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**Esgobaeth Mynwy**



**Diocese of Monmouth**

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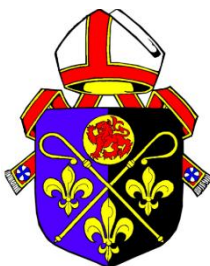
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Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.*

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## News

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### Chrism Mass 2025



Chrism Mass will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **15th April 2025**, at **11am** in Newport Cathedral. This is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament, together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord's Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

We encourage all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew our vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church of God, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus's self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

Please contact Bishop Cherry's EA, Vicki Stevens, at [monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk) and confirm:

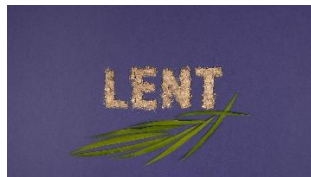
- **that you will be attending**
- **whether you will be robing (i.e. and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)**
- **whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so**
- **whether you have any dietary requirements.**

Please get in touch with this information by **Monday 31st March 2025** at the latest so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

Please can you also remember to bring receptacles for the oils to be poured in to as the Cathedral do not have any spare for those who forget!

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## Lent Appeal 2025



### Lent Appeal 2025 – supporting vital projects in both Gwent and the Highveld.

Our Appeal this year focusses on two related issues; positive masculinity and domestic abuse. There are many forms of abuse, usually but not exclusively against women, and they are common here in the UK as well as in South Africa. We will be supporting work that seeks to combat violence and sexual exploitation and support those who have suffered from it. Information on the projects we will be supporting can be found [here](#).

### Donations

If you would like to donate to the Lent Appeal 2025, you are able to do so in the following ways:

- A cheque made payable to “**Monmouth DBF**” can be sent to the Diocesan Office at 64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ. Please ensure you write “**Lent Appeal 2025**” on the back of the cheque.
- By bank transfer, including the reference “**Lent Appeal 2025**” within the transaction.

Ministry Areas will already have the diocesan bank details, but if there are any queries, or any individuals would also like to donate this way, please contact the Diocesan Office on **(01633) 267490** who will provide the necessary details.

**Thank you/Diolch!**

## Lent Courses

Lent is a great time to meet together in groups for discussion, study, prayer and reflection. We hope that beyond that time, some of you will decide that it is good to continue meeting together. Lots of groups are already finding real benefits in meeting regularly, building relationships and enjoying the chance for open and honest conversations.

A number of discussions have taken place about possible courses for this Lent. There are lots of resources available for small groups or for individuals. Below are some of the courses that have been suggested for those of you who are still looking for suitable material.

Please click on the buttons below to download and access either a PDF or Word version of the list of Lent courses.

[Lent Courses 2025 - PDF](#)

[Lent Courses 2025 - Word](#)

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## Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme Online Survey



The Archbishop of Wales urges churches and ministry areas to complete a new survey launched by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

As you may be aware, VAT must usually be paid when you carry out repairs, maintenance and alterations to buildings. However, places of worship that have been 'listed' for their special architectural or historic interest can generally reclaim the VAT paid through The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (<https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/>).

This scheme has operated since 2001 and is funded by the UK government through DCMS. Following meetings he has held recently, the Archbishop has received an invitation for all churches to support an evaluation of the scheme.

This work has been commissioned from Harlow Consulting, an independent research consultancy. As part of the evaluation work, they are conducting a short online survey to help understand individual places of worship's experience of the scheme. This survey consists of around 25 questions and will play a vital role in enabling DCMS to understand the outcomes and impacts of the scheme. We need as many places of worship as possible to participate, so that we can produce reliable findings.

The survey link

is: <https://HarlowConsulting.welcomesyourfeedback.net/listedplacesofworshipgrantscheme>

The survey will remain open for completion until **25 March**.

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## Thy Kingdom Come - 9 Days of Prayer and Mission, 29th May - 8th June



The need for the transforming power of God in our world and neighbourhoods is more stark than ever. There is a greater hope that we can offer the world. It is our hope and prayer that those who have not heard the Good News of Jesus and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, giving them an opportunity to respond.

This year, our diocese will join people from around the world to dedicate the time between Ascension to Pentecost in 9 days of Prayer and Mission. This is an opportunity to partner with God in prayer and mission so your community can encounter the love of Christ.

We are encouraging your Ministry Area to spend the 9 days from Ascension (**29th May**) to Pentecost (**8th June**) in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' and in living out the vision of Gods Kingdom on Earth.

Each day you can hold a different prayer or mission activity and over the coming weeks we will be offering different suggestions, and sign post you to resources that you might wish to develop.

Each ministry area will be provided with prayer booklets to support people in praying at home. We will also gift £500 to each ministry area to run an event during these 9 days to which you can invite people to.

There is the opportunity to receive a grant of £500 towards an ongoing outreach activity. Speak to Archdeacon Stella for more information.

Our collective outreach will be celebrated at a Pentecost Service on **Saturday 7th June** in St Marys Abergavenny, where we can gather, with Bishop Cherry, to joyfully worship and pray together as the Diocese family. Teaching and Activities will be put on for the children and youth and the service will be followed by refreshments.

#### **Some starter ideas:**

- Arrange a rota for your church to be open for quiet prayer and reflection and publicise this across your area. Maybe set up some prayer stations with simple instructions to help people to journey in prayer.
- Organise a community litter pick.
- Undertake an eco project in your churchyard or register for Eco Church and spend this week working towards your bronze award.
- Hold a community picnic and invite those you know who are on their own or have been recently widowed.
- Hold an outdoor service to demonstrate that the church is actively praying for its local area – and allowing for the spirit to prompt those who are passing to be curious.
- Undertake a prayer walk.
- Plan a partnership project with your local school i.e. visit a nursing home, provide an afternoon tea, draw together the different generations.
- Take up a special collection for the local foodbank.
- Hold an open churches event or family fun day.
- Have a schedule for daily prayer to happen across your churches or for a rosary group to gather each day.

For more ideas and resources, check out the Thy Kingdom Come website with new resources being launched on **25th February**:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

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## Gingerbread Single Parent Group



The Reverend Rose Hill is leading a new parent group for single parents and carers. As a single parent herself, she is passionate about bringing single parents together across the community to build friendships and share experiences and coping strategies.

**Gingerbread** is a charity that aims to create a world where all single parents and their children don't just survive, but thrive. They campaign against the injustices that single parents face every single day and challenge the stigmas around being a single parent. You can read about the charity [here](#).

If you are a single parent/carers and would like to join us for a cuppa while your children play, please come along from **11am-1pm** on the **last Friday of every month** (during term time) in St Dyfrig's Church Hall, Llanrumney. Single parents/carers of children of any age are more than welcome. You can contact Rose directly via [rosemary@eastcardiff.church](mailto:rosemary@eastcardiff.church)

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# Training

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## Safeguarding Training 2025



The current Safeguarding dates for 2025 are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
20/03/2025	Thursday	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Magor Church Centre, Magor	NP26 3ET	C

The following online Zoom sessions are also available:

Date	Day	Time	Course
18/03/2025	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	B
07/04/2025	Monday	1.30pm - 3.30pm	B



To find out when your Safeguarding training is due for renewal, please contact Vicki Stevens at [Monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:Monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk) or by phone on **01633 263510**.

To access the booking form and book your place please click on the button



[Safeguarding Training Booking Form - The Church in Wales](#)

Contact details for all of the safeguarding team can be found here:

[Meet the team - The Church in Wales](#)

The Provincial Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese of Monmouth is **Colin Taylor** who can be contacted via email at [colintaylor@cinw.org.uk](mailto:colintaylor@cinw.org.uk) or by phone on **07956 790330**.

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## Events

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### Ash Wednesday Service - 5th March

Lent

AT NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

GRAWYS YN EGLWYS GADEIRIOL CASNEWYDD

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025**

DYDD MERCHER Y LLUDW  
MERCHER 5ED MAWRTH

10.30am Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
a reflective said service with address

7.00pm Choral Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
a sung Eucharist with sermon

Music includes:

Kyries from Mass in G Minor, Vaughan Williams

Mass for four voices, Byrd

Wash me thoroughly, SS Wesley

*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return  
turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ....*

[www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)



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## Lenten Reflections At Newport Cathedral

# Lenten Landscapes in the City

A series of Lent reflections led by different  
members of the Cathedral Chapter  
and College of Canons

Thursday 13th March, 7pm - Faith in the city  
Canon Andrew Lightbown

Thursday 20th March, 7pm - Worship in the city  
Canon John Connell

Thursday 27th March, 7pm - Service in the city  
Canon Captain Kathryn Stowers

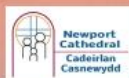
Thursday 3rd April, 7pm - Learning in the city  
Canon Ian Loynd

Thursday 10th April, 7pm - Health in the city  
Canon Alan Tyler

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 4ED

[www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)

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## Chorister Experience - 23rd March

# CHORISTER EXPERIENCE AT NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025 2:30-5:30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 6  
NO PREVIOUS MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!



ENJOY AN AFTERNOON BEING IN THE CATHEDRAL  
WITH SINGING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, BEFORE TAKING PART IN A SERVICE WITH THE  
CURRENT CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS FOLLOWED BY A PIZZA PARTY.

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



TO SIGN UP TO A FREE PLACE

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/THECATHEDRAL-CHOIR](http://WWW.NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/THECATHEDRAL-CHOIR)

ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, TOM COXHEAD [TOMCOXHEAD@NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK](mailto:TOMCOXHEAD@NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK)

To sign up to a free place please visit <https://www.newportcathedral.org.uk/the-cathedral-choir/>



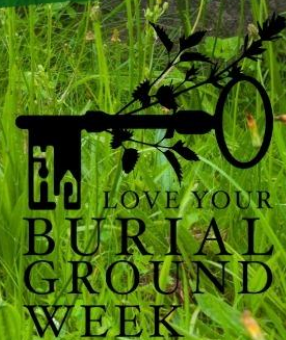
Save the Date - Churches Count on Nature 2025: 7th-15th June



**Save the date**  
**Cadw'r dyddiad**

**Churches Count on  
Nature 2025:  
7-15 June**

**Mae Eglwysi yn  
Cyfrif ar Natur  
2025:  
7-15 Mehefin**



# The Ministry of Fundraising

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**In this midweek mailing our Grants and Funding Officer, Calum Glanville-Ellis shares advice on applying for grants - specifically, how to approach writing successful Trust and Foundation applications.**

"Father in heaven, you have given us a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Be with us today in all that we do, so that your light may shine out in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

— St. Thomas More

Applying for grants can feel daunting. Forms can be lengthy, requiring detailed evidence, and so much can rest on securing funding. The best way to approach the process is to start early and stay organised. Here are three key tips to help you prepare:

## **1. Get Your Ducks in a Row**

Before you begin writing, gather all the necessary documents required by the funder. These often include:

- Signed accounts for your ministry area
- Two or three quotes from contractors for the work
- Evidence of faculty and planning permissions (if applicable)
- Most grant bodies provide a grant criteria sheet on their website—review this carefully to ensure you meet all requirements.

## **2. Prepare a Strong "Case for Support"**

A Case for Support is a one-page summary that outlines:

- What your project is
- Why it's project needed
- The impact it will have

Think of this as your project's pitch. Use clear, inspiring language to help funders connect with your vision. This document can also serve as a foundation for multiple applications, saving you time in the long run.

## **3. Research Your Funders Well**

Not all grant funders operate in the same way. Before applying:

- Check their accounts via the Charity Commission to understand their funding patterns.
- Read their website carefully to mirror their language and priorities in your application.
- Pay attention to terminology—some funders may use terms like "deprived areas", while others prefer "underserved communities." Tailoring your wording can strengthen your application.

For more in-depth guidance, check out the Building Projects Grants and Fundraising Guide, available [here](#)

Another useful tool is a Grant Strategy Table, which helps organise potential funders. I've prepared a template for you, available [here](#)—feel free to customize it for your project.

Perhaps you could benefit from attending one of the many training sessions offered by the [National Churches Trust](#). They are all free and cover loads of subjects from fundraising and grants to project management. Click [here](#) to find out more.

### **Need Support?**

As always, I'm here to offer advice and assistance with grants and fundraising. If you have any questions or need support with your applications, don't hesitate to get in touch: [calumglanville-ellis@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:calumglanville-ellis@churchinwales.org.uk)

Wishing you every success with your fundraising efforts!

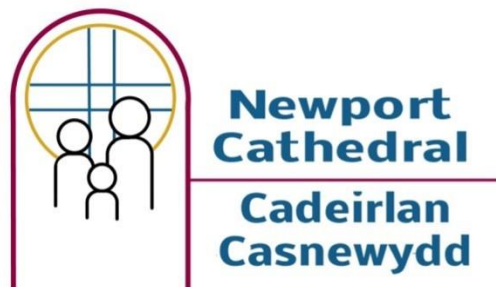
Blessings,

**Calum Glanville-Ellis**  
**Grants and Fundraising Officer**

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## Services

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Join us for the St David service from the Cathedral, this **Sunday** at **10:30am**

[You can watch the service here](#)

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Join us for the Ash Wednesday service from the Cathedral, **Wednesday 5th March** at **7:00pm**

[You can watch the service here](#)

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2025



### Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh services 2025

Date Dyddiad	Time Amser	Venue Lleoliaeth	Service & Theme Gwasanaeth & Thema
Mawrth 8 <sup>ed</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist Y Garawys / Lent
Ebrill 12 <sup>fed</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	11am/y.b	St David, Beaufort	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mai 10 <sup>fed</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mehefin 15 <sup>fed</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> <small>Sunday / Dydd Sul</small>	4 pm / y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan.	Choral Evensong Gosber
Gorfennaf 3 <sup>ydd</sup> July 3 <sup>rd</sup> <small>Thursday / Dydd Lau</small>	7pm	St Dyfrig's Church, Llanrumney	Eucharist Ewcharist
Gorfennaf 12 <sup>fed</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Medi 13 <sup>fed</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist Holy Cross Day / Gŵyl y Grog
Hydref 8 <sup>ed</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup> <small>Wednesday / Dydd Mercher</small>	6.30 pm / y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan	Choral Evensong Gosber
Tachwedd 8 <sup>ed</sup> November 8 <sup>th</sup> <small>Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn</small>	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Monmouth	Eucharist: Remembrance Ewcharist: Sul y Gofio
Rhagfyr 8 <sup>ed</sup> December 8 <sup>th</sup> <small>Monday / Dydd Llun</small>	6.30 pm / y.h.	St Mary Usk	Eucharist Ewcharist

Amfwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: [ruth\\_willis05@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth_willis05@hotmail.com)

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## Vacancies

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### Team Vicar - Monmouth Marches MA



#### MONMOUTH MARCHES MINISTRY AREA

#### TEAM VICAR

**Do you have a strong faith and a passion for the church to grow? Do you want to live and work in a beautiful town and surrounding villages with incredible history?**

**Then please read on because we would love you to know more about our wonderful area and the people who make it so special.**

Are you interested in discipleship, and developing worship? Are you someone who is excited by good communication, by reaching those who are not familiar with church, and really have a heart for town and rural ministry? Alongside the person specification and other essential skills, answering yes to these questions would be a good fit for our team.

Monmouth Marches, which covers the area in and around the town of Monmouth is looking for a team vicar who wants to be part of a team that is growing! Growing in our relationship with God and with other people and growing in our ministry together as we continue to discern ways of best working and ministering across the whole Ministry Area. We have a range of church traditions and styles of working and really look forward to welcoming someone to complement the gifts and skills we have.

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

For an informal conversation please contact Revd Tim Dack on **07958 0227822** or **[TimothyDack@cinw.org.uk](mailto:TimothyDack@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: **[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)**

**Closing date for applications: 31st March 2025**  
*Interviews to take place shortly after*



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## House for Duty Priest - Monmouth Marches MA



### MONMOUTH MARCHES MINISTRY AREA HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST

Ready to take a different step in ministry?

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 Llandogo and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of the Team covering the Ministry Area of Monmouth Marches.

***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.

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd Tim Dack on **07958 022782** or [TimothyDack@cinw.org.uk](mailto:TimothyDack@cinw.org.uk)

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