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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth

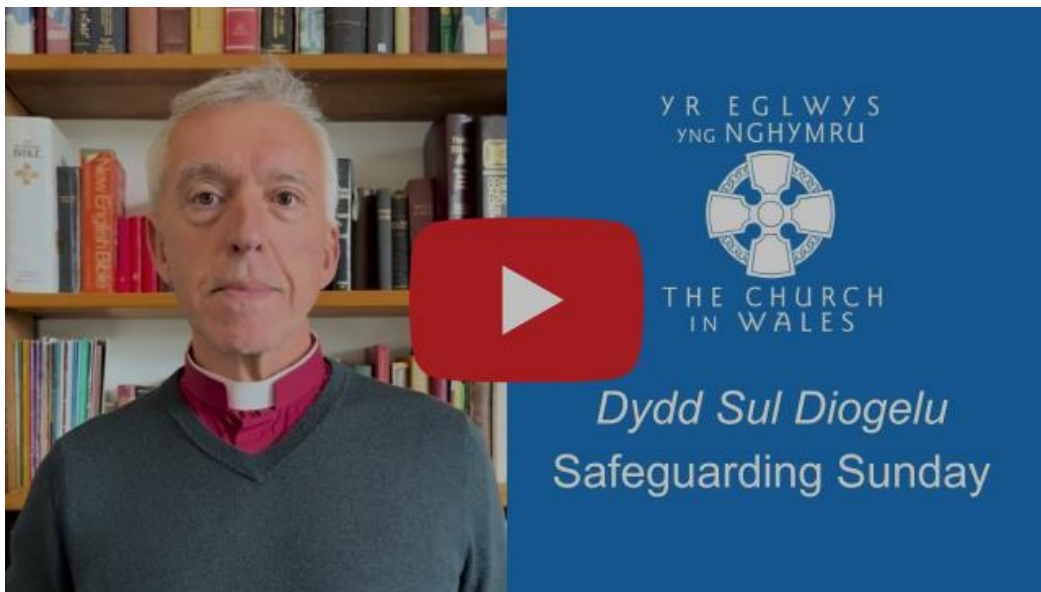


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News

Safeguarding Sunday - 17th November

A Message from the Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John



Safeguarding Sunday takes place this year on **17th November 2024**. This is a chance for congregations to use their regular Sunday service to listen and talk together about how we can create places and cultures that protect people from the damaging effects of harm and abuse and that are safer for everyone.

Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message and that is why the Church in Wales is committed to being a 'safe church'. Our churches are working hard to get safeguarding right. However, to truly create places that are safer for all, we need to have open cultures where abuse has nowhere to hide. We need to talk about it, to ensure everyone in our churches is aware of their part to play in safeguarding, what arrangements they have in place, and how to be alert to the risks of abuse from within and outside the church.

That's why the theme for Safeguarding Sunday this year is – **'Let's talk about it'**.

It's an opportunity to consider the journey our churches are on with safeguarding and to have conversations about what we've got wrong and what we're getting right. It's a chance to highlight all the good work being done and to show that your church is committed to protecting vulnerable people and creating safer cultures and communities for all both now and in the future.

The Safeguarding Sunday initiative is led by the specialist safeguarding charity, **Thirtyone:eight** which provides bespoke resources (in English and Welsh). These include films and animations, prayers, preaching notes, children's activity sheets, hymns, and songs. Their material can be accessed by registering on their online webpages at: safeguardingsunday.org

You can also find out more about Safeguarding Sunday on the Church in Wales website here:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/safeguarding-sunday-2024/>

Restoring Welsh Rivers Summit - 7 & 8 November



The Restoring Welsh Rivers summit, chaired by the Archbishop of Wales, takes place over two days, **November 7-8**, in Cardiff, just before the UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) and Wales Climate Week.

Key themes will be presented by panellists over five sessions, followed by discussion and reflection. The themes include an overview of the latest scientific data, the state of water quality, the impact of sewage, soil and agriculture on rivers, the effect on the food chain and the possibility of nature-based solutions.

The Archbishop, Andrew John, says, “Our rivers in Wales are dying because they are being polluted. Wildlife is declining and many of our own water-based activities, such as swimming, fishing and surfing, are increasingly unsafe. We need to respond urgently and that is why the Church in Wales is bringing together key people with expertise or interest in the issue.”

To read more about the summit please click on the link in the button below.

[Restoring Welsh Rivers Summit](#)

BBC Radio Wales - A Remembrance Sunday Celebration from Newport Cathedral



Bishop Cherry and the Dean and Chapter of Newport Cathedral warmly invite friends from across the Diocese to join them in the Cathedral for the recording of this service on **Sunday 3rd November** at **3.30pm**.

Bishop Cherry will be giving a couple of short addresses and music will include the Sanctus from Fauré's Requiem as well as well-known Remembrance Sunday hymns. The service will be led by the Dean and members of the Cathedral community.

You are encouraged to arrive at the Cathedral by 3.30pm so that you can be seated before the necessary announcements and sound checks take place. The doors will be closed at 3.45pm sharp to avoid any disturbance immediately before the recording begins at 4.00pm.

The recorded service will then be broadcast at around 7.30am on Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, on BBC Radio Wales. If you are unable to join us for the recording, we do hope you will listen to the broadcast itself.

If you would like to attend the recording, please contact Bishop Cherry's EA, Vicki Stevens on monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk by **midday on Thursday 31st October 2024**.

Diocese of Highveld Link

Highveld Sunday Donations Appeal

A number of exchanges and support have been held over the years with our link Diocese in the Highveld. Last year Bishop Cherry led a small group of lay and clergy members to visit the

social programmes and worship with the churches of the Highveld, hosted by Bishop Charles and his team.

The group were amazed at the wonderful work that Bishop Charles' teams were doing in Christ's name, for the multitude of social needs there. They were also humbled by the joyful spirituality that the lay and clergy leaders provided to the communities they serve.

It was discovered that often the churches had difficulty in resourcing items that we take for granted and that the clergy found it a challenge to resource vestments.

We are appealing to anyone who may have small items of church linen that may be spare to their needs to consider donating them to the Highveld. Also, there is an appeal for any spare items of clergy vestments such as shirts, collars, albs, cassocks, surplices to be donated to clergy in the Highveld.

We have an ideal opportunity with Revd. Sarah Rosser representing our diocese at their Ordination service in December, that she will be able to take our donations direct to their needs.

The donations will be collected at either the diocesan conference on 16th November, or at the CMD day on 19th November.

If you have any questions please contact Bill Savage on williamsavage@cinw.org.uk, or Sarah Rosser on sarahrosser@cinw.org.uk

Good News Worth Sharing



Diolch yn Fawr Emlyn Powell – Netherwent MA

As we prepare for the Generosity Week at the end of November – we would like to recognise Emlyn Powell for his tremendous stewardship in Netherwent MA. Emlyn has just celebrated his 80th birthday (Penblwydd Hapus!) and has been serving as the organist in Caerwent for almost three decades! Music plays such an integral role in worship and we would like to thank you for using your gift to serve God and sustain others. As well as playing for morning and evening

services on Sundays for many years, Emlyn plays for weddings, funerals and other special services across the ministry area. He has also composed music; including a requiem in 2014 to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

Members of the congregation wished to commend Emlyn for his many years of steadfast service and to thank him for his wonderful music. We hope he will continue to play for many more years to come – Llongyfarchiadau Emlyn!

Stewardship comes in many forms. Please do take a moment to consider the generosity of those serving in your church this week and offer your thanks. We know there are many unsung heroes who give their time and effort, week in and week out, to serve God and support their churches. We are so grateful to you. Diolch yn fawr.

Generosity Week



Don't forget that Generosity Week resources are available on the Diocesan website [here](#) !

Each week in the lead up to Generosity Week, we will be adding MORE new resources to the website so please do keep checking in!

Generosity 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.

Diocesan Conference 2024 - Please RSVP by Friday!



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 **1st November**. Please do RSVP even if you can't make it so that your apologies can be recorded.

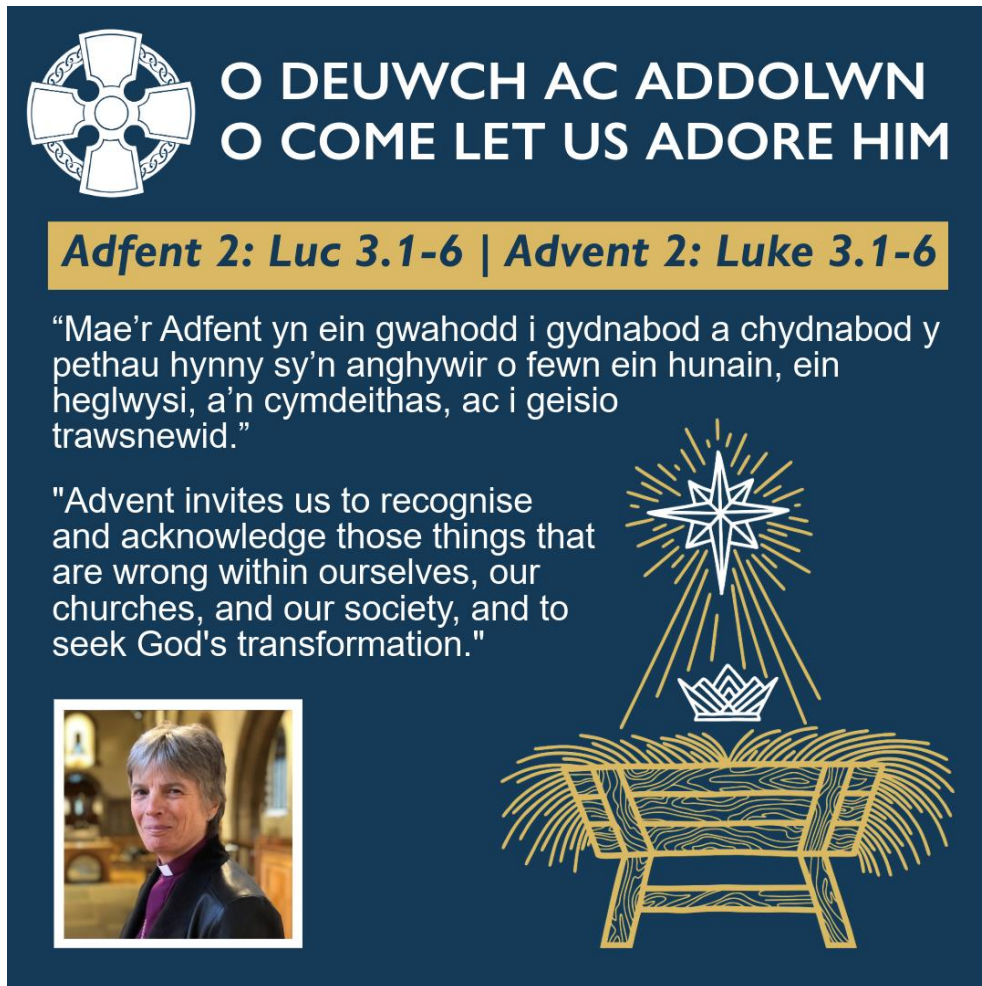
Members RSVP Form – <https://forms.gle/KTTfagsh3JXnqRNXA>

Observers RSVP Form – <https://forms.gle/nha2QWbk7LPzsvbE7>

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

Training

Advent Course Launch - 1st November





**O DEUWCH AC ADDOLWN
O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

Adfent 2: Luc 3.1-6 | Advent 2: Luke 3.1-6

“Mae'r Adfent yn ein gwahodd i gydnabod a chydabod y pethau hynny sy'n anghywir o fewn ein hunain, ein heglwysi, a'n cymdeithas, ac i geisio trawsnewid.”

"Advent invites us to recognise and acknowledge those things that are wrong within ourselves, our churches, and our society, and to seek God's transformation."



The Church in Wales is launching its Advent Course on **1st November**.

‘O Come Let Us Adore Him’ takes us on a journey of reflection and contemplation from Advent 1 through to Epiphany.

This is a provincial course that spans across Wales, with each diocese contributing the teachings for one of the sessions. The course can be completed on your own or in your churches and study groups - consisting of readings, reflections from the bishops, and stories from people all over Wales.

Each video will be 15 minutes long and will provide discussion questions for a study group session that will last a recommended time of one hour.

Each video will have a choice of English and Welsh subtitles, and all written materials will be bilingual. All materials will be available to download on the [Church in Wales website](#) from November 1st.

We hope you enjoy this course and use it to draw closer to God this festive season!

Watch the trailer for a sneak peek.... <https://youtu.be/DRz9j4oeztl>

Advent Course Programme

- **Advent 1; 25/11/24:** Introductory video from Archbishop Andrew John and full session from the Diocese of St. Asaph (Luke 21. 25-36)
- **Advent 2; 02/12/24:** Diocese of Monmouth (Luke 3. 1-6)
- **Advent 3; 09/12/24:** Diocese of Swansea and Brecon (Luke 3. 7-18)
- **Advent 4; 16/12/24:** Diocese of Llandaff (Luke 1. 39-45, [46-55])
- **Christmas Day; 25/12/24:** Diocese of St. Davids (Luke 2. 1-14, [15-20])
- **Epiphany; 06/01/24:** Diocese of Bangor (Matthew 2. 1-12)

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 B Training Sessions:

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

Monmouth Priory, Monmouth, NP25 3NX

Module C Training Sessions:

Tuesday 19th November - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

St Georges, Tredegar, NP22 3DU

Online Training dates are as follows:

Module B Training via Zoom:

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

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

Tuesday 3rd December - 10:00am - 12noon

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

[Safeguarding Training Booking Form](#)

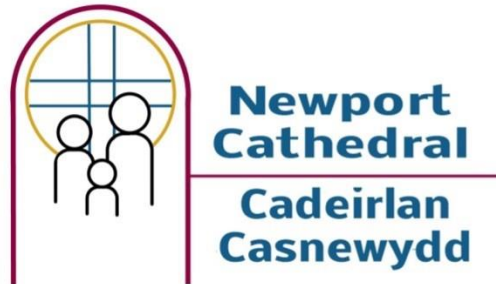
Please note that **13th** and **21st November** sessions are currently **full**. Please contact the Safeguarding team via email at safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk or by phone on **07376 199668** to discuss possible waiting lists.

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**.

Services



Join us for the Kingdom 1 service from the Cathedral, this **Sunday** at **10:30am**

[You can watch the Kingdom 1 service here](#)

Vacancies

Children and Families' Pioneer - Tredegar



Children and Families' Pioneer

We are seeking to recruit a Children and Families' Pioneer to work in the valley's town of Tredegar. As part of a team you will lead regular activities and events to impact the lives of children and families so that they can discover the deep love of God. From toddler groups to holiday clubs, school engagement to parenting classes, the opportunities are endless. If you are someone with energy and vision who can make connections and build relationships, we have a supportive team waiting to work with you in this well-resourced project. Together we will plant a new worshipping community based at St George's Tredegar.

This post is suitable for someone who has previously worked with children possibly as a teacher, TA or as a children's worker within the church. You may have previously worked in the third sector or for the local authority with families?

Main Tasks:

- Pioneer new initiatives to develop children and families' ministry and expand our outreach in the local area; including appropriate use of the liturgical calendar and community initiatives such as holiday clubs, and toddler groups.
- Recruit and coach voluntary teams, pastoring all members on the Children and Youth teams.
- Build relationships and partnerships with schools, colleges and community groups, and where applicable, be the first point of contact for them.
- To ensure the Church in Wales constitution, policies, and practises are followed and strong safeguarding practises are embedded into their ethos so that all pipeline activities are a safe space.
- Oversee all child protection, organising training and DBS checks.

This role has a Genuine Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010 for the postholder to be a communicant member of the Church in Wales or of a Church in communion with it or of a Member of CYTUN. If you are unsure, please do be in contact. Satisfactory enhanced DBS checks will be sought.

Application form and full job profile available at

[Children and Families Pioneer - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

Deadline for submitting applications: Monday 4th November, 10am

Interview Date: Monday 11th November

Team Vicar - Abergavenny MA



ABERGAVENNY MINISTRY AREA

Team Vicar

Abergavenny was recently named the best place to live in Wales (The Times)

**As a Ministry Area we have a vision and passion to see our churches grow
in this beautiful part of Wales**

We are looking for a Team Vicar who

- Will be an inspiring, prayerful and caring presence within the churches and communities across the ministry area
- Has a genuine desire to connect and communicate with people of all ages with a passion for outreach and a vision for new ideas
- Will work together with a team of lay and clergy to further develop the ministry area
- Can identify, nurture and use the skills of lay people

In return we offer

- Enthusiastic, welcoming churches and
- A friendly, supportive and encouraging strong team of lay and ordained people who are excited about the future for the churches and communities
- A 4-bedroom bungalow in the centre of Abergavenny
- Diocesan colleagues (lay and ordained) who share a real desire to see our churches grow

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

For an informal conversation please contact Venerable Ian Rees on **(07983 684151)** or
archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at

[Team Vicar - Abergavenny Ministry Area - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](https://www.churchinwales.org.uk)

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

Closing date for applications: 5th November 2024

Interviews to take place on 13th November 2024

Property Officer (Closed Churches) - Church In Wales

YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU THE CHURCH IN WALES

Swyddog Eiddo	Property Officer
Llawn amser (34.75 awr yr wythnos)	Full-time (34.75 hours a week)
Cyflwg: £32,268 - £36,509	Salary: £32,268 - £36,509
Lleoliad: Lleoliad - Gweithio gartref ond yn cynnwys llawer o deithio yn y De a'r Canolbarth a thu hwnt	Location: Location - Home based but involving extensive travel around South and mid-Wales and beyond
Ar gau: 11/11/2024 am 10:00	Closing: 11/11/2024 at 10:00

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/work-us/>

The Church In Wales are looking to recruit a Property Officer. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to work with a varied case-load, across and within many beautiful locations and communities across Wales, with historic and significant buildings, and in a creative way.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/work-us/property-officer/>

Rydym yn recriwtio Swyddog Eiddo. Dyma gyfle cyffrous i rywun weithio gyda llwyth achosion amrywiol, ar draws ac mewn llawer o leoliadau a chymunedau hardd ledled Cymru, gydag adeiladau hanesyddol ac arwyddocaol, ac mewn ffordd greadigol.

Darganfyddwch fwy a gwnewch gais yma <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/cy/about-us/work-us/property-officer/>

Project Manager - Hub Churches



Project Manager

We are looking for an experienced project manager, who can rely on their expertise while tailoring their approach to the context and reporting requirements of the Church in Wales.

Our diocese has exciting plans for new worshipping communities (Hub Churches) to be developed across the area and are therefore looking to appoint a Project Manager to oversee this.

- Are you able to manage a team of staff?
- Can you lead the regular project reporting, evaluation and financial planning of this exciting project?
- Can you support the communication between the diocese, ministry areas and Hub Churches?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information or an informal chat - please contact Isabel Thompson (Diocesan Secretary) - isabelthomson@cinw.org.uk or **07493 669511**

Application form and job description available at [Project Manager - Monmouth Diocese \(churchinwales.org.uk\)](http://Project Manager - Monmouth Diocese (churchinwales.org.uk))

Closing Date - Monday 25th November at 9am

Interviews - Friday 6th December at the Diocesan Office,

64 Caerau Road, Newport