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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 [Cyfannol Women's Aid support](#).**

**Cyfannol Women's Aid offer a safe space where individuals can access information and support to help them find safety, recover from their experiences and rebuild their lives after domestic abuse and sexual violence.**

**[Cyfannol WA](#)** supports people across Gwent who have experienced any form of violence against women, domestic abuse or sexual violence.

Their vision is that "Everyone is empowered to flourish in a life free from domestic abuse and sexual violence."

The video below highlights the work Cyfannol do in Monmouthshire in particular.



Resources are available to support your fundraising efforts. These can be found at

<https://cyfannol.org.uk/fundraise/fundraising-materials/>

## 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.

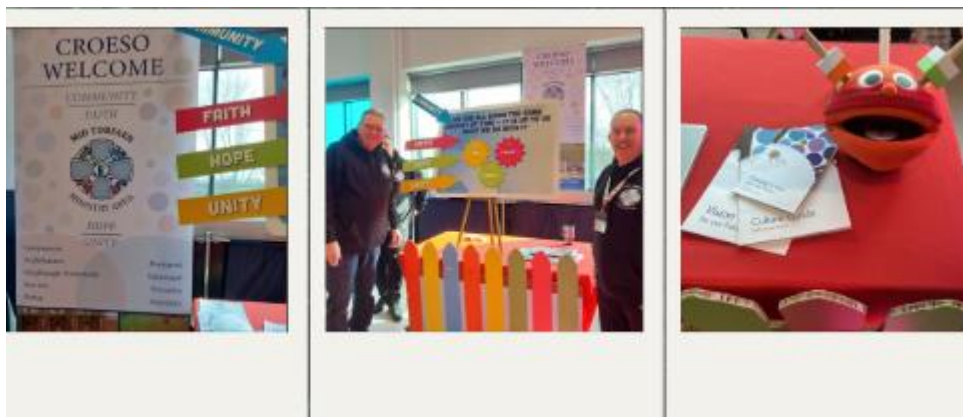
A number of discussions have taken place about possible courses for this Lent. There are lots of resources available for small groups or for individuals. Below are some of the courses that have been suggested for those of you who are still looking for suitable material.

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](#)

## Joint Network Day - Embedding Values



This week, we catch up with Licensed Lay Minister Jim Thompson, as he chats about the work being done across Mid Torfaen Ministry Area around the statement that “We appreciate that all we have is a gift of God and so we give our time, talents and money generously in service of God’s Kingdom.”

During our recent Network Day, each of our ministry areas explored how they were embracing and embedding values and statements taken from the Diocesan Culture Guide. We have been highlighting some of these case studies in the past couple of editions of Midweek Mailing.

Next week, we will round up some of the other ideas and projects which caught our eye on the day.



## Revd Kay Denly Appointed as Vicar in Beechwood MA

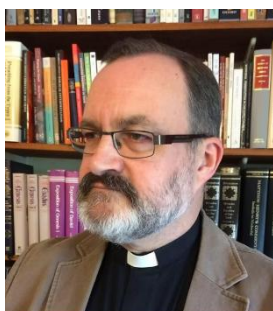
We are delighted to announce that Bishop Cherry has appointed Revd Kay Denly as a non-stipendiary vicar in the Beechwood Ministry Area.

Kay will have pastoral responsibility for the congregation and community in Christchurch as well as ministering across the Ministry Area.

Currently an Associate Priest in the Netherwent Ministry Area, Kay will be licensed on **Tuesday 24th June at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity, Christchurch.**

Please pray for Kay as she prepares to join the ministry team.

## Revd Nick Perry to Retire



Revd Nick Perry will be retiring on **18th July 2025**.

Nick was ordained in 2007, and his ministry has led him to serve communities in Ebbw Vale, Blaina and Nantyglo before taking up his current role in Cwmbran.

Bishop Cherry, says: “Nick has served the church faithfully in the various ministries he has taken up and has been a supportive, permission-giving colleague to those with whom he has worked. We wish him and his wife Caroline every blessing in their retirement.”

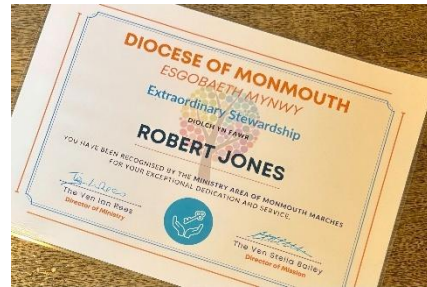
Nick arrived as Rector in Cwmbran in September 2018 where he led the churches in the transition to becoming a Ministry Area.

Alongside this ministry he has served God and the diocese as a vocations advisor for 12 years, impacting many people’s journey into ministry.

Further details about his final service and farewell will be forthcoming.

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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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## 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**

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

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](#)

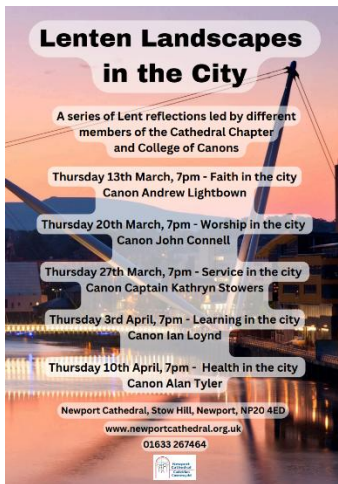
The Provincial Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese of Monmouth is **Colin Taylor** who can be contacted via email at [colintaylor@cinw.org.uk](mailto:colintaylor@cinw.org.uk) or by phone on **07956 790330**.

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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

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



**Come and Sing Compline - 15th April**

**Newport Cathedral**  
**Cadeirlan Casnewydd**

You are invited to

**COME AND SING**  
**COMPLINE**

**Tuesday 15th April 2025**

**Dydd Mawrth 15fed Ebrill 2025**

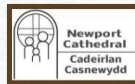
**at 7.30pm**

**Address by Dean Ian Black.**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US, PLEASE  
EMAIL YOUR RSVP TO**

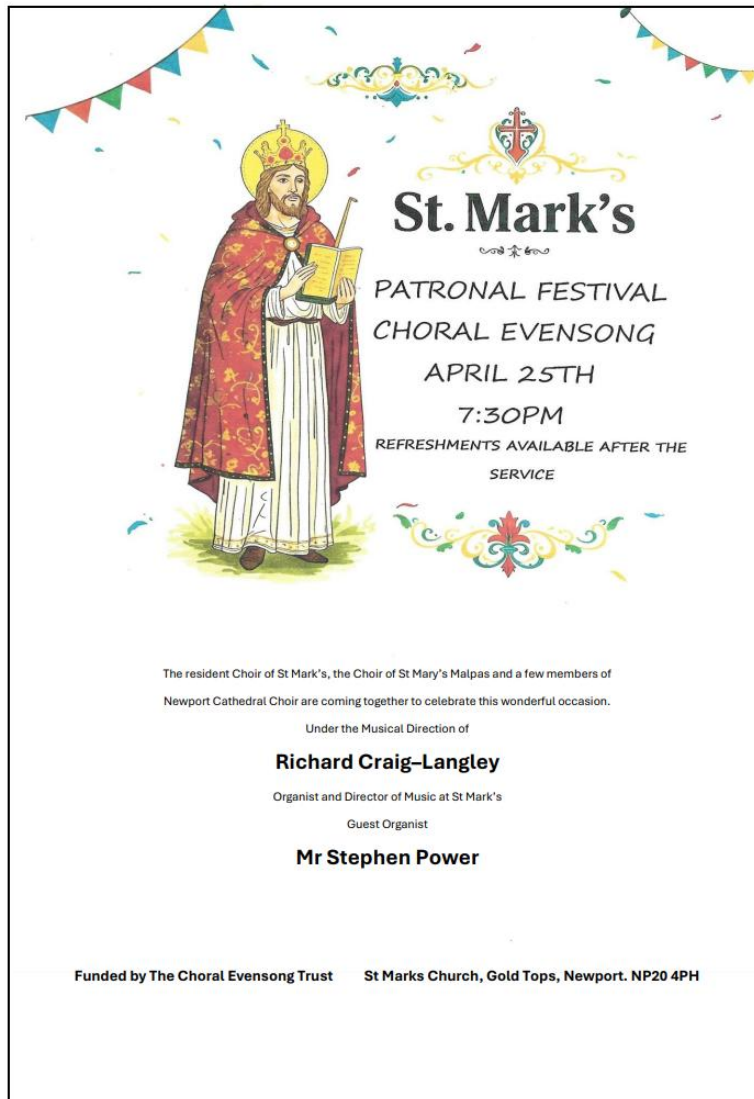
**[enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk)**

**Rehearsal is at 6.45pm for a prompt start**



**Stow Hill, Newport NP20 4ED. 01633 267464**

## St Mark's Patronal Festival - 25th April



The poster features a central illustration of St. Mark, a bearded man with a halo, wearing a red and gold robe and holding a book and a staff. The background is white with colorful bunting and confetti. The text is centered and reads:

**St. Mark's**  
PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
CHORAL EVENSONG  
APRIL 25TH  
7:30PM  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER THE  
SERVICE

The resident Choir of St Mark's, the Choir of St Mary's Malpas and a few members of Newport Cathedral Choir are coming together to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Under the Musical Direction of  
**Richard Craig-Langley**  
Organist and Director of Music at St Mark's  
Guest Organist  
**Mr Stephen Power**

Funded by The Choral Evensong Trust    St Marks Church, Gold Tops, Newport. NP20 4PH

Richard Craig-Langley, organist and Director of Music explains that "We at **St Marks, Goldtops Newport** are holding our Patronal Festival at **7:30pm** on **25th April**. We have not had one now for quite literally decades. We have our resident Choir, the choir of St Mary's Malpas, some members of Newport Cathedral Choir and some members of the Llangybi Consort coming together in one celebration of Choral Evensong. Please do come along, it's going to be a wonderful event".

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Save the Date! Saturday 7th June 2025

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# DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2025**

**ST MARY'S PRIORY, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND**

**DRINKS SERVED FROM 10AM**

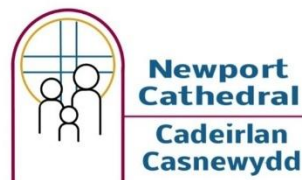
**SERVICE AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS**



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## Services

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

[You can watch the service here](#)

Join us for the Chrism Mass service from the Cathedral, on **Tuesday** 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
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
Mehefin 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>ed</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>ed</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>ed</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>ed</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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

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



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

**Closing date for applications:** Friday 9th May 2025

*Interviews to take place shortly after*

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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)

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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



