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Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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News

Diocesan Conference - Saturday 15th November



We are looking forward to welcoming members and observers to this year's Diocesan Conference.

If you think you should have received papers and haven't had an email, or you would like to attend as an observer, please contact Libby, libbymorgan-owen@cinw.org.uk

We'd be really grateful if members and observers could **RSVP** by the **31st October**.

Please do RSVP even if you can't make it so that your apologies can be recorded.

- **Members** RSVP Form – [Monmouth Diocesan Conference 2025 Members RSVP – Fill out form](#)
- **Observers** RSVP Form – [Monmouth Diocesan Conference 2025 Observers RSVP – Fill out form](#)

If you have any questions please get in touch and we look forward to seeing you there!

Novena for Archbishop's Enthronement Service



NOVENA FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT

THE MOST REVEREND CHERRY ELIZABETH VANN

BUILDING HOPE

**Wales united in prayer with Archbishop Cherry
in the days before her enthronement**

Themes taken from Archbishop Cherry's presidential address to
the Governing Body of the Church in Wales,
Thursday 18th September 2025.

In preparation for Archbishop Cherry's enthronement in the Cathedral on **8th November**, we are inviting everyone in the Church in Wales to join together in prayer. The Dean, Ian Black, has written a Novena to cover the nine days running up to the enthronement itself. Taking themes from Archbishop's Cherry's address to the Governing Body in September, there is a bible reading, reflection and a specially composed prayer for each day - starting on **31st October**.

The Novena can be downloaded via the link so that copies can be printed locally or direct people to it. At the end a poem written in response to the address by Mandy Bayton has been reproduced with permission.

Please join us as we pray for Archbishop Cherry, for one another in the Church in Wales and all our partners, as a new chapter opens in our common life and witness.
Ian Black, Dean

[Click here to access CiW web article and to download the Novena](#)

Livestream of Enthronement of Archbishop Cherry - Saturday 8th November

A livestream of Archbishop Cherry's enthronement at Newport Cathedral will be available as per link below:

Live stream begins at 2:30pm
Enthronement Service begins at 3:00pm
Saturday 8th November 2025

<https://youtube.com/live/qBjg6PGPcz8>



Ways to watch and celebrate the Enthronement

St Cadoc's Church, Caerleon and St Cadoc's Church, Raglan are both planning to hold an enthronement party where all can watch the livestream of the enthronement.

St Cadoc's, Caerleon - 8th November 2pm - 4:30pm Livestream at **3pm** with bring and share drinks and nibbles

St Cadoc's, Raglan - 8th November, from 2pm. Service starts at **3pm**. Bring a plate of food to share

How do **you** plan to celebrate the enthronement?
Please let us know by email at:

Monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk



Celebration of 70 years of St Christopher's Church, Chepstow



A packed congregation at St Christopher's Church in Bulwark, Chepstow came together to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

Former Archbishop John Davies, previously a curate at St Christopher's, lead the church in prayer at the special service, together with member of the clergy team, Reverend John Waters and Reverend Tim Clement, who was also a curate at the church a number of years ago.

Reverend John Waters said: "It is 70 years young as when you look at most Anglican churches, they are centuries old, so 70 is quite young.

"In addition to the church authorities planning and partly financing the build each Sunday, after the regular church worship, the congregation had a collection purely to help with the building costs.

"It is amazing, looking back, to think of the sacrifice that many of them then made to make the present building happen."

St Christopher's was built on its current site in Pembroke Road, Chepstow, in October 1955.

Before then there was a tin and wooden structure, then called St John's Church, on land which is now part of the Bulwark Industrial Estate.

The small church was built by the Italian prisoners of war in Chepstow, as a place of worship within their camp.

St Christopher's serves the communities of Bulwark and Thornwell and also now runs a number of community projects including a warm space every Monday and Tuesday and a knit and natter session at the warm space on a Tuesday.

To help celebrate the 70-year milestone the Tots and Toddlers from the church looked at how birthdays are celebrated.

The church's actual birthday was celebrated in a Holy Communion Service led by the Right Rev John Davies. Families of those who helped build the church or saw it being built in 1955 were there to mark such a special event.

Training

Safeguarding Training 2025



The current Safeguarding dates for 2025 are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
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11/11/25	Tuesday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	St David's Church, Fleur-de-Lis, Blackwood	NP12 3UE	B
19/11/2025	Wednesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Monmouth Diocesan Office	NP20 4HJ	C
20/11/2025	Thursday	7.00pm 9.00pm	Saint Christopher's Church, Chepstow	NP16 5AF	B

Please click [here](#) to check for new dates on the CiW website

The current Safeguarding sessions held online via Zoom are also shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Course
06/11/2025 - Bell Ringers only	Thursday	2.00pm - 4.30pm	B - Bell Ringers only
FULLY BOOKED 08/11/2025	Saturday	10.00am - 12.30pm	B
FULLY BOOKED 18 /11/2025	Tuesday	1.00pm - 3.30pm	B
03/12/2025	Wednesday	1.00pm - 3.30pm	B

To find out when your Safeguarding training is due for renewal, please contact Vicki Stevens at 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 or by phone on **07956 790330**.

Events

MAECymru (Women and the Church) AGM - Tuesday 4th November



MAECymru (Women and the Church) will hold its AGM on **Tuesday 4th November** at **7pm** on Zoom.

Follow this link to join: <https://www.maecymru.org/networks> (click link under Provincial Zoom)

They are delighted to welcome Rev Dr Gill Todd as their speaker, at a time when the Church in Wales is looking afresh at the representation of women in our church.

The Todd Report from 2019 was the last official report on this, and new research is currently being conducted on encouraging the vocations, lay and ordained, of women of all ages.

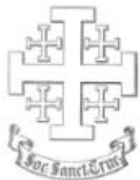
MAECymru works to be a voice that speaks out for lay and ordained women to offer encouragement and support, an advocate and a listening ear.

Website: <https://www.maecymru.org/>

A new Facebook page will soon be visible.

Revd Mary Evans, Chair, invites you to **please join them!**

Ty Mawr Convent Quiet Day - Saturday 8th November



Tymawr Convent
Lleianidy Tymawr



Christianity – a religion for slaves?

with Rt. Revd. Martin Shaw

Saturday 8th November - 10:00am to 4:00pm
Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth NP25 4RN

Exploring Bonhoeffer's understanding of the demand of Jesus that we obey his command to follow him and the implication of this in resisting power and possessiveness in our personal and corporate life –even a wake-up call.

Martin Shaw is an assistant Bishop of the diocese of Exeter. Throughout his adult life he has been associated with the Society of St Francis. He regards music as an important part of the journey into the inner life.

For all bookings and queries please email the Chaplain
on SSCchaplain@gmail.com

St Tewdric's Tower Abseil - Saturday 29th November



**Saturday, 29 November 2025,
09:00am
St Tewdric's Tower, Mathern
Road, Chepstow, NP16 6JA**

People from across the diocese are being invited to abseil down a 72ft tower to raise money for charity.

St Tewdric's Church in Chepstow is hosting the charity abseil on **Saturday 29th November** from **9am** and is looking for brave participants to join in.

Funds raised from the event will be donated to both the Severn Area Rescue Association and the St Tewdric's church repair fund.

Revd Barney Pimentel, who will be one of the first to step into the harness make his way down the tower, said: "It would be wonderful if people could join us in this challenge that combines courage, community and compassion!"

Click [here](#) to read more about this event.

Come and Sing Carols at Nevill Hall Hospital - Monday 22nd December



Would you like to help bring some festive cheer to patients and staff this Christmas?

We are forming an **informal group of carol singers** to visit the hospital wards on **Monday 22nd December**.

- **Morning Group:** Meet at **9:30am** in the chapel (singing on wards 10:00–12:00)
- **Afternoon Group:** Meet at **1:30pm** in the chapel (singing on wards 2:00–4:00)

No experience needed - just enthusiasm and a love of Christmas carols!
Carol sheets will be provided.

If you'd like to join, please contact:

Revd Sue, Chaplain

susan.davies-fletcher@wales.nhs.uk

Tel: 01873 735 500 (Nevill Hall Chaplaincy Office)

LET'S SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TOGETHER!



Silent Guided Retreat for young adults (aged 18-30) at Ty Mawr Convent



Tymawr Convent
Lleianidy Tymawr



Ty Mawr Convent warmly invites young adults aged 18 to 30 to take part in a guided retreat in silence, designed to offer space for deep reflection, spiritual renewal, and a closer encounter with God.



Dates:

From the afternoon of **Wednesday 14th January** until after lunch on **Sunday 18th January 2026**



Purpose:

This retreat is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life and explore your Christian vocation in a peaceful, contemplative setting.



Cost:

There is no charge to attend. Participants will only need to arrange their own transport to and from the convent.



Spread the Word:

If you know any young adults who might benefit from this experience, please do share this invitation with them. It could be a transformative moment in their spiritual journey.

For further information and how to book onto the retreat please contact the Chaplain on SSCchaplain@gmail.com

Resources

Get a Free Autumn Fundraising pack from easyfundraising



Get an autumn fundraising pack for your church

Our fundraising partner easyfundraising has some free online fundraising packs available to help our churches benefit from extra funds this Autumn.

Through easyfundraising, 8,000 retailers including **eBay, John Lewis, Tesco, Booking.com, M&S, Boots, Asda, Screwfix, Waitrose, Argos, Moonpig, Boots, Sainsbury's and Superdrug** will donate money to your church when your parishioners and clergy shop online with them. It doesn't cost your church or your community anything as it's the retailers making the donation, not the shopper.

More online shopping is done over the coming months than the rest of the year combined. To help you ask your church community to support you, easyfundraising will send you a free fundraising pack which explains how it works.

Start here to get your free pack: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/>

Parish Energy - Keen to be Green



Parish Buying's new energy procurement product, 'Parish Energy' – to be launched October 2025 - is welcoming new church customers

'Parish Energy' uses the power of bulk buying for churches to secure competitive and green energy.

You could:

- Save money – get a price based on wholesale energy purchasing.
- Save time - no need to renegotiate at contract renewal.
- Support renewable energy – Ecotricity offers 100% pure green from UK-based renewable sources, and green gas is also available from Corona (at a premium).
- Feel supported – the broker, Mitie, has a dedicated account manager, account contact email and supportive customer service team to help your church every step of the way.

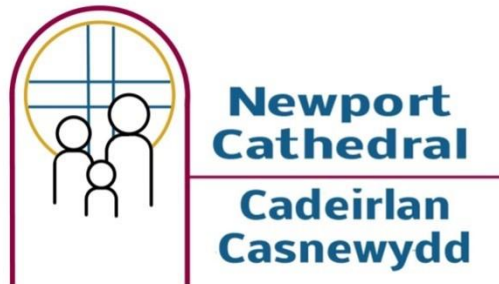
Want to join Parish Energy?

You can complete an expression of interest and information form here: [Parish Buying](#). You will also need details of your electric meter (MPAN), gas meter (MPRN), if applicable, and your church.

Want to learn more about Parish Energy?

Parish Buying has created an informative animation available to view on the following link: [Parish Energy from Parish Buying - on Vimeo](#)

Services



Join us for the All Saints Day service from the Cathedral, on **Sunday** at **10:30am**

[You can watch the service here](#)

Join us for the All Saints Requiem service from the Cathedral, on **Sunday** at **4:00pm**

[You can watch the service here](#)

ESGOBAETH MYNWX - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2025



Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh Services 2025

Dyddiad Date	Amser Time	Lleoliad Venue	Gwasanaeth a Thema Service & Theme
Tachwedd 1 ^{af} November 1 st Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Tachwedd 8 ^{fed} November 8 th Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist: Sul y Cofio Eucharist: Remembrance
Rhagfyr 6 ^{ed} December 6 th Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Rhagfyr 8 ^{fed} December 8 th Dydd Llun / Monday	6.30 y.h 6.30 pm	Eglwys Santes Fair / St Mary's Church, Brynbuga / Usk, NP15 1BN	Ewcharist Eucharist
Rhagfyr 13 ^{eg} December 13 th Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist Eucharist

All services in Chepstow and Monmouth will be bilingual and suitable for learners:
Bydd pob gwasanaeth yn ddwyieithog ac yn addas i ddysgwyr

Amfwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Karen Dent: Karendent@churchinwales.org.uk
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