



Midweek Mailing

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

News

New Vicar for Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area

Congratulations to Revd Lisa Taylor who was licensed by the Bishop of Monmouth in New Tredegar on Monday.

She will serve as Vicar in the Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area.

Lisa was serving as Assistant Curate in Islwyn Ministry Area.

You can watch the service [here](#), and find out more about Lisa [here](#).





Praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension to Pentecost.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost (May 26th – June 5th), Christians from over 172 countries will be praying specifically for three things:

Firstly, that their own faith might be strengthened and deepened.
Secondly that the five people they commit to praying for daily will come to faith.
Thirdly, that the Holy Spirit will empower all of us to be more effective in our witness.

To pray the words 'thy Kingdom come' is to express a desire and a hope for the world to be a better place: a world where lives, relationships and communities are based on the love, justice, freedom and peace that we find through faith in Jesus.

The Thy Kingdom Come website www.thykingdomcome.global is full of resources to support our prayers, including a Novena and a Prayer Journal, both written by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I encourage you to use these 11 days to pray for a renewing of your faith, for an empowering of the Holy Spirit and for five people you know to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.



Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area Commissioning Service

Our next Ministry Area Commissioning Service will be Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area on Thursday 26th May, 7pm in St Cadoc's Raglan.

You can join the service online here,



Ordination Service & Ember List

All clergy and licensed lay ministers to attend this year's Ordinations Service - held at 11am, **Saturday 25th June 2022 at Newport Cathedral.**

If you are able to attend, please let Vicki Stevens (Bishop's PA) know by Friday 18th June 2022. In your response, please confirm whether or not you will be robing for the service.

Email: monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk

Phone: 01633 263510

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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 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

Janel 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.

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.



Platinum Jubilee

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 Service of
Thanksgiving
St. Denis Church, Llanishen**



Sunday, 29th May 2022 – 11 am. St. Denis Church, Llanishen

The four churches of the Benefice of Llanishen
(Llansoy, Llanfihangel Tor-y-Mynydd, Llanishen and Trelleck Grange)
will be holding a Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving.
It will be followed by a buffet in the village hall.

Everyone welcome.



A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen

St Dingat's Church New Tredegar

Thursday 2nd June 2022

10.45am

Followed by reception

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

Our Schools



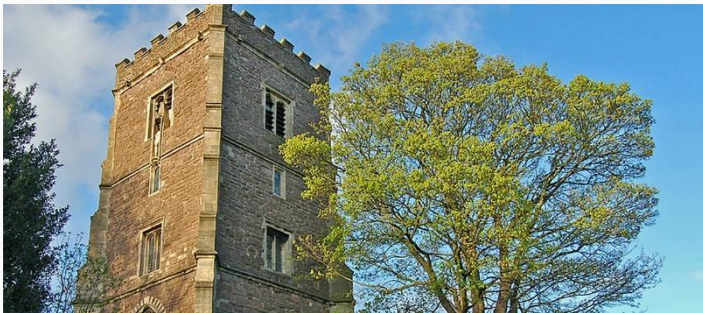
Join Our Schools in Celebrating Refugee Week 2022

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](#).

Training and Events

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!



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.



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

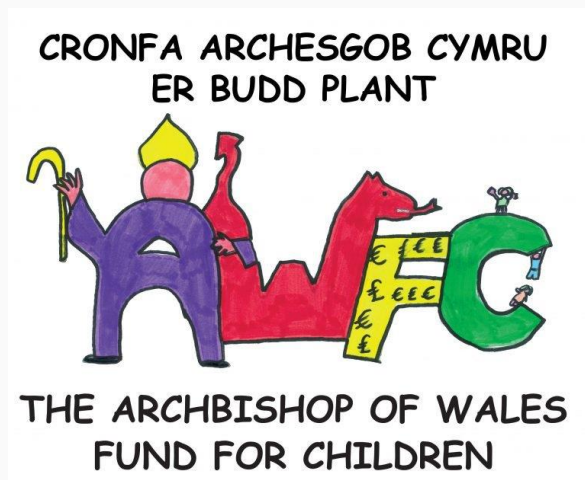
If you have any questions please contact rebeccajones@churchinwales.org.uk

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

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 (rebeccaiones@churchinwales.org.uk).




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!

2022 Festival of Prayer - 9th July 2022



LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022
GŴYL WEDDI



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.

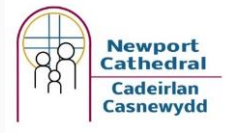
Places are still available for the 2022 Festival of Prayer - held on 9th July 2022 from 10am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.

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 an Ascension Day service from the Cathedral on Thursday at 7:30pm [here](#).

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

Hwyrol 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.

Vacancies

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