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# Esgobaeth Mynwy



# Diocese of Monmouth

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# News

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## Chrism Mass 2024



Chrism Mass will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **26th March 2024**, at **11am** in Newport Cathedral. This is an extraordinarily beautiful service at which the sacred oils are blessed – the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil – and ministers of Word and Sacrament, together with the people of God, gather together around the Lord's Table to reaffirm our commitment to the ministries entrusted to us.

We encourage all priests, deacons and licensed lay ministers to attend. There will be an opportunity to renew our vows and promises as we walk with Jesus in this holiest of weeks. You are invited to robe – priests and deacons in alb and white stole, LLMs in cassock, surplice and scarf – and to stay on after the service for a buffet lunch.

Congregation members are also warmly invited to come for the service and for the buffet lunch as the Church of God, once again, recalls the salvation wrought for us in Jesus's self-offering on the cross. This is a moment in Holy Week when each of us can pause and reaffirm our commitment to take up our own cross and follow him.

Please contact Bishop Cherry's EA, Vicki Stevens, at [monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:monbishpa@churchinwales.org.uk) and confirm:

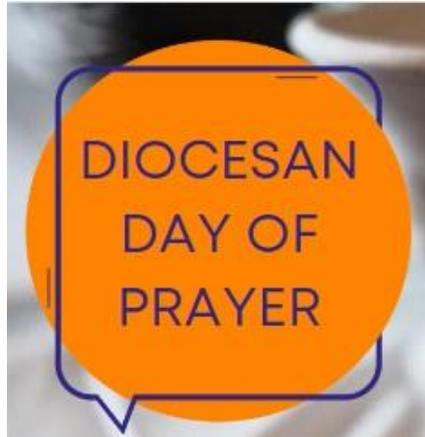
- **that you will be attending**
- **whether you will be robing (i.e. and sit together with other priests, deacons and LLMs)**
- **whether you intend to stay for lunch and, if so**
- **whether you have any dietary requirements.**

Please get in touch with this information by Monday 11th March 2024 at the latest so that there is time to organise seating and the buffet.

Please can you also remember to bring receptacles for the oils to be poured in to as the Cathedral do not have any spare for those who forget!

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## Diocesan Day of Prayer



Our Diocesan Day of Prayer takes place on **15th April** and Bishop Cherry is inviting us to join her! The day will be held at St Mary's Church, Abergavenny, from **10am-4pm** - drinks will be provided but please bring your own lunch. All are welcome.

Bishop Cherry explains that the 'purpose of the day is not to teach us *about* prayer, but to provide a space for us *to pray*.' Hear a personal invitation from Bishop Cherry [here](#).

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## New Appointment For Severn Wye Ministry Area

Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce the appointment of Zoe and Barney Pimentel to the Severn Wye Ministry Area. Their roles will be shared, with Zoe as the Ministry Area leader and Barney as a Team Vicar.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Cherry said: "This is an unusual appointment and an exciting one. Zoe and Barney bring different and complementary gifts, skills and experience to their respective ministries. Together, they will bring fresh vision and energy to the churches of the Ministry Area as they lead the congregations into this next chapter of their life together."



Zoe and Barney met at training college in Bristol, and have been in joint ordained ministry for over 10 years, spending the last seven as vicars of St. Alban's Coventry. Zoe also worked for two years as Coventry Cathedral's Lead Chaplain Missioner, and is a qualified Youth & Community Worker. Barney is currently Assistant Area Dean for Coventry East and on Diocesan Synod. They are excited about moving to Monmouth Diocese with their Welsh Springer Spaniel Finwe.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Zoe and Barney to the Ministry Area and Diocese. The licensing service will be held on May 7th.

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## Visit From Bishop Cherry to Tredegar Park MA

On the 25th January the Tredegar Park Ministry Area hosted a visit from Bishop Cherry.

During the visit there were opportunities to worship together, to share in some of the schools and family ministry, as well as meeting with the Clergy team and Ministry Area council to learn about what's happening in the area.



To read more on Revd. Julia Durham's reflections on Bishop Cherry's visit, please click [here](#).

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## Vision In Focus - Lent



A special edition of Vision in Focus is dedicated to Lent. It offers resources, suggested reading, along with daily reflections and actions. The Ven. Ian Rees shares his thoughts on the link between Lent and St David, as we find out more about this year's Lent Appeal.

Click [here](#) to view full edition of Vision in Focus on our webpage.

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## Meadow Management Signs

By popular request, the conservation charity Caring for God's Acre have designed some signs for churchwardens to use in their churchyards. These are designed to go next to areas that are being left to grow long and flowery in the summer months.

To access the signs, which are ready to print off, please visit the webpage below and enter the name of your churchyard. This will help us track in which county and diocese great work is taking place!



[https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/free-meadow-management-sign/?fbclid=IwAR0KGHsR9eOx65L1rC5ATx14UebN89V\\_dF4qWNB6GrUkK3rX-hZiy-nsLSq](https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/free-meadow-management-sign/?fbclid=IwAR0KGHsR9eOx65L1rC5ATx14UebN89V_dF4qWNB6GrUkK3rX-hZiy-nsLSq)

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## Cross of Wales is a ‘focus of unity’ - Archbishop of Wales

The Cross of Wales, given by His Majesty King Charles as a centenary gift to the Church in Wales, was described by the Archbishop of Wales at the formal presentation last week as a “hugely significant ecumenical symbol” and a “focus of unity”.

The Cross, which led the Coronation procession at Westminster Abbey on May 6, includes a relic of the True Cross, given to the King by Pope Francis to mark the Coronation.

Since the Coronation, the Cross has been in the care of the Goldsmiths’ Company, who led on its commissioning, and have displayed it at Goldsmiths’ Hall in the City of London.



It was presented to the Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, by the Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, Professor Charles Mackworth-Young, at a short ceremony at Goldsmiths’ Hall on January 25. The retired Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, George Stack was also present.

In his speech receiving the Cross, Archbishop Andrew said, “When the Cross of Wales led the Coronation procession into Westminster Abbey on May 6th, it was a moment of huge significance in very many ways.”

Click [here](#) to read the full news release from The Church In Wales.

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## Training and Events

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# National LLM Support Day 2024

If you are interested in attending this online event, please ensure you register by **13th March** using the following link <https://bit.ly/3U20loA>

## THE CHURCH IN WALES PROVINCIAL LLM DAY 2024

**SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH  
10:00 – 15:00, ONLINE**

Come and join us for this event and meet other LLMs from right across Wales!

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate lay ministry in all of its richness and diversity and will include worship, study, and discussion. We will touch on the new MDR Scheme for LLMs, with a firm focus on enhancing our prayer lives and encouraging a culture of prayer in our churches.

**REGISTER BY THE 13TH MARCH:**

[\*\*https://bit.ly/3U20loA\*\*](https://bit.ly/3U20loA)



To view this in Welsh please click [here](#).

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# South African Night

Thurs 22 February, 6:30pm



*St Illtud Ministry Area  
presents*

## SOUTH AFRICAN NIGHT

*Thursday 22 February  
at 6:30pm*

at St Peter's Church, Station Road,  
Y Blaenau (Blaina) NP13 3BW

**Celebrating our link**

 **THE DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD**  
&  
**THE DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH** 

*Come and join us for a night of South African  
music and food and find out the ministry and  
projects in our link parishes*



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# Mass in Welsh for Feast of St David Friday 1st March, 7pm



## Offeren yn Gymraeg dros ŵyl Dewi Sant

**1 M A W R T H**  
*a m 7 : 0 0 p m*

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Y C e n d l N P 2 3 5 P B



Mass in Welsh for the Feast  
of Saint David

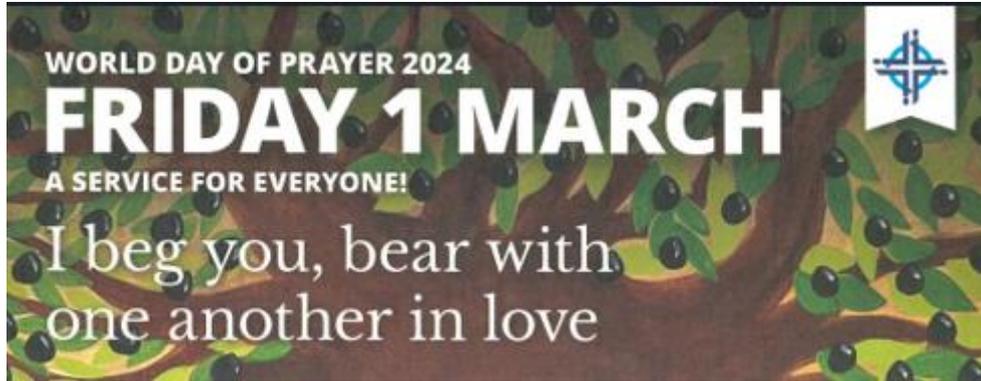
**1 M A R C H**  
*a t 7 : 0 0 p m*

S t D a v i d ' s  
C h u r c h  
B e a u f o r t  
N P 2 3 5 P B



# World Day of Prayer 2024

## Friday 1st March, 2pm



Praying for the people of Palestine

St Julian's Methodist Church  
NEWPORT  
(St Julian's Avenue, NP19 7JT)

**Friday 1st March at 2pm**

All are welcome

Light refreshments available



# Week of Guided Prayer



Finding it difficult to hear God's voice?

Wanting to know what God is saying to you?

Why not learn a new way of using God's word?

"Jesus went upon a mountainside by Himself to pray." (Matthew 14:23) This is one example from the Son of God of how to listen to the Father. And if Jesus longed to hear from God why shouldn't we?

During our Diocesan Week of Guided Prayer, to be held from **17th to 22nd March 2024**, you will need to be able to devote at least one hour a day – half an hour spent in private prayer and half an hour debriefing with a prayer guide. You'll be amazed how God will honour your commitment.

More information about booking will follow in next weeks mailing. If you would like to find out more please contact Revd. Lea Ryder -

[LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk](mailto:LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk)

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# Save The Dates - Aspects of Spirituality

**FIVE  
SESSION  
COURSE**

## **DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

23 MAY  
6 JUNE  
20 JUNE  
4 JULY  
11 JULY



## **ASPECTS OF SPIRITUALITY**

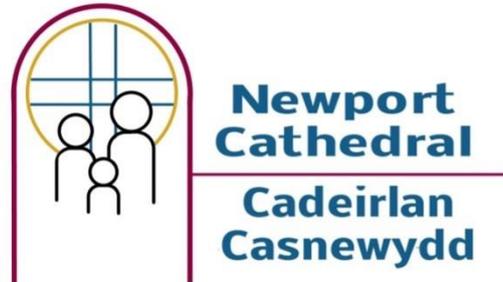
**THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY  
FOR YOU TO EXPLORE  
A VARIETY OF CHRISTIAN  
EXPRESSIONS OF SPIRITUALITY  
OVER FIVE THURSDAY EVENINGS  
THIS COMING SUMMER**

**↑ Interested? Save the dates (above) ↑**

**Registration details to follow ...**

# Services

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Join us for the service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10.30am [here](#).

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# Vacancies

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## House for Duty Priest - North Monmouthshire MA



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 Llanddewi Rhydderch and primarily working with churches around that area, you will also be part of the Ministry Team covering the new Ministry Area of North Monmouthshire which has 17 churches.

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 focused - 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.

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

For an informal conversation please contact The Revd. Julian Gray, Ministry Area Leader on 01873 859881 or [mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk)

Application form and full profile available at:

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/>

Or can be found below:

[North Mons MA HforD Bilingual Advert](#)

[HforD Role Profile](#)

[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:

**Friday 16th February 2024**

Interviews to take place soon after.

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# Team Vicar - Heart of Monmouthshire MA



## **Mattress:Tangling:Drones**

If you use 'What Three Words' and follow the link it will take you literally to the Heart of the Monmouthshire Ministry Area!  
Fascinated? Would you like to know more?

Then please read on because we would love you to know more about our wonderful area and the people who make it so great.

We are looking for a new Vicar with a strong faith and a real heart for God who will be part of a wonderful team ministering in a beautiful part of Wales.

The team is relatively new and is seeking ways to best work and minister across the whole geography of the Ministry Area. We have a range of church traditions and styles of working and are ready to talk about using the skills and gifts of the whole team for the benefit of our mission and worship plans.

Are you interested in discipleship, and developing worship? Are you someone who is excited by good communication, by reaching those who are not familiar with church, and really have a heart for rural ministry? Alongside the person specification and other essential skills, answering yes to these questions would be a good fit for our team.

**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](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.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:** Friday 9th February 2024  
Interviews to take place on Thursday 15th February 2024

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# Children and Families Pioneer

Saints in Chepstow & Saints in Tredegar

## Children and Families' PIONEER

### SEEKING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Ignite Faith, Spark Joy!

Are you enthusiastic about sharing the joy of faith with the under 40s? Join Saints, a vibrant church plant, as our Children and Families' Pioneer. Be part of a Hub Church Leadership Team in either Chepstow or Tredegar, pioneering new initiatives, designing engaging activities, and nurturing young hearts. Your role involves building relationships, partnering with schools, and creating safe spaces for growth.

If you have a heart for children, a passion for ministry, and a desire to make a difference, check out the full job description on our website. Join us in creating a lasting impact on young lives.

For more information please click [here](#) or use the links below:

[Job Pack](#)  
[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[emilymartins@cinw.org.uk](mailto:emilymartins@cinw.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Friday 16th February 2024**

Interviews to take place on Thursday 29th February 2024

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# Hub Church Plant Lead

Saints in Chepstow & Saints in Tredegar

## HUB CHURCH PLANT LEAD

### SEEKING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Be the Architect of Belonging: Shape community, Kindle faith.

Are you passionate about creating faith communities where everyone belongs? Saints, our dynamic set of church plants, are seeking Hub Church Plant Leads for our Chepstow and Tredegar locations. Be part of a visionary team committed to breaking down barriers, reaching the under 40s, and fostering a family culture.

As a Hub Church Plant Lead, you'll evangelise, shape worship experiences, and build deep relationships. If you're excited about authentic discipleship, genuine community, and making a lasting impact, visit our website for the full job description. Be a catalyst for transformation – join our story!

We strive to be an inclusive diocese and welcome applications from any communicant member of the Anglican Church, a Church in communion with it, or a Member of CYTUN.

For more information please click [here](#) or use the links below:

[Job Pack](#)  
[Application Form](#)

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[emilymartins@cinw.org.uk](mailto:emilymartins@cinw.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**Friday 16th February 2024**

Interviews to take place on Thursday 29th February 2024

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# Senior Church Buildings Inspector



The Dioceses of Monmouth and Llandaff are looking to appoint a Senior Church Surveyor to lead a team which will include a Junior/Graduate Surveyor, a DAC Secretary and a Grants and Funding Officer.

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated professional to lead a team that will 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.

## **The successful Senior Building Surveyor's Role**

The successful Senior Church Surveyor will be responsible for a broad range of tasks, with a particular emphasis on producing quinquennial condition surveys on church buildings.

A key aspect of the Senior Building Surveyor's responsibilities will be to support local volunteers to use these condition surveys to maintain, repair and develop their church buildings.

## **The successful Senior Building Surveyor will -**

- Be a Chartered Building Surveyor, Architect, or similar with significant practical experience in the building industry and the historic environment.
- Have a proven ability to manage a team and support junior members to develop their skills.
- Have good communication skills with the ability to build strong working relationships with a wide range of colleagues – including clergy and church volunteers.
- A proven ability to deliver clear and concise reports and to explain sometimes difficult concepts in easy-to-understand language.

**Salary -** £50,595

**Pension -** 5% employer pension contribution

**Annual Leave** - 25 days annual leave (rising by one day per annum to a maximum of 30 days)

**Deadline for applications – 23rd February 2024**

Completed application should be sent to  
- [llandaff.recruitment@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:llandaff.recruitment@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Interview date – 5th March 2024**

For more information or for an informal conversation, please contact: Isabel Thompson (Diocesan Secretary of Monmouth) on 07493 669511/01633 267490 or [isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:isabelthompson@churchinwales.org.uk)