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Diocese of Monmouth



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Churches Unlocked : Review and Renew - 23rd October



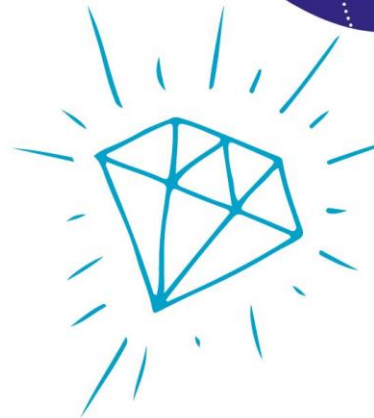
Hidden Gems

Diocese of Monmouth

We invite those who took part this year to share feedback & celebrate successes.

We also invite those considering taking part this year to come and find out more!

St Mary's, Croesyceiliog
NP44 2EJ



Wed 23rd October

2.00pm



Faith in
our Future

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Thank you once again to all ministry areas and churches that took part in this year's Churches Unlocked festival. It was such a wonderful week and marvellous to have churches across the diocese taking part! We would like to invite you to come together and share your experiences and learning so that we can continue to grow year on year. We will be meeting at **2pm on Wednesday 23rd October at St Mary's, Croesyceiliog (NP44 2EJ)**.

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in trying out Churches Unlocked in 2025 to come and find out what it is all about!

If you are able to attend or have any questions, please email zoeward@cinw.org.uk.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to give feedback, please send any written feedback to Zoe at zoeward@cinw.org.uk or call **01633 267490**.

Ministry In Hospitals



Our Healthcare Chaplains are offering training to anyone interested in becoming an 'on-call chaplain/priest' or who would be interested in developing their skills and understanding to help them respond to a hospital emergency.

Any of us could be called in at the request of a parishioner or their families. But there may also be clergy who feel called to explore the possibility of 'on-call ministry' in partnership with the Hospital Chaplains.

Please click the link below which explains more.

[On-Call Chaplain - Priest Training](#)

Diocese of Highveld Link



Link Sunday

Sunday 27th October marks Highveld Sunday, where across the diocese we reflect on and give thanks for the link between the Diocese of Monmouth and the Diocese of the Highveld. Our companion link with the Highveld is now in its twenty first year and is celebrated annually throughout the diocese on the last Sunday in October. All churches are encouraged to mark this day, and Intercessions, produced this year by the Diocese of the Highveld, will be available to use nearer the time.

Ordination

Bishop Cherry is pleased to share with you Bishop Charles's plans to ordain Teboho Molefe to the diaconate in the Diocese of Highveld.

Many of the clergy will have met Teboho when he attended the CMD day at St Mary's, Abergavenny in February this year. Others will have met him during his week-long visit.

Teboho will be ordained Deacon on **14th December 2024**.



The Revd Sarah Rosser, Assistant Curate in the Heart of Monmouthshire Ministry Area, has accepted Bishop Cherry's invitation to represent the diocese at Teboho's ordination. Sarah was one of a group of clergy and lay people who visited the Highveld in November 2023 and also welcomed Teboho to stay with her during his visit to the diocese earlier this year.

Please hold Teboho and the Diocese of Highveld in your prayers as he begins his journey into ordained ministry.

Welsh Government Survey for all providers of care and activities for children under 12 in Wales

The Welsh Government's Child Minding and Day Care Exceptions (Wales) Order 2010 order exempts certain activities for children under 12—such as Sunday schools and holiday clubs—from the requirement to register with social services. Without these exemptions, all activities involving children would need to register and adhere to the rigorous standards set for registered childcare providers.

A representative from the Church on the Welsh Government's Advisory Group has highlighted that there is growing pressure from the wider childcare sector to restrict or remove these exemptions, as they feel unregistered activities may undermine their work and pose potential risks to children.

The Welsh Government has now launched a survey for all providers of care and activities for children under 12 in Wales. Details and a link to the Smart Survey are provided below. Please note, this survey is intended for individual providers (such as local clubs, Sunday schools, holiday clubs, and activity groups), rather than larger denominations or organisations.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EANZAY/>

The Welsh Government is responsible for the content and wording of the survey questions. There is a comment box at the end of the survey where you can provide additional feedback or explain if the options given are not suitable.

Please share with your churches and encourage them to complete the survey to make sure the Welsh Government understands the full extent, variety, and quality of the work churches do with children.

Training

Reading Theology Together



Interested in reading theology books? Curious about faith?

This course could be for you.

Note: Having looked into this more, hard copies of the book are not easily available so it will suit those with a kindle best! The book isn't cheap but if you would like to do the course please order it and send the receipt to Ven Ian Rees (ianrees@cinw.org.uk) and we will arrange for you to be reimbursed.

The online course will be led by the Dean of Windsor, Bishop Christopher Cocksworth and the Revd Canon Dr Hueston Finlay.

They will be using, “**A Theology in Outline: Can these Bones Live?**” (Oxford: O.U.P., 2016) by Robert W. Jenson

Aim: To give you confidence to read theological books.

Fees: There are no fees for this course but if you wish to participate fully you will need to purchase either a hard copy or a Kindle copy of the book itself.

Expectation: To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you have read the Chapters as outlined below before we meet up online.

Sessions are planned for 45 minutes starting at 7pm.

Below are the November dates and material covered:

5th : Chapters 1 & 2: What is Theology? and Israel (Hueston)

12th : Chapters 3 & 4: Jesus and Resurrection and The Triune God (Christopher)

19th : Chapters 5, 6 & 7: Creation and The Image of God and Sin and Salvation (Hueston)

26th : Chapters 8 & 9: Church and Can These Bones Live? (Christopher)

Enrolling: If you would like to take part please contact Patricia.Birdseye@stgeorghouse.org no later than **October 31st**.

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 A Training Sessions:

Saturday 12th October - 9:30am - 10:30am

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

Module B Training Sessions:

Saturday 12th October - 10:30am - 12:30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Panteg, NP4 0PH

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

Monmouth Priory, Monmouth, NP25 3NX

Online Training dates are as follows:

Module B Training via Zoom:

Friday 11th October - 10:00am - 12noon

Thursday 24th October - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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

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

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](#)

or contact the team via email at safeguardingtraining@cinw.org.uk or by phone on **07376 199668**.

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


Free Vessel Art Trail Workshops

VESSEL


Free workshops in churches on the Vessel art trail between Usk and Hay-on-Wye.
Book a place at artandchristianity.org/events




05 Oct Barbara Beyer – Mud, Sticks and Stones at St Cadoc's



06 Oct Jane Sheppard – Yielding to Softness at St Michael and All Angels




12 Oct Lou Baker – Social Knitwork at Dore Abbey



13 Oct Lucy Glendinning – Unleash Your Drawing Skills at St Jerome's

BOOK FREE TICKETS

@art_xianity 

[Click here to read more and book your free tickets](#)

In Conversation with Helen Roper - 10th October, 7:30pm

10TH OCTOBER IS WORLD HOMELESS DAY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO

**'IN CONVERSATION WITH'
HELEN ROPER**

**LOCAL DELIVERY LEAD FOR
HOMEWARDS NEWPORT**

**Newport Cathedral
Thursday 10th October at 7 30 p.m.**

**Come and learn more about how Newport came to join the
Homeswards programme and how the community is working
together to ensure homelessness in Newport becomes
rare, brief, and unrepeatd.**

WWW.HOMEWARDS.ORG.UK

WWW.NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK

TOGETHER WE CAN END HOMELESSNESS

**homewards
newport**

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL, STOW HILL, NEWPORT, NP20 4ED
01633 267464



Diocesan Day Of Prayer - 19th October

All are invited and welcome to join Bishop Cherry for our Diocesan Day of Prayer

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10am-4pm

St Mary's Church,
Abergavenny



Bishop Cherry invites you
to join her in a

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

- 9.30 ARRIVAL - DRINKS AVAILABLE IN THE PRIORY CENTRE
- 10.00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY BISHOP CHERRY
- 10:30 MORNING SESSION 'THE ART OF PRAYER' WITH JEZ THOMAS*
- 12.00 THE EUCHARIST, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH - PRIORY CENTRE
(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - DRINKS PROVIDED)
- 1.45 SESSION 2 - WORKSHOP WITH JEZ THOMAS
- 3.30 INTERCESSIONS

** Jez Thomas is Artist in Residence at St Mary's Priory in the Abergavenny Ministry Area*

Welsh Places of Worship Forum - 31st October



Welsh Places of Worship Forum : Update & Connect

A chance to catch up and share best practice at the first Update & Connect with the Welsh Places of Worship Forum!

Come join the forum at **St Mary's, Swansea** for a collaborative event where you can hear from people across the sector including an update on plans for the next 12 months or so of the forum.

There will be a diverse mix of speakers and a chance for you to update all about your project if you wish. There will also be lots of opportunity to connect with fellow members of the Welsh places of worship community. It will be a great opportunity to network, share ideas, and learn from each other.

Anyone representing a place of worship or linked organisation in Wales is welcomed.

This event is FREE to attend and is funded by a grant from Cadw to the National Churches Trust on behalf of the Welsh Places of Worship Forum.

Discover the Welsh Places of Worship Forum page, with content from previous events, [here](#).

Confirmed speakers

Dawn Champion, British Pilgrimage Trust
Martin Downes, Cwmpas
Foundation for Jewish Heritage
Delyth Higgins, Eco Church Wales, Delyth Higgins, A Rocha
Adam Hitchings, Architectural Heritage Fund
Anne Jenkins & Stephen Barlow, National Lottery Heritage Fund
Rebecca Kentfield, Faith in Affordable Housing
Karl Newton, Deputy Chief Executive, National Churches Trust
Gareth Simpson, Cherish, National Churches Trust

[Click here to book your free ticket via Eventbrite](#)

Resources

Save the Date!



This year, we are proud to launch a diocese-wide Generosity Week. In preparation of Advent, this 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.

Our Church Resource Officer and Director of Ministry have created a set of resources which will be made available in October - DIOLCH YN FAWR to all those who have contributed to this project.


More details to follow soon!

easyfundraising Funding Pots



Waitrose and easyfundraising have come Together for Good to give a funding boost to churches and other community organisations. For one month only, they will donate five £1,000 funding pots. Follow these steps for a chance to receive a share for your church:

- 1. Register your church with easyfundraising.**
- 2. Encourage your church community to use easyfundraising's platform to shop with Waitrose.**

 *Key information:* Every online shop at Waitrose is an entry into the prize draw. Plus, every shop will generate a donation for your church - £10 if it's someone's first shop at Waitrose and £1.50 for every subsequent shop throughout **October**.

Take your first step by registering your church with easyfundraising today: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/

Fundraising Support from Ecclesiastical



Fundraising support for your church

Ecclesiastical have included a great article in the Autumn edition of their Church Matters newsletter listing the seven steps to successful fundraising.

Seven steps to successful fundraising

Church fundraising is more than just a means of securing financial support; it's an expression of generous minds and a shared mission. By harnessing the collective passion and dedication of its congregation and wider community, a church can transform contributions into deep initiatives that address both local and global needs. Whatever the scale of the fundraising goal for your church, following this seven-step process will help you to get organised and improve your chances of success.

Step 1: Tell your story

Funders of all types will want to know who you are and why you need funding; be very clear on your fundraising goal and the impact your project will have on your local community. Consider including gift prompts and illustrations, such as '£1,000 could enable us to update wiring in the children's area'. Also engage funders with highlights and achievements along the way to encourage further engagement.

Step 2: Your team

By gathering together a fundraising working group you can draw upon the skills and experience of supportive volunteers; skills like budget management and writing good copy needed to inspire confidence in donors. You can collate ideas such as making sure that you properly thank funders with personalised communications.

Step 3: Research

Create a single, central spreadsheet to record your funder research in one place. Simple column headings such as: the size of grant the funder awards, their application process, contact details and deadlines, will form a vital database and enable you to have the information at your fingertips!

Step 4: Identify

Keep a 'priority prospects list' of funders with 'live' funding programmes, those with the best match to your projects and with the capacity for the largest grants. This will help you maintain focus to help you reach your goals. Make approaches to warmest prospects first, past funders and 'friends' in local businesses might be motivated by the opportunity to fund key elements of projects.

Step 5: Sign up to funder newsletters

Many funders and organisations that support fundraising have newsletters with the current information about forthcoming opportunities, changes to funding programmes, and deadlines. Make sure that you are aware of these opportunities.


Step 6: Events

- Planning a fundraising event or series of events can be a useful way to raise the profile of your fundraising project and attract donations. Think about matching the theme of your event to your funding need.

Step 7: Network

Getting out and about to talk to people is an important way to shine a spotlight on your church. People remember an in-person conversation more than an out of the blue email or cold call, and these personal connections are invaluable in your fundraising endeavours.

Don't forget, our church fundraising hub is full of easy-to-use support, guidance, and tools to help you and your church with your fundraising journey, find out more here:

 ecclesiastical.com/church/fundraising

Contains promotional material

To access Ecclesiastical's church fundraising hub where you can find more ideas and guidance with your fundraising, please click [here](https://ecclesiastical.com/church/fundraising).

Digital Fundraising Webinar



The Benefact Group have produced a webinar which looks at tools available for digital fundraising and the tactics you can employ to suit your circumstances.

During the webinar Directory of Social Change Associate Nick Day draws on his vast experience of working with charities and not-for-profit organisations to help them develop their digital fundraising and marketing. The webinar is practical, with lots of tips around do's and don'ts.

Please click [here](#) to be directed to the charity fundraising webinar and other useful links.

Weekly News from the Cathedral



The Cathedral Congregational Committee would like to know:

“Would you like to receive weekly news from the cathedral?”

If so, please go to the website www.newportcathedral.org.uk and simply click on the button “Subscribe to News and Notices” where you will be asked for your name and email address.

For music lovers, they have a separate mailing list to alert you to upcoming concerts and recitals, which can be found on this page <https://www.newportcathedral.org.uk/concerts-and-recitals>

Services



Join us for the Trinity 20 service from the Cathedral, this **Sunday at 10:30am**

[You can watch the service here](#)

Vacancies

Team Vicar - Abergavenny MA



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

Closing date for applications: 5th November 2024

Interviews to take place on 13th November 2024

Church Buildings Surveyor



The Dioceses of Monmouth and Llandaff are looking to appoint a Church Buildings Surveyor

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated professional to work within a team, led by a Senior Church Surveyor, to support clergy and volunteers to 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.

We are looking for a surveyor with a passion for church buildings who can be supported to work to ensure that our church buildings are fit for a positive future to share with generations to come. This exciting new role is a varied and rewarding position which will involve frequent travel to a diverse range of significant and highly valued church buildings, located at the heart of our villages, towns and cities.

Salary: £31,500

Hours: This is a full-time (37.5 hours per week), permanent position, with flexible hours including occasional weekend or evening work.

Take a look at our job pack for more information - [here](#)

Apply using our application form - [here](#)

We'd love to hear from you! For an informal chat, please contact Isabel Thompson, Diocesan Secretary of Monmouth. (isabelthompson@cinw.org.uk / **07493669511**)

Closing Date: 9am Monday 14th October

Interview Date: 24th October