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Diocese of Monmouth



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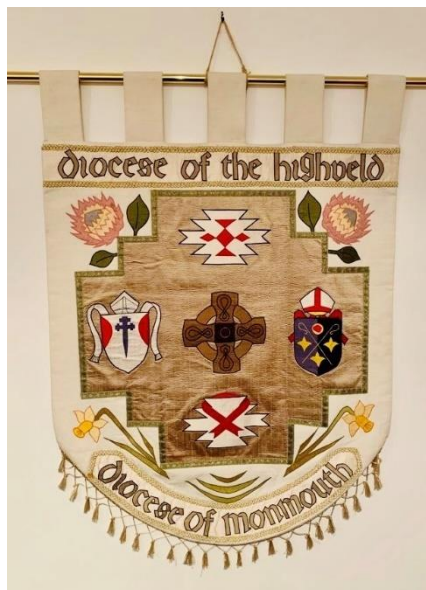
News

Ignite 7th October - Cancelled

Unfortunately we are cancelling the Ignite 'Facing Struggles Positively' session which was due to take place next Monday 7th October.

Apologies to those who have shown their interest in attending.

Diocese of Highveld Link



Link Sunday

Sunday 27th October marks Highveld Sunday, where across the diocese we reflect on and give thanks for the link between the Diocese of Monmouth and the Diocese of the Highveld. Our companion link with the Highveld is now in its twenty first year and is celebrated annually throughout the diocese on the last Sunday in October. All churches are encouraged to mark this day, and Intercessions, produced this year by the Diocese of the Highveld, will be available to use nearer the time.

Ordination

Bishop Cherry is pleased to share with you Bishop Charles's plans to ordain Teboho Molefe to the diaconate in the Diocese of Highveld.

Many of the clergy will have met Teboho when he attended the CMD day at St Mary's, Abergavenny in February this year. Others will have met him during his week-long visit.

Teboho will be ordained Deacon on **14th December 2024**.



The Revd Sarah Rosser, Assistant Curate in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area, has accepted Bishop Cherry's invitation to represent the diocese at Teboho's ordination. Sarah was one of a group of clergy and lay people who visited the Highveld in November 2023 and also welcomed Teboho to stay with her during his visit to the diocese earlier this year.

Please hold Teboho and the Diocese of Highveld in your prayers as he begins his journey into ordained ministry.

Commissioning of Tredegar and Chepstow Hub Church Teams



A wonderful service led by Bishop Cherry, with a great sermon from Archdeacon Stella Bailey, took place on Thursday 26th September at St George's church in Tredegar for the commissioning of the hub church teams for Tredegar and Chepstow.

Hub team members are Barney Pimentel, Claire Edwards And Adrian Davila. Zoe Pimentel was unfortunately unwell and could not attend.

New Role for Revd Canon Becca Stevens



A familiar face is bidding farewell to the diocese to take up a full-time role helping others explore their calling.

Revd Canon Becca Stevens is currently Ministry Area Leader for Newport North West and Director of Ordinands, but she will be leaving at the end of the year to become full-time Advisor for Ordinands and Vocations with the Diocese of Bristol.

Speaking about her move, Becca said: "It is with some sadness that I will be leaving Newport North West Ministry Area and Monmouth Diocese at the end of December.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as MAL serving the ministry area and working alongside the wonderful people here to show Christ’s love for the world.

“However, God has placed the call on my heart to walk alongside those in the vocations process in a deeper way. Through working alongside my spiritual director and listening to wise friends it feels right to take this step to become a full time Advisor for Ordinands and Vocations (DDO) in Bristol Diocese.

Revd Canon Rebecca will start her new role in January 2025.

[Read the full article about Revd Becca on our web here](#)

Revd Helen Rees licensed as Associate Priest



Congratulations to Helen Rees as she was licensed by Bishop Cherry as Associate Priest in St Cybi’s Church, Llangybi in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area, on Wednesday 25th September.

Some lovely music came from the special festival choir.





Revd Lea Ryder licensed as Ministry Area Leader for Abergavenny



A really joyful celebration as Lea Ryder was licensed by Bishop Cherry as the ministry area leader for Abergavenny in St Mary's Priory in Abergavenny on 30th September.

Churches Unlocked : Review and Renew - 23rd October



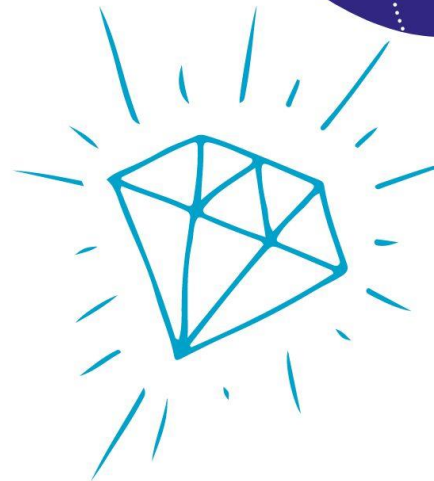
Hidden Gems

Diocese of Monmouth

We invite those who took part this year to share feedback & celebrate successes.

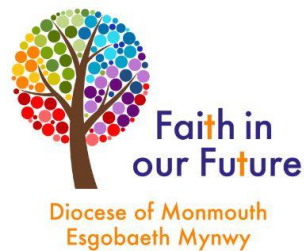
We also invite those considering taking part this year to come and find out more!

St Mary's, Croesyceiliog
NP44 2EJ



Wed 23rd October

2.00pm



Thank you once again to all ministry areas and churches that took part in this year's Churches Unlocked festival. It was such a wonderful week and marvellous to have churches across the diocese taking part! We would like to invite you to come together and share your experiences and learning so that we can continue to grow year on year. We will be meeting at **2pm** on **Wednesday 23rd October** at **St Mary's, Croesyceiliog** (NP44 2EJ).

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in trying out Churches Unlocked in 2025 to come and find out what it is all about!

If you are able to attend or have any questions, please email zoeward@cinw.org.uk.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to give feedback, please send any written feedback to Zoe at zoeward@cinw.org.uk or call **01633 267490**.

Reading Theology Together



Interested in reading theology books? Curious about faith?

This course could be for you.

Note: *Having looked into this more, hard copies of the book are not easily available so it will suit those with a kindle best! The book isn't cheap but if you would like to do the course please order it and send the receipt to Ven Ian Rees (ianrees@cinw.org.uk) and we will arrange for you to be reimbursed.*

The online course will be led by the Dean of Windsor, Bishop Christopher Cocksworth and the Revd Canon Dr Hueston Finlay.

They will be using, “**A Theology in Outline: Can these Bones Live?**” (Oxford: O.U.P., 2016) by Robert W. Jenson

Aim: To give you confidence to read theological books.

Fees: There are no fees for this course but if you wish to participate fully you will need to purchase either a hard copy or a Kindle copy of the book itself.

Expectation: To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you have read the Chapters as outlined below before we meet up online.

Sessions are planned for 45 minutes starting at 7pm.

Below are the November dates and material covered:

5th : Chapters 1 & 2: What is Theology? and Israel (Hueston)

12th : Chapters 3 & 4: Jesus and Resurrection and The Triune God (Christopher)

19th : Chapters 5, 6 & 7: Creation and The Image of God and Sin and Salvation (Hueston)

26th : Chapters 8 & 9: Church and Can These Bones Live? (Christopher)

Enrolling: If you would like to take part please contact Patricia.Birdseye@stgeorghouse.org no later than **October 31st**.

Weekly News from the Cathedral



The Cathedral Congregational Committee would like to know:

“Would you like to receive weekly news from the cathedral?”

If so, please go to the website www.newportcathedral.org.uk and simply click on the button “Subscribe to News and Notices” where you will be asked for your name and email address.

For music lovers, they have a separate mailing list to alert you to upcoming concerts and recitals, which can be found on this page <https://www.newportcathedral.org.uk/concerts-and-recitals>

Training

Safeguarding Training Dates



The dates for the next round of safeguarding training sessions have been released by The Church In Wales and can be found below.

Module A Training Sessions:

Saturday 12th October - 9:30am - 10:30am

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

Module B Training Sessions:

Saturday 12th October - 10:30am - 12:30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

Friday 8th November - 10:00am - 12:00noon

Monmouth Priory, Monmouth, NP25 3NX

Online Training dates are as follows:

Module B Training via Zoom:

Friday 11th October - 10:00am - 12noon

Thursday 24th October - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 13th November - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday 21st November - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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**.

[Safeguarding Training Booking Form](#)

To book onto the sessions please click on the button to access the CiW web booking form

or contact the team via email at safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk or by phone on **07376 199668**.

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


Free Vessel Art Trail Workshops

VESSEL


Free workshops in churches on the Vessel art trail between Usk and Hay-on-Wye.
Book a place at artandchristianity.org/events




05 Oct Barbara Beyer – Mud, Sticks and Stones at St Cadoc's



06 Oct Jane Sheppard – Yielding to Softness at St Michael and All Angels




12 Oct Lou Baker – Social Knitwork at Dore Abbey



13 Oct Lucy Glendinning – Unleash Your Drawing Skills at St Jerome's

BOOK FREE TICKETS

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[Click here to read more and book your free tickets](#)

In Conversation with Helen Roper - 10th October, 7:30pm

10TH OCTOBER IS WORLD HOMELESS DAY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO

**'IN CONVERSATION WITH'
HELEN ROPER**

**LOCAL DELIVERY LEAD FOR
HOMEWARDS NEWPORT**

**Newport Cathedral
Thursday 10th October at 7 30 p.m.**

**Come and learn more about how Newport came to join the
Homeswards programme and how the community is working
together to ensure homelessness in Newport becomes
rare, brief, and unrepeatd.**

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TOGETHER WE CAN END HOMELESSNESS

**homewards
newport**

**NEWPORT CATHEDRAL, STOW HILL, NEWPORT, NP20 4ED
01633 267464**



Diocesan Day Of Prayer - 19th October

All are invited and welcome to join Bishop Cherry for our Diocesan Day of Prayer

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10am-4pm

St Mary's Church,
Abergavenny



Bishop Cherry invites you
to join her in a

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

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| 9.30 | ARRIVAL - DRINKS AVAILABLE IN THE PRIORY CENTRE |
| 10.00 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY BISHOP CHERRY |
| 10:30 | MORNING SESSION 'THE ART OF PRAYER' WITH JEZ THOMAS* |
| 12.00 | THE EUCHARIST, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH - PRIORY CENTRE
(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - DRINKS PROVIDED) |
| 1.45 | SESSION 2 - WORKSHOP WITH JEZ THOMAS |
| 3.30 | INTERCESSIONS |

** Jez Thomas is Artist in Residence at St Mary's Priory in the Abergavenny Ministry Area*

Olwen Ringrose Concert - 8th November, 7:30pm

South Wales songwriters at St Stephen's!
Friday 8th November 2024 - 7:30 pm

An informal evening of quality acoustic music open to all, with a mix of folk, jazz, soul, rock and funk influences
FREE ENTRY
(contributions are welcome and will go to the artists)

Jacob Spencer // NEWQUOTA



Olwen Ringrose Songs about life, love, loss and faith from her new album "Paper thin"



Doors open 7 pm @ St Stephen's Church, Adeline St, Pill, Newport, NP20 2HA

Join us for the Olwen Ringrose Concert on **Friday 8th November at 7:30pm** at St Stephen's Church, Pill for an informal evening of quality acoustic music open to all, with a mix of folk, jazz, soul, rock and funk influences.

Olwen will share songs about life, love, loss, and faith from her new album "Paper Thin". She will be supported by Jacob Spencer - links to their music can be found at the event page <https://newportwestbenefice.churchsuite.com/events/svedcysg>

Resources

Save the Date!



This year, we are proud to launch a diocese-wide Generosity Week. In preparation of Advent, this week will allow us to review and enrich our culture of gratitude and generosity - tapping into our branches of both Discipleship and Stewardship.

We hope that our ministry areas and churches will find this a useful time of reflection and focused prayer on growth.

Our Church Resource Officer and Director of Ministry have created a set of resources which will be made available in October - DIOLCH YN FAWR to all those who have contributed to this project.


More details to follow soon!

easyfundraising Funding Pots



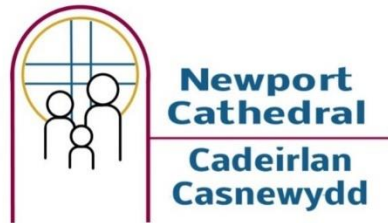
Waitrose and easyfundraising have come Together for Good to give a funding boost to churches and other community organisations. For one month only, they will donate five £1,000 funding pots. Follow these steps for a chance to receive a share for your church:

- 1. Register your church with easyfundraising.**
- 2. Encourage your church community to use easyfundraising's platform to shop with Waitrose.**

 **Key information:** Every online shop at Waitrose is an entry into the prize draw. Plus, every shop will generate a donation for your church - £10 if it's someone's first shop at Waitrose and £1.50 for every subsequent shop throughout **October**.

Take your first step by registering your church with easyfundraising today: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/

Services



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

[You can watch the Harvest service here](#)

Vacancies

Church Buildings Surveyor



The Dioceses of Monmouth and Llandaff are looking to appoint a Church Buildings Surveyor

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated professional to work within a team, led by a Senior Church Surveyor, to support clergy and volunteers to make a real difference to an exceptional group of historic buildings. Across both dioceses there are 380 church buildings. 46 of these are Grade I listed, 83 Grade II*, 114 Grade II and the remainder unlisted.

We are looking for a surveyor with a passion for church buildings who can be supported to work to ensure that our church buildings are fit for a positive future to share with generations to come. This exciting new role is a varied and rewarding position which will involve frequent travel to a diverse range of significant and highly valued church buildings, located at the heart of our villages, towns and cities.

Salary: £31,500

Hours: This is a full-time (37.5 hours per week), permanent position, with flexible hours including occasional weekend or evening work.

Take a look at our job pack for more information - [here](#)

Apply using our application form - [here](#)

We'd love to hear from you! For an informal chat, please contact Isabel Thompson, Diocesan Secretary of Monmouth. (isabelthompson@cinw.org.uk / 07493669511)

Closing Date: 9am Monday 14th October

Interview Date: 24th October