

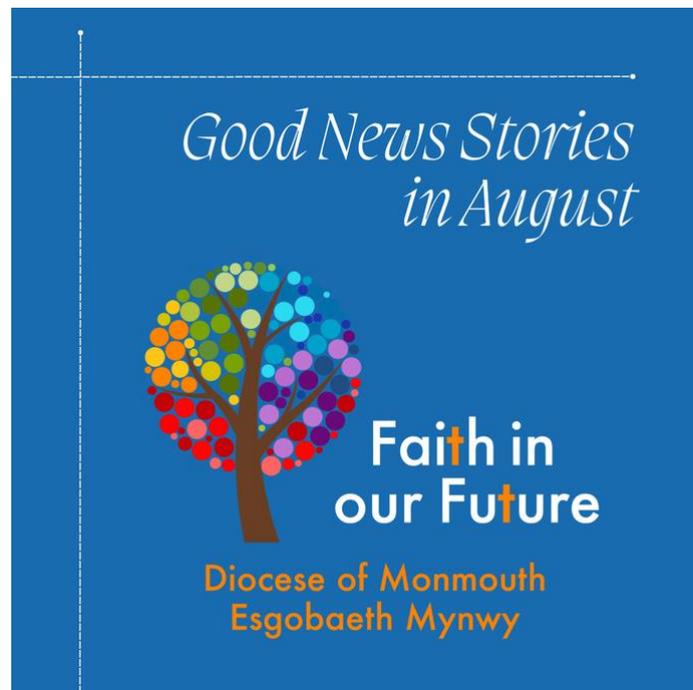
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# Esgobaeth Mynwy

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## Diocese of Monmouth

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**Midweek Mailing in August**

As diocesan events and news slows down for the summer, we would love to use the Midweek Mailing in August as an opportunity to share Good News stories.

If your ministry area has anything to share that will encourage and uplift others, please get in touch with the Diocesan Office. You can send your articles (with photos where possible) to [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Announcement

A pilot project is being launched in the Blaina and Abertillery areas to help rebuild the community connection with church which has been lost since covid.

By building and developing relationships with schools in the area, it's hoped this will extend to the wider school family and community as a whole.



Rachel Nelmes

Rachel Nelmes, who works as a children, youth and family advisor and has also recently been ordained, is already a familiar face across the diocese and will be leading the project (along with her curate duties too!).

Rachel explains: “We need children, youth and families in our churches – and what better place to start than schools! I am keen not to add to the workload of teachers, and my aim is that we can work alongside them, to help schools ‘meet the spiritual side of things’ by supporting their religious values and curriculum. I want us to have a positive, flourishing relationship that benefits all.”

Although every school will be different and the projects need to include bespoke elements and be adaptable, it is hoped that they can be replicated elsewhere across the diocese.

Rachel adds: “There are lots of different things which impact on what will work for each school. For example, location – is the school within walking distance of a church? If not, transport costs can be an issue. Also, some of our churches have wonderful stained-glass windows which are perfect for a school project, but others don’t. So, every project will be slightly different. But the approach and the outcome will be the same. We want families to feel welcomed as part of a church family, and by establishing relationships where

we can personally invite them to harvest services, carol services etc will make a big difference.”

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## Good News Stories

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### Play, Paint and Pray Afternoon

Mynydd Bedwellte MA held a play, paint and pray activity afternoon for children aged 6-11 years old this summer holidays. This was in connection to the national play day.





Children came to create some fun art, build a church from cardboard boxes and learn about how Jesus brings us to perfect peace in amongst the chaos by throwing our sins into the canvas and then revealing a cross. What fun was had by all who attended!



They noticed that Rev Matt had a lot of fun too, when he went wild in the cardboard corner!!

## Can you spot the vicar?



They can't wait to have their art group back up and running this September.

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## All Age Worship

St Cadoc's, Trevethin are developing services to including children and young people in their all age worship and for those who find it just a bit too much, they've created an area for the younger children to colour and play, surrounded by biblical pictures and quotes. Doesn't it look cosy? We're told

they will continue to develop the area as they watch and learn what the children need.



## Bug Hotel in Caerleon

St Cadoc's Church have been busy in their efforts to give nature a helping hand - as you can see from the picture below, Huw has been hard at work

creating a 'bug hotel' in the graveyard. What a fantastic effort! This is just the start of their plans to be an Eco Church, so watch this space.



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## Events

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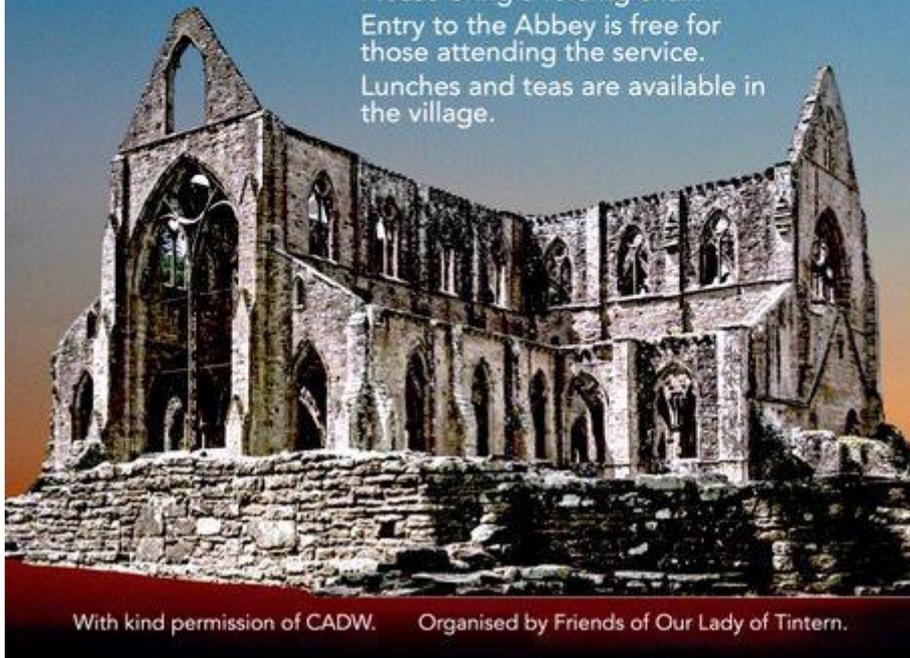
# Tintern Sung Vespers

An Ecumenical Service of Prayers for Peace

3.00pm Sunday 10th September  
Tintern Abbey

Speaker: Rt Rev'd Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth  
Newport (St Woolos') Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair.  
Entry to the Abbey is free for  
those attending the service.  
Lunches and teas are available in  
the village.



With kind permission of CADW. Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

## Sung Vespers

On Sunday 10th September at Tintern Abbey, there will be an ecumenical service of Sung Vespers with Bishop Cherry as the speaker and the Cathedral Choir from St Woolos' also part of the service. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service but you are asked to bring folding chairs.

Clergy are invited to robe in the village hall (to wear cotta/choir dress) and take part in the procession.

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## Chaplaincy at the Usk Show

### 9th September 2023

Every year at the Usk Show, a chaplaincy service is provided with free tea, coffee and biscuits, somewhere to sit and rest with baby feeding and changing facilities, and some children's activities. What an exciting opportunity!

If anyone would like to lend their help, either with hospitality, supervising children's activities or just being there for a chat / in a pastoral capacity, please get in touch with Clare Bradly by text on [07952 754744](tel:07952754744) or by e-mail on [strawberry.flann@twiggy.co.uk](mailto:strawberry.flann@twiggy.co.uk)

Clare will organise a rota to ensure there is cover throughout the day.



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## Changes to Diocesan Conference 2023

Conference is going to look a little different this year, Clare explains a bit more about this in the video below.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Diocesan Office - [admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:admin.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

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## Resources

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### Free designing software for charities

Is your ministry area wanting to design a logo or be creatively inspired in producing publicity for your events and groups? **Canva** is an online design

tool that can be used to design a range of materials, from graphics for social media to fliers and videos. As a charity, MACs may register for a free Canva Pro account.

Canva Pro allows you to save your logo, brand colours, fonts and images in a central hub, speeding up the process of design and making all your publicity look consistent.

However, due to an increase in fraudulent applications, Canva has made the decision to be more stringent with the documents they expect for proof of charity status. The easiest proof they accept which is available for your ministry area is from the Charity Commission website entry showing your charity number and screen shots of charity details, ensuring the person making the application and the name the application is made in matches your charity commission entry.

You can apply for your free account here: <https://www.canva.com/canva-for-nonprofits/resources/>

It usually takes a few days to hear if your application is successful.

Whilst we are talking free software, did you know that as a charity you can also gain access to free or reduced cost Microsoft365 and their suite of programmes such as Word and Excel. [Click here for more details.](#)

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## Services

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Join us for service from the Cathedral this Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

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## Vacancies

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## Ministry Area Leader - Severn Wye

We are looking for a new Ministry Area Leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God who will take the ministry area through the development stage and into a period of mission and growth.

The person we would like for this role will:

- Have the vision to lead and develop a committed and enthusiastic lay and clergy team in a beautiful part of Wales, have a calling to grow the church community, and give it a strong sense of unity
- Inspire the Ministry Area Community in worship, and be able to communicate scripture in a way that relates well to existing church members and encourages potential future church members
- Enthuse the Ministry Area with energy and inspire people with vision, finding novel and effective ways of bringing more people to Christ
- Be caring and relate to people of all generations, helping people of all ages to explore, develop and use their gifts
- Have the desire to work with younger people, engaging enthusiastically with the ministry to schools and, hopefully, with the new Church Hub
- Communicate and develop a creative and missional vision for our buildings

We need a Ministry Area Leader who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses. We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

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

For an informal conversation please contact the Venerable Ian Rees on (07983684151) 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/ministry-area-leader-severn-wye-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to: [archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk)

Closing date for applications:  
**August 25th 2023**

*Interviews to take place on September 22nd 2023*

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You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates [here](#).

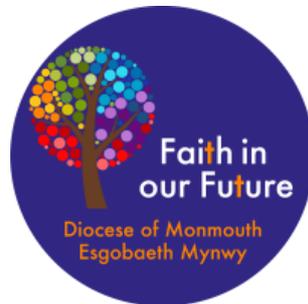
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