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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.*

Archbishop's Presidential Address to Governing Body



The Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, calls for a "more professional, grounded, compassionate, connected and creative Church" in his Presidential Address to members of the [Governing Body of the Church in Wales](#).

Drawing on stories from Welsh history, recent initiatives like the Welsh Rivers Summit, and global concerns such as artificial intelligence and ethical leadership, the address is both a reflection on who we are and a call to who we are becoming.

To view the full presidential address online please click [here](#).

This year's Governing Body of the Church in Wales is taking place from Wednesday 30 April to Thursday 1 May in Llandudno. The meeting will be livestreamed via the [CinW website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

An Announcement from Revd Tina Parry

Following the successful completion of my curacy, and being formally signed off by Bishop Cherry, it is with her warm congratulations and kind permission that the following announcement is shared with you today:

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson is pleased to announce that the Revd Tina Parry, at present Assistant Curate in the Diocese of Monmouth in the Church in Wales, is to be Priest in Charge (with Oversight Responsibilities) of the Benefice of Moorland and Egloskerry and Associate Curate (to be known as Associate Priest) of the Benefice of Launceston in the Diocese of Truro. She will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

All being well, I anticipate that my final services and events here will include the Music Festival, and especially the Songs of Praise in July, which I am very much looking forward to sharing with you.

It is with enormous gratitude and deep affection that I thank each and every one of you for your gracious, kind, and generous hearts, and for your prayers, which have upheld me through my curacy. As I prepare to end this chapter of my ministry, I carry your love with me into the next.

With love, prayers, and God's blessing always,

Tina

Stop The Bleed



In a heartening show of community collaboration, Revd Lisa Taylor joined forces with Newbridge School and the Rotary Clubs of Blackwood, Bargoed, and Pontllanfraith to teach essential life-saving skills — all in the lead-up to this year's Stop the Bleed Day today (30 April).

The hands-on session, the first of its kind in the area, equipped Year 7 students with crucial bleeding control techniques — skills that can be the difference between life and death in an emergency.



“This session was incredibly insightful, and our students were fully engaged in learning these life-saving skills,” said Louise Protheroe, PSE Coordinator for Health & Social Care & Art at Newbridge School.

Revd Lisa, team vicar in the Islwyn Ministry Area and lead trainer for the Stop the Bleed initiative, led the session with Rotarian Trevor Morgan. Lisa, a former nursing professional, was joined by five Rotarian facilitators trained to a citizenAID programme, who demonstrated how to stop severe bleeding using the Stop the Bleed kits. Over 220 students and teachers

participated, learning how early intervention in controlling blood loss is critical to survival following traumatic injuries.

This collaboration marks the first in a series of planned school sessions, with more to come in the local area. In addition to training, the Rotary Clubs are providing Stop the Bleed training packs to schools that complete the program. These packs will help ensure that life-saving knowledge is passed on throughout the school community for years to come.

For more information, contact: Rev Trevor Morgan, trevor.morgan@tmea.uk.com

2025 Lent Appeal

Last call for donations!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Lent Appeal 2025.

There is still time to donate and 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!

Saint Artwork Appeal



Does a church you know feature artwork of these following Saints?

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Saint Benedict

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Saint Michael and All Angels

Saint Bonhoeffer

Saint Julian of Norwich

We are looking for good quality images of any artwork you may have depicting any of these Saints. If you do, or if you have any questions, please email: masupport.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

Thank you in advance!

Meeting Reminder: Discernment on Same Sex Partnerships - 12th May

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

**All Saint's Church, 256
Cyncoed Road, CF23 6RU**

Monday 12th May

7:30pm

NB! Refreshments will be available from 7:30pm and the meeting will start after this

Count on Nature - 7th to 15th June



Do you have a churchyard?

Why not participate in this year's Count on Nature.

Saturday 7th June to Sunday 15th June 2025

Many churches have used this as an opportunity to open up their churches and invite the local community to discover the natural habitat of our churchyards and churches;. Bake a few cakes, put the kettle on and have some good conversations.

More details are available at

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/>

Free resources are available such as species guides.

If you want a conversation as to how you could hold an event, please contact Archdeacon Stella at archdeacon.gwentvalleys@churchinwales.org.uk or **07741 661154**.

Get funding for your church at Tesco via easyfundraising



Your church could receive one of five £1,000 funding pots

This month, when members of your congregation shop with Tesco via the easyfundraising website or app, your church will receive a monetary donation of up to £10 AND is in the draw to win a £1,000 funding bonus!

To enter the Tesco Community Pledge draw:

1. Firstly, make sure you register your church with easyfundraising at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/> . easyfundraising enables your church to receive unrestricted funding from 8,500 leading online retailers including Tesco.
2. **Then shop online at Tesco.** Ask anyone connected to your church to use the easyfundraising platform to shop with Tesco. Each time one of them shops online at Tesco, your church will be entered into the draw to receive a £1,000 funding boost. The more people who shop online with Tesco on your behalf, the more chances your church has of receiving this funding.

Plus, when your congregation shop with Tesco in May, they'll raise £10 for you if it's their first-time shop, and 50p for each subsequent shop they do* at no extra cost, all courtesy of Tesco!

Get your church involved by registering

here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/>

Let everyone know how they can help – for free!

easyfundraising will help you tell your congregation about this, with free downloadable images, flyers and messaging to share across your social media channels and newsletters.

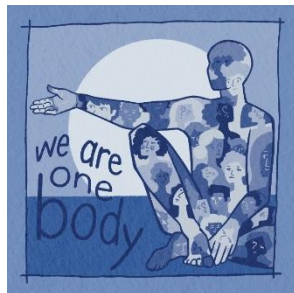
Don't miss out on this funding opportunity, get involved

here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/>

"What a surprise! We are delighted to have won £1,000, the Community Pledge really demonstrates how much Tesco and easyfundraising care about the local community. We are a small group and expenditure is often more than our income, this will make such a difference!" Little Baddow WI – one of last year's winners

*New customers raise £10 on their first shop over £50, existing customers raise 50p per shop over £50

We are one body - A song by Eleanor Law



Eleanor Law from St Stephen's Church, Pill, in the Newport North West Ministry Area has recently released a recording of "We are one body". This song has been a great way to unite the congregation, celebrate diversity, and to take joy in the journey that Jesus leads us on to love each other.

You can listen to the single on streaming services and find resources to use this song in your church at <https://linktr.ee/eleanorlawmusic>

Training

Safeguarding Training 2025



The current Safeguarding dates for 2025 are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
12/05/2025	Monday	10.00am - 11.00am	Monmouth Diocesan Office	NP20 4HJ	A
22/05/2025	Thursday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Magor Church Centre, Magor	NP26 3ET	B
04/06/2025	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	St Mary's Church, Marshfield, Church Lane	CF3 2UF	B
23/06/2025	Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	St Arvans - Meeting Rooms, Chepstow	NP16 6EU	B
02/07/2025	Wednesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	St Basil's Church, Bassaleg, Newport	NP10 8LD	B
08/07/2025	Tuesday	6.00pm - 9.00pm	St Georges, Tredegar	NP22 3DU	C

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

Date	Day	Time	Course
14/05/2025	Wednesday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	B
14/06/2025	Saturday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	B
01/07/2025	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	B
01/07/2025	Tuesday	1.30pm - 3.30pm	B - delivered in Welsh

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

Diocesan Healing Service - 12th May

Diocesan Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation Service



*Monmouth Diocese
Invites you to a*

*Service of
Healing, Wholeness
&
Reconciliation*

*On Monday 12 May
7pm
St Mary's Church
Magor*

A chance to draw near to God

With refreshments afterwards

*'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

Save the Date! Saturday 7th June 2025

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

On **Saturday June 7th** we are holding a special Diocesan Celebration service in **St Mary's Priory in Abergavenny**. Everyone in the diocese is invited. Drinks will be served from **10am** and the service, led by Bishop Cherry, will begin at **11am**.

As you will remember from last time, the service will be relaxed, and we hope as many people as possible will join in the celebration.

There will be activities for children in the Priory Centre during part of the service and drinks and cakes for everyone after the service.

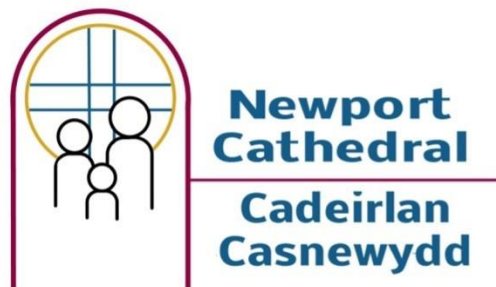
Please use these flyers on your church and ministry area social media to encourage everyone to come along. If you would like printed posters please contact masupport.monmouth@cinw.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please click on images below to download and open the flyers



Services



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

[You can watch the service here](#)

ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2025



Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh Services 2025

Dyddiad Date	Amser Time	Lleoliad Venue	Gwasanaeth a Thema Service & Theme
Mai 10 ^{fed} May 10 th Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	St Thomas, Trefynwy / Monmouth, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Mehfin 15 ^{fed} June 15 th 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 ^{ydd} July 3 rd Dydd Lau / Thursday	7y.h. 7pm	St Dyfrig's Church, Countisbury Avenue, Llanrumney, Cardiff, CF3 5RN	Ewcharist Eucharist
Gorffennaf 12 ^{fed} July 12 th 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 ^{eg} September 13 th 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 ^{fed} October 8 th 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 ^{fed} November 8 th 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 ^{fed} December 8 th 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

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Vacancies

House for Duty - 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, Ministry Area Leader on 07958 022782 or TimothyDack@cinw.org.uk

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

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

Closing date for applications: 19th May 2025
Interviews to take place soon after



Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire MA



TEAM VICAR

The Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area is hoping to find a new team vicar who is collaborative, pastoral, creative, and passionate about bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the small hopeful communities we serve.

Are you

- Confident?
- Comfortable with all types of people?
- Passionate about teamwork?

Do you

- Value pastoral visiting?
- Want to see God's church grow?
- Recognise the value and ministry of lay people?

Can you

- Be creative in worship and community activities?
- Recognise and balance the needs of individuals and whole congregations?
- Do detail whilst also seeing the bigger picture?

Would you like to

- Be part of a team that has a "can do" attitude?
- Influence the shape of God's church in our Ministry Area?
- Minister in communities that want to thrive?

We would love to hear from you if you have energy, joy, and optimism for the place of the church in our rural communities.

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

Excitement is building - God is at work!

You have an opportunity to be part of his plan right in the Heart of Monmouthshire.

Want to know more?

Click on links below to find out.....

Please contact Rev'd Canon Sally Ingle-Gillis for an informal chat on **07813**

264429 or sallyinglegillis@cinw.org.uk

Application form and full profile: <https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Applications should be submitted by email
to: archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 9th May 2025

Interviews to take place shortly after

