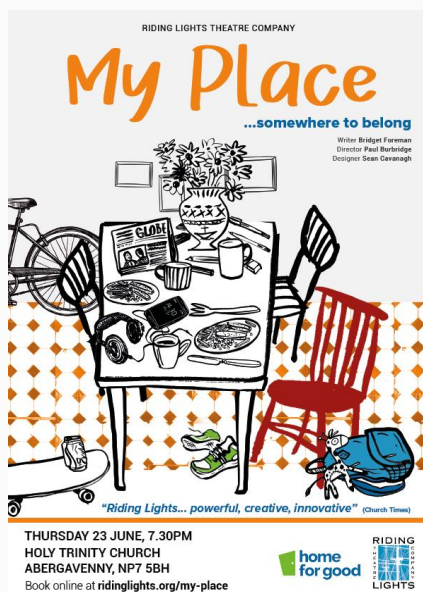
Religious Communities from across the Communion have written prayers for the Conference. The following is from The Brotherhood of St Gregory in the Episcopal Church of the USA. Please use it in your daily prayers.

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.



Training and Events

My Place



Holy Trinity Parish Church, Bake Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5BH are hosting a performance of *My Place* by the famous Riding Lights Theatre Company **this Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm**

Tickets available on the door.

What's the story of *My Place*?

Both entertaining and thought-provoking, *My Place* follows the stories of four children in care. An individual child, a pair of siblings and an unaccompanied child refugee. They have different backgrounds and journeys, brought to life through a range of colourful story-telling techniques, including song and spoken word. Each story highlights the need for all vulnerable children to have a safe, stable and loving home where they can thrive.

Who are Home for Good?

Home for Good is a Christian charity that exists to find a home for every child who needs one. We believe that the UK Church is ideally placed to respond to the needs of children and young people in the care system, so we seek to inspire and equip individuals and families to open their homes and hearts to children and teenagers through fostering, adoption and supported lodgings. We also resource churches to be a welcoming and supportive community for all families who care for vulnerable children and advocate on their behalf at all levels of government. Home for Good is thrilled to have this opportunity to join with Riding Lights in presenting *My Place*.

Why a play?

Watching a play unfold engages the imagination in a vivid way and is more immediate than video. It allows you to place yourself in another person's shoes, to think about issues from a new perspective, perhaps even to think about things you have never considered before. Riding Lights has over 40 years of professional experience doing just this in theatres, schools, prisons, cathedrals, churches and community centres across the UK.

Who is this event for?

Everyone! Any individual who cares about children, has a passion for justice and compassion for our society's most vulnerable would be inspired by this event. We hope that many people will gain a better understanding of the experience of young refugees and children in care. The play is suitable for teenagers and adults but not recommended for younger children.

Do come and join us and help us raise awareness of the needs of children in care. Help us make a real difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in the UK by coming along next Thursday to Holy Trinity Church, Abergavenny.

Tickets £10.00 Concession £8.00



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Summer 2022 Continuing Ministerial Development Courses from St Padarn's

St Padarn's have four courses available in June & July -

Engaging with Volunteers - Monday 27th June, 10am - 4pm, via Zoom

Handling Conflict Constructively - Tuesday 28th June, 10am-4pm, at St Padarn's, Cardiff

Welcome & Hospitality as Mission - Thursday 7th July, 10am - 4pm, via Zoom

Caring for the Bereaved - Thursday 14th July, 10am-3pm, Cleppa Park, Newport

Further details about the courses and links to book are available [here](#).

Please note that 'Welcome and Hospitality as Mission' and 'Caring for the Bereaved' are both open to anyone from church, and especially those involved in welcome and/or pastoral care.



Safeguarding Training

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.

We are pleased to announce another set of Module B training dates are now available. These training sessions will be held at **St George's Church, Tredegar (Church St, Tredegar NP22 3DU)**

- Thursday 30th June – 09:30-12:00 – Module B: Part 1
- Thursday 30th June – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 2

Please note that the earlier June sessions at the **Monmouth Diocesan Office (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ)** are now fully booked, however there are still places for the July sessions:

- Wednesday 6th July – 3:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 1
- Wednesday 20th July – 13:00-15:30 – Module B: Part 2

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

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

Autumn dates will be released soon - we will notify you as soon as they are available to book. These dates will include weekend training options.

Training for Ministry Areas

Training sessions can also be booked for ministry areas or for individual churches. This is a great opportunity to offer local training and ensure your entire team has completed Module B - Understanding Safeguarding in the Church.

If you would like to arrange a training session for your ministry area directly, please do contact Bec Jones (rebeccajones@churchinwales.org.uk).

VU Chamber Choir Concert - 1st July

Do come along to St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny on Friday 1st July at 7.00pm for a concert in aid of Ukraine by the VA Kammerkoor. The Free University Chamber Choir of Amsterdam – a famous Dutch a cappella choir. was founded in the early 1970's. It is made up of thirty ambitious singers, with a mix of

enthusiastic youthfulness and wise experience. This wide range can also be found in the repertoire of the choir, ranging from ancient music to brand new compositions with accompaniment or a cappella. Since September 2016 the choir has been led by the scintillating conductor Krista Audere.

Krista Audere is of Latvian origin, now based in the Netherlands. She is the conductor of the VU-Kamerkoor, Kamerkoor Venus, and is regularly engaged as a guest conductor for the Dutch Chamber Choir, the Dutch Radio Choir and Cappella Amsterdam. In 2021 Krista won the Eric Ericson award, a prestigious prize for conductors awarded every three years. As a result of winning this award she will get to work with the State Choir of Latvia, the Swedish Radio Choir, the MDR Leipzig Radio Choir, the Bavarian Radio Choir, the Helsinki Chamber Choir, the Danish National Vocal Ensemble, the Choeur de Radio France and last, but certainly not least the BBC Singers!

Tickets £10.00 or £8.00 for concessions available online or at the door – see poster for details. The choir will be singing Dutch, American, Swiss and British music with some surprise pieces for our Welsh audience too! It promises to be a great evening of music-making, we hope you can come and join us and raise money for the people of Ukraine.

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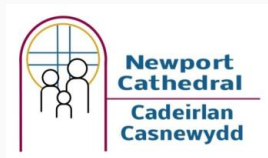


The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

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!



New Cathedral Canons

Revd John Connell and Revd Becca Stevens will be formally welcomed as Canons of St Woolos Cathedral in a service of Choral Evensong at **4pm** on **Sunday 3rd July 2022**.

All are welcome to attend this service and clergy/LLM's are invited to robe in choir dress (cassock, surplice, scarf and hood).

In order for the Cathedral to plan the event, it would be helpful if you could contact the Bishop's PA, Vicki at monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk indicating:

- whether you will be attending
- whether you will be robing

Please respond to Vicki by **Wednesday 29th June 2022**.



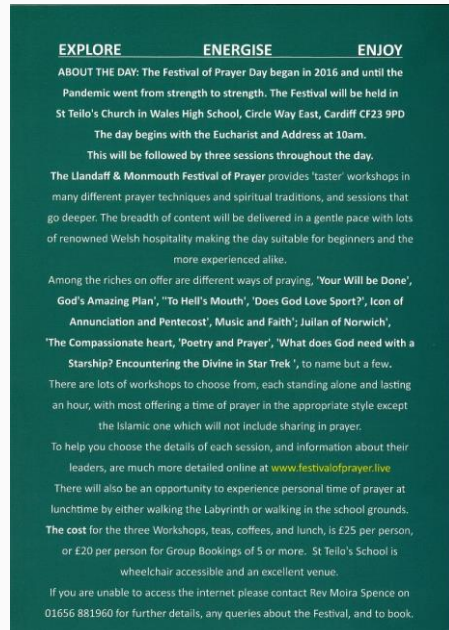
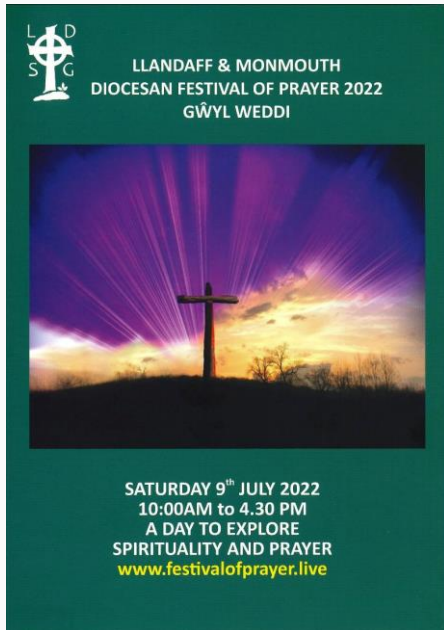
Young Peace Ambassadors

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA) and Cymdeithas y Cymod (Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales) are offering **a unique opportunity to 6 young people aged 14 - 19 in Wales to become Young Peace Ambassadors.**

The 6 young people chosen will receive training and support to help them develop the necessary skills and confidence for the role. The training will take place on **25th – 26th July** in the historic Temple of Peace in Cardiff. It will be fun and interactive and will include the opportunity to meet young people from different countries as well as politicians and peace activists and to learn about how to take non-violent action for change.

There are only 6 places available, so please encourage young people to apply by 4th July! More information and applications forms are available from janeharries@wcia.org.uk

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022



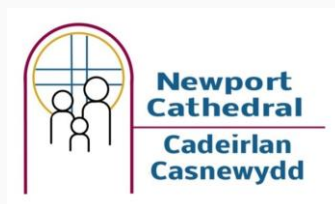
Places are still available for the 2022 Festival of Prayer - held on 9th July 2022 from 10am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

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 Gorffennaf 2022

Gorffennaf 9 / July 9

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday

9:30 yb / 9:30 am

Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas' Church,
Sgwâr Sant Thomas / Saint Thomas' Square

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

Vacancies

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



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St.Mary, Usk

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 and the occasional Monday evening rehearsal. For further details please contact Judith Lee (Director of Music) on 01291 675404 or musicalee@aol.com. A part time role may be considered.

House for Duty Priest - Mid Torfaen Ministry Area

Mid Torfaen Ministry Area are looking for a collaborative and creative priest with a pastoral heart to join in the Ministry Area to serve a group of communities around Pontypool and Griffithstown in South Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is a competent and inspiring preacher?
- Has good communication skills and relishes being part of a team?
- Enjoys schools ministry as well as engaging with older members of the community?
- Sees occasional offices as a way of inspiring faith and giving welcome and invitation?
- Embraces inclusive church where all are welcome?

If you think this could be you then they would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Kate O'Sullivan, Ministry Area Leader on 07854 598269 or revdkateosullivan@gmail.com

Application form and full profile available at <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Newport: jonathanwilliams@churchinwales.org.uk

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 24th June 2022**

Interviews to take place in July 2022

Vicar - Tredegar Park Ministry Area

Tredegar Park ministry Area are looking for a collaborative and supportive priest with a genuine passion for discipleship to join us as we form a new Ministry Area to serve a group of communities in Newport in South-East Wales.

Are you someone who:

- Is a people person, able to connect with those both in and outside the Church?
- Has a strong faith and a desire to share God's love?
- Has gifts in leadership while being a team player?
- Can empower others to use their gifts in God's service?
- Is sensitive, compassionate and prayerful with a good sense of humour?

If you think this could be you then they would very much like to hear from you.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Chris Stone, Ministry Area Leader on 01633 378354
or vicchris78@sky.com

Applications should be submitted by email to the Archdeacon of Newport:
jonathanwilliams@churcheinwales.org.uk

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 8th July 2022**
Interviews to take place on Friday 22nd July 2022
