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Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Diocesan Vision -

Over the last couple of weeks we have shared 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 last of the films, join Bishop Cherry and others from across the diocese as they explore stewardship. Bishop Cherry reminds us that Christian Stewardship is a matter for the whole of our lives - "living as thankful and generous people."



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





Ordinations 2022

A wonderful service was held at Newport Cathedral on Saturday (25 June) to ordain our new deacons and priests.

Friends and family filled the cathedral to support and celebrate with those who have been called into ministry in the Diocese of Monmouth.

The service was live-streamed and can be watched here [Ordination - YouTube](#)



Ordained Deacon:

Ruth Rowan to serve in 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

Janet Pain to serve in the Monmouth Ministry Area with Revd Karen Dack

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

You can find out more about some of them [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:

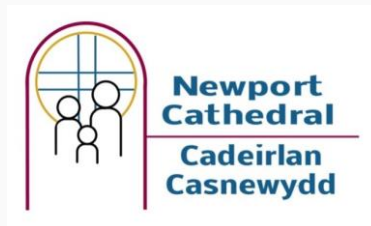
<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/safeguarding/>

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

Leaving the Diocese

- **Nick Adams** – Team Vicar in Islwyn MA and Pioneer Priest in Monmouth Diocese – resigning as of 30 June 2022
- **Jeff Pearse** – Assistant Curate in North Monmouthshire MA – retiring as of 30 June 2022

We give thanks for their ministry and wish them the best for the future.



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.**

You can join the service online [here](#).

Remembering Srebrenica

In the week 4th – 11th July, the world is invited to remember Srebrenica and the genocide that took place there between 1992 and 1995. Described by the United Nations as ‘the worst crime on European soil since the Second World war’, the killing of 100,000 Muslims and the genocidal rape of 50,000 women was a planned and systematic attempt to iradicate a whole people and create a ‘Greater Serbia’. What happened then, and the ideology behind it, is frighteningly similar to what is happening now in Ukraine.

Remembering atrocities such as Srebrenica is important for those who died and those who continue to suffer trauma and grief. But remembering also confronts us with what humanity is capable of and galvanises us to do all we can to combat hatred, violence and aggression wherever we see it so that such atrocities never happen again. You can find more information about Remembering Srebrenica here at this link <https://srebrenica.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Faith-Resources-Church-1.pdf> together with stories, prayers and a Pledge that we can use ourselves or use in an act of worship. ‘May grievance become hope, may revenge become justice, may mothers’ tears become prayers, that Srebrenica never happens again to no one, no where.’



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cherry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

For Your Prayers

Tony Dash passed away on Monday 27th June. Tony served as LLM for many years and served all his ministry in the church of St Augustines Pontllanfraith and The Rectorial Benefice of Mynyddislwyn; now Islwyn MA.

He was a well respected and much loved member of the church family and community. Please hold them in your prayers.

Grants



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 now open for entries.

The categories for the 2022 awards are:

- Church architecture
- 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.”

“Judges will also be choosing the UK's Church of the Year, a very special award which will go to a church that makes an outstanding difference to both the congregation and also the wider local community.”

“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.”

“Our special thanks to our partners, the Ecclesiastical Architects & Surveyors Association, Ecclesiastical Insurance, the Marsh Charitable Trust, the Mercers Company and the Pilgrim Trust for their support of the 2022 National Church Awards.”

The logo for The Headley Trust. It features the words "THE", "HEADLEY", and "TRUST" stacked vertically. "THE" and "TRUST" are in a dark blue, serif font, while "HEADLEY" is in a larger, bold, red serif font.

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 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.

Training and Events



ATHROFA PADARN SANT
ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

Summer 2022 Continuing Ministerial Development Courses from St Padarn's

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

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.

Training is available at **Monmouth Diocesan Office (64 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HJ)** in July::

- 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 rebeccaiones@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 (rebecca.jones@churchinwales.org.uk).

VU Chamber Choir Concert - This Friday

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-Kammerkoor, Kammerkoor 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.

VU AMSTERDAM CHAMBER CHOIR TOUR OF WALES

PERFORMING

MANNEKE • VAN OOSTEN • ELGAR • SWEELINCK
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS • SPIRITUALS • AND MORE



FRI JULY 1 • ABERGAVENNY

ST MARY'S PRIORY CHURCH, 5 MONK ST • 7 PM

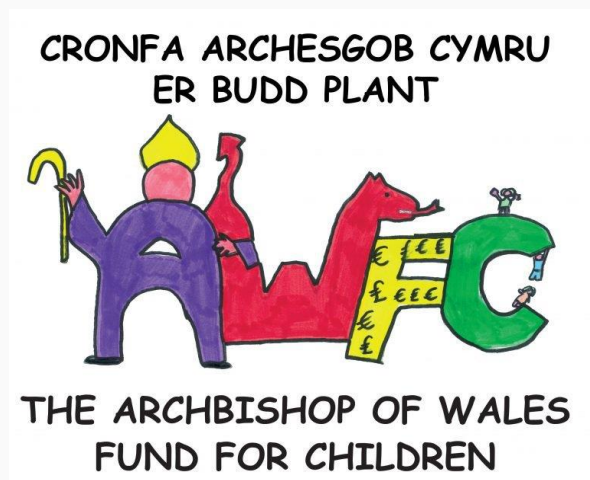
TICKETS £ 10 (CONCESSIONS £ 7,50) AT THE DOOR

ALL CONCERT PROCEEDS WILL GO TO UKRAINE

ONLINE TICKETS AND MORE INFO ON

VUKK.NL/WALES





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.

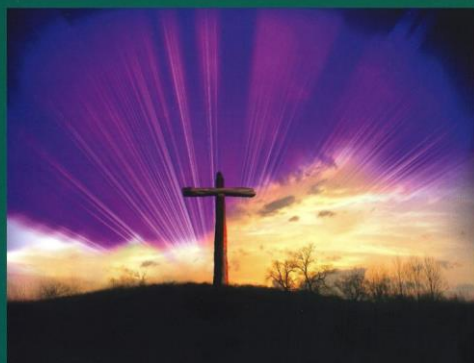
The AWFC provides financial support to a wide range of children's projects, and backed 20 enterprises in 2019 and 14 in 2020. The Newport Committee (Monmouth Diocese) was specifically thanked in the 2019/20 report for raising the largest percentage of the money donated. We note, however, that only **one** 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 - final few days to book!



**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022
GWYL 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.

There are places 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/>

Pride Y Fenni - Abergavenny Pride

All are welcome to attend Abergavenny Pride on Saturday 16th July which is taking place at St Mary's Priory Centre in Abergavenny.

Bishop Cherry will be presiding and preaching at a Pride Eucharist in St Mary's Priory Church at 11.00am on the Saturday morning before Pride itself starts at

12 noon.

We will be holding a 'Faith Space' in the Tithe Barn when Bishop Cherry, Fr John Connell, the Rector of Abergavenny, and other LGBTQIA+ Christians will be speaking about the relationship between faith and human sexuality and will be available to answer questions from those present from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Abergavenny Pride is a family-friendly occasion with live music, entertainment, food and refreshment, including St Mary's own Pop-up coffee shop in the Tithe Barn.

All are welcome, whether members of the LGBTQIA community, or not. Do come along and join us for this celebration of Pride and share details with your congregations, especially those who are members of the LGBTQIA community and those who have family members and friends who identify as LGBTQIA.

Equality and Diversity is one of the 'Five Branches' of our diocesan vision 'Faith in our Future' and the diversity of human sexuality one important aspect we need to consider when reflecting on our 'Equality and Diversity' as a church.

A warm welcome awaits all attending Pride from the clergy team here in Abergavenny.



ABERGAVENNY PRIDE Y FENNI

SATURDAY 16th JULY
THE PRIORY CENTRE, NP7 5ND

MAIN EVENT

12-6pm

FREE ENTRY

Live Entertainment
Music
Craft Stalls
Food & Bar
Kids Area

Think.Space

mindfulness, discussions and
cafe in the Tithe Barn

AFTER PARTY (OVER 18s)

7.30-10.30pm

Live DJ
Bar
Karaoke

entry
£3

www.abergavennypride.co.uk



main stage
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Diocesan Service for healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation.

The Diocesan group for Healing Wholeness and Reconciliation invites you to join us for an online service on **Monday 18th July at 7.30pm.**

Healing and reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith.

Whilst anointing and the laying on of hands will not be possible, there will be an opportunity for each person present to be prayed for in small break-out rooms as part of the service.

This is an invitation for us to draw nearer to Christ and open ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

[Book a place](#)



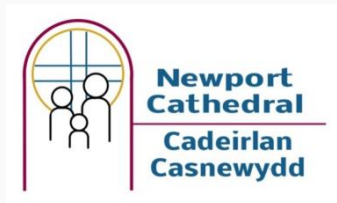
Young Peace Ambassadors

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

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
Overmonnow
Trefynwy / Monmouth,
NP25 4ES
Ewcharist / Eucharist

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



Llangasty Retreat House

Llangasty Retreat House is a Christian centre, and a place for individuals and groups to develop their spirituality by means of retreats, conferences and study groups. A place of Christian worship and prayer, set in surroundings of peace, beauty and tranquility, with wildlife in abundance that never fails to catch the retreatants attention.

- Llangasty Retreat House has been used as a place of retreat by Church groups, The Mothers Union and study groups to name but a few, for over 50 years.
- Llangasty Retreat House is also used by Christian organizations such as, Creative Arts Retreat Movement with their 'Painting and Prayer' retreats and the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer.
- Llangasty Retreat House is also an ideal place for the individual to get away from the stresses and strains of modern-day life, the views from the lounge window entice you to sit, relax and marvel at God's creation.

Contact Details:

Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7PX

Tel: 01874 658250

email: enquiries@llangasty.com

For further information and a list of retreats, please visit the website at www.llangasty.com

Charity Number 1060743

The Retreat House greatly values the link with the Diocese of Monmouth and hopes that more parishes from the Diocese will take advantage of this very special facility. Please remember Llangasty in your prayers and ask your parish to put them in their intercessions.

Vacancies

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



Organist needed at The Priory Church of 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.

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@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 8th July 2022**

Interviews to take place on Friday 22nd July 2022

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You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates [here](#).



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