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**Esgobaeth Mynwy**



**Diocese of Monmouth**



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Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.*

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## News

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### 2025 Lent Appeal

#### 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](#).

**One of the vital projects supported by our 2025 Lent Appeal is gender based violence. Today we look at [gender based violence in South Africa](#).**

**Within South Africa and the Highveld, Gender-based violence is a profound and widespread problem, impacting on almost every aspect of life. Gender-based violence is systemic, and deeply entrenched in institutions, cultures and traditions in South Africa.**

The South African Charity [Safer Spaces](#) reports:

The expectations associated with different genders vary from society to society and over time. Patriarchal power structures dominate in many societies, in which male leadership is seen as the norm, and men hold the majority of power. Patriarchy is a social and political system that treats men as superior to women – where women cannot protect their bodies, meet their basic needs, participate fully in society and men perpetrate violence against women with impunity.

- Between 25% and 40% of South African women have experienced sexual and/or physical intimate partner violence in their lifetime.
- Just under 50% of women report having experienced emotional or economic abuse at the hands of their intimate partners in their lifetime.

- Estimates of rape in South Africa range between 12% and 28% of women ever reporting being raped in their lifetime.
- Between 28% and 37% of adult men report having raped a woman.
- Non-partner sexual violence is particularly common, but reporting to police is very low. One study found that one in 13 women in Gauteng (the province where The Diocese of Highveld is), had reported non-partner rape, and only one in 25 rapes had been reported to the police.
- South Africa also faces a high prevalence of gang rape.
- Most men who rape do so for the first time as teenagers and almost all men who ever rape do so by their mid-20s.

Read more here: <https://www.saferspaces.org.za/understand/entry/gender-based-violence-in-south-africa>

As we develop and grow, we learn about cultural norms, how to express ourselves and how to respond to strong emotions from those around us. If our society and role models do not challenge language and behaviour which degrades others, the cycle of abuse continues.

Through their social responsibility work, the Diocese of Highveld wish to tackle gender based violence through multiple approaches. By publicly speaking out, by training and supporting its clergy to address this issue and by setting up support systems. As well as addressing the symptoms of gender based violence, they wish to set up a programme to support boys and young men in developing ‘positive masculinity’.

Through a weekend course and ongoing support, they hope to train and arm them with the skills and coping mechanisms to deal with situations they face at home, in their communities and schools. Within their diocese they recognise a cycle of life, especially with boys who are fatherless, for them to be aggressive, depressed, have low self-esteem leading to underperformance at school, high suicide rate and the danger of participating in drug use.

Your support of this project, through the lent appeal, will play a vital role in promoting a positive outcome for the boys by providing the financial support needed for venue and transport costs, catering and support to stay in school.

## 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.

**Gift Aid** - The DBF cannot claim gift aid on any donations received so churches should claim gift aid where applicable and include this amount in the donation made.

**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](#)

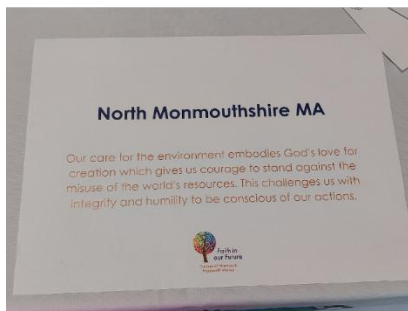
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## Joint Network Day Focus Around Culture Guide



Over the last few weeks, we have been highlighting some of the work being done across our ministry areas to embed the Diocesan Culture Guide.

Our Networking Day was the perfect opportunity to celebrate some of the successes and also, share some of the learning points from things which didn't go so well.



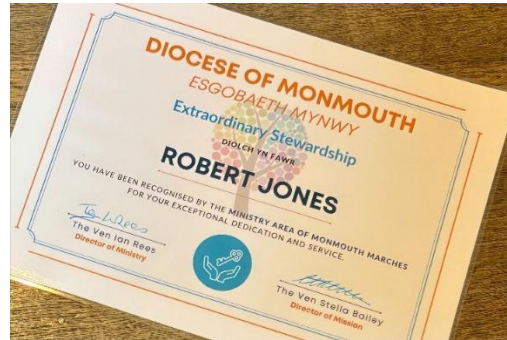
Each ministry area was given a statement from the Culture Guide and asked to create a stall displaying how they are embracing it!

This week, Schools Engagement Pioneer, Emily Bailey, shares the work being done across North Monmouthshire Ministry Area around the statement – ***“Our care for the environment embodies God’s love for creation which gives us courage to stand against the misuse of the world’s resources. This challenges us with integrity and humility to be conscious of our actions.”***



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## First Diocesan Award for Extraordinary Stewardship



On Sunday 16th March, the first Diocesan Award for Extraordinary Stewardship was presented to **Robert Jones** in recognition of over 65 years of service as an organist in Monmouth Marches Ministry Area and his contribution to church music as a composer locally and internationally.

He was put forward for the award by his MAL, Revd Tim Dack, earlier this year.  
Llongyfarchiadau Robert!

The Extraordinary Stewardship Award is given to those who display exceptional dedication and service – supporting mission and ministry in their church, ministry area or across the diocese. This award aims to celebrate and to thank those who are living out their faith daily, responding to God’s love with a generous heart.

If there is someone in your ministry area who you would like to recognise, please contact **Zoe Ward** at [zoeward@cinw.org.uk](mailto:zoeward@cinw.org.uk) or **01633 267490** to submit your nomination for consideration.

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## Well-being Conference - March 2025



The ministry officers from the Church in Wales met for a three,-day meeting with a focus on well-being for lay people and clergy in our churches. From the Diocese, Bishop Cherry, Ian Rees, and James Henley attended. Caroline Woollard also attended representing the Provincial Discernment Panel which she chairs.

It was encouraging to hear presentations from each of the dioceses about what they are doing to help with well-being and the importance being placed upon it both for lay people and clergy.

Our own diocesan presentation included things such as the well-being booklet and culture guide, the network groups, the importance of invitation and welcome for



diocesan events, the continuing ministerial development (CMD) programme, the ministerial development reviews (which have been for clergy but will now be rolled out to licensed lay ministers as well) and the Team Building sessions for ministry areas. It was also noted that well-being was a theme in the most recent clergy residential conference and is the theme for the next CMD day.

Copies of the well-being booklet are available from the diocesan office but can also be viewed online at: [Wellbeing Guide Oct 2024- UPDATED.pdf](#)

The well-being guide includes four principles towards the end:

- To make sure there is a culture of gratitude and compliments. People, lay or ordained, need to know they are valued. Say ‘thank you’ a lot!
- Communicate well
- Be realistic about expectations of yourself and other people
- Treat people with kindness and respect – our behaviour is a model of that for other people.

It is a work in progress everywhere but one that we need to commit ourselves to following!

We are grateful to the many people who do so much work in our churches and we cannot thrive without you!

Thank you for all you do, but please take care of yourselves and each other!



## Meeting Reminder: Discernment on Same Sex Partnerships - 10th April

A reminder that the next of the meetings to discern views in respect to covenanted same sex partnerships will take place at [→](#) [→](#) [→](#) [→](#) [→](#) [→](#) [→](#) [→](#)

**St Augustine's, Pontllanfraith,  
NP12 2JG**

**Thursday 10th April**

**2pm**

## Save the Date! Saturday 7th June 2025

Save the Date!

**DIOCESAN  
CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2025**  
ST MARY'S PRIORY, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND  
DRINKS SERVED FROM 10AM  
SERVICE AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS



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## Bettws Newydd Church Re-roofing project success



Thanks to funders including CADW and the Diocese of Monmouth, and lots of hard work – the roof at Bettws Newydd Church has been saved!

A report in 2019 indicated that the roof was at the “end of its life” and planning began on fundraising to save the much-loved church. Following lots of work by the dedicated project team and a year of being closed, the church re-opened its doors for a service of celebration last month.

A report from the Friends of Bettws Newydd Church says: “There is still a lot of work to do but to have secured the roof in such a difficult economic climate has been remarkable. It is hoped that having demonstrated what can be achieved through collaboration of so many disparate parties, the building of a sustainable long-term future for this special site will not be as daunting as it appeared in 2019.

Well done to all involved in this project!

To read more details about the report please click [here](#)

If you would like to find out more about the grant support that could be available to your church please contact our Grants and Fundraising Officer, Cal ([calumglanville-ellis@cinw.org.uk](mailto:calumglanville-ellis@cinw.org.uk)), or for advice on engaging with your community contact our Church Resources Officer, Zoe ([zoeward@cinw.org.uk](mailto:zoeward@cinw.org.uk)).

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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
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**\*\*\* New safeguarding dates are coming soon \*\*\***

The following online Zoom sessions are also available:

Date	Day	Time	Course
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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### 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)  
01633 267464

### Holy Week & Easter at the Cathedral

**Holy Week & Easter at Newport Cathedral**  
**April 2025**

- Monday 14th 7.30pm - Curating the Newport Cross
- Tuesday 15th 7.30pm - 'Come and Sing' Compline
- Wednesday 16th 7.30pm - Following the Way of the Cross with Julian of Norwich
- Thursday 17th 7.30pm - Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Watch until 10pm
- Good Friday 18th 10.30am - Walk of Witness, starting at the Salvation Army Citadel  
2.00pm - Liturgy of the Cross
- Holy Saturday 19th 8.00pm - Easter Vigil and Choral Eucharist

**Easter Sunday**

- 8.00am - Holy Eucharist
- 10.30am - Easter Day Choral Eucharist, Presiding and Preaching, Bishop Cherry Vann
- 4.00pm - Festal Evensong

Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 4ED 01633 267464  
[www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)

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## Citizens Cymru: Newport Listens - 7th April



**Citizens**  
Cymru • Wales



# Newport Listens

Come together with others to share our issues and our hopes for the future

- Listen to others' stories and share your own
- Learn how to do a listening campaign in your community
- Learn more about Community Organising and how it can support you in making change
- Be part of developing a common Citizens Cymru agenda ahead of the 2026 Senedd elections

Monday 7th April  
6:00PM-7:30PM



Scan to sign-up

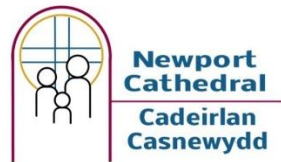
**Newport Cathedral, St Woolos**  
**105 Stow Hill, Newport NP20 4ED**

If you have any questions, contact  
Richard.Weaver@citizenswales.org.uk

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## Services

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

[You can watch the service here](#)

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## ESGOBAETH MYNWI - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2025



### Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh Services 2025

Dyddiad Date	Amser Time	Lleoliad Venue	Gwasanaeth a Thema Service & Theme
Ebrill 12 <sup>fed</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	11y.b. 11am	St David's, Beaufort, Ebbw Vale, NP23 5PB	Ewcharist Eucharist
Mai 10 <sup>fed</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	St Thomas, Trefynwy / Monmouth, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Mehewfin 15 <sup>fed</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sul / Sunday	4 y.h. 4 pm	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport Cathedral: St Woolos, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 4EA	Gosber Corawl Choral Evensong
Gorffennaf 3 <sup>ydd</sup> July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dydd Lau / Thursday	7y.h. 7pm	St Dyfrig's Church, Countisbury Avenue, Llanrumney, Cardiff, CF3 5RN	Ewcharist Eucharist
Gorffennaf 12 <sup>fed</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	St Thomas, Trefynwy / Monmouth, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Medi 13 <sup>eg</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	St Thomas, Trefynwy / Monmouth, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist: Gŵyl y Grog Eucharist: Holy Cross Day
Hydref 8 <sup>fed</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Mercher / Wednesday	6.30 y.h. 6.30 pm	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport Cathedral: St Woolos, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 4EA	Gosber Corawl Choral Evensong
Tachwedd 8 <sup>fed</sup> November 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	St Thomas, Trefynwy / Monmouth, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist: Sul y Cofio Eucharist: Remembrance
Rhagfyr 8 <sup>fed</sup> December 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Llun / Monday	6.30 y.h. 6.30 pm	St Mary, Brynbuga / Usk, NP15 1BN	Ewcharist Eucharist



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 - Netherwent MA



### NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA

Covering Magor, Caldicot, Caerwent  
and the surrounding villages

#### TEAM VICAR

We are looking for a Team Vicar who will passionately engage with the ministry team, congregations and communities to help our ministry area to grow.

The person we would like for this role will have:

- A heart for community, for mission and evangelism and for nurturing disciples.
- A servant-heart, who is confident, possesses good relational skills and who is prepared to be 'hands-on' whilst not losing sight of the 'bigger picture'.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to forge, maintain and develop good relationships with people of all ages including schools, young people and their families.
- Vision to recognise the contribution and value of each individual church, whilst also seeking to foster a sense of unity and purpose across the Ministry Area as a whole.
- Be a good communicator who recognises the importance of teamwork and collaborative ministry.

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

For an informal conversation please contact the Ministry Area Leader, Revd Dan Frett on **07966 196852** or [DanielFrett@cinw.org.uk](mailto:DanielFrett@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:** Monday 14th April 2025

Interviews to take place shortly after



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## Recruitment of Admission CIW Schools Appeal Panel Members



### Make a Difference: Join Our Schools' Admission Appeal Panel!

Ever wanted to play a vital role in shaping a child's future? Here's your chance! We're on the lookout for volunteers to join our **Voluntary Aided Schools' Admission Appeal Panel**—helping families navigate the tricky world of school placements.

When a school reaches capacity, parents/carers can appeal a decision refusing their child a place. That's where you come in! Our independent panel steps in to review the case fairly, weighing up the evidence from both the school and the family before making a decision.

📍 **Where?** Appeals take place in person at a venue chosen by the school (usually in May or June). Smaller in year appeals can be held in person or online via Teams.

🕒 **Training?** Absolutely! We'll equip you with everything you need—just a couple of hours, either online or in person.

🚗 **Expenses?** Travel costs will be covered.

### Who Are We Looking For?

◊ **Lay Members** – No formal experience in school management or education? No problem! If you bring a fresh perspective, we need you. (Having volunteered in education or served as a governor is fine.)

◊ **Education Members** – Got experience in education or familiar with the local school system? You're exactly who we're looking for! Parents with children in other schools also fit the bill.

### What You Need:

- ✓ Experience working as part of a committee
- ✓ A committed Christian background
- ✓ A passion for fairness and education
- ✓ (Bonus points if you have an education background!)

This is a **voluntary** role, but the impact you'll make is priceless. **Interested?** Let's chat!

📞 Call Deborah Griffiths at **07377 945201**

✉ Email [deborahgriffiths@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:deborahgriffiths@churchinwales.org.uk)

Step up to help shape the future of education in Llandaff and Monmouth.

If you are interested in becoming an admission appeals panel member, please contact Deborah for an informal chat on **07377 945201** or email [deborahgriffiths@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:deborahgriffiths@churchinwales.org.uk)

