

# Esgobaeth Mynwy



## Diocese of Monmouth

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*This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our weekly email list.*

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**News**

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## **Enthronement of Archbishop Cherry Vann - Saturday 8th November**



We are delighted to announce the date of the enthronement service which marks the celebration of our 15th Archbishop of Wales, The Most Reverend Cherry Vann.

Following her election at Electoral College and the Sacred Synod and Consecration services at the end of July, we can now confirm that

Archbishop Cherry will be enthroned at Newport Cathedral on **Saturday 8th November**.

Plans are underway and further details will be announced in due course. It will be a ticket only event but will be live streamed so everyone can watch the enthronement as it happens.

Please continue to pray for Archbishop Cherry as she prepares to begin her ministry across the province of Wales and for the Diocese of Monmouth at this time of new beginnings.

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## Sunday Themes



Two of the branches of our Diocesan vision are '**Equality and Diversity**' and '**Social Justice**' and we wanted to draw your attention to two weeks where there are suggested themes for Sunday worship.



**Disability awareness Sunday is on 28th September** (although it can be done any Sunday you wish!). This year's theme reminds us that every person, disabled or not, reflects the image of God.

The most important thing about Disability Awareness Sunday is that Christians reach out and include disabled people fully in community life.

Jesus welcomed everyone. Let's follow His example and open our doors – and hearts – wider. The 2025 Disability Awareness Sunday resource explores 1 Samuel 16:7 'God looks at the heart', and being 'Made in God's Image'.

Let's build communities where everyone belongs!

There are resources available from 'Through the Roof' and more details can be found here:

<https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>



**Homelessness Sunday is on 5th October** (again, any suitable Sunday would work). This is a chance for churches and communities across the UK to come together in prayer, reflection, and action for those experiencing homelessness and explore how we can all play a part in building a society where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Resources are a bit slow in coming out for this but we are told will be available soon from:

<https://housingjustice.org.uk/cymru>

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**Sharing Our Story - Testimonies**

**Esther Moody, Ministry Area Warden**, shares her faith journey with us today.

*"Jesus was a part of my life from the start, growing up in Papua New Guinea where my parents were missionaries. I thought my calling would take me far, but in a moment of uncertainty, God showed me His plan wasn't about distance—it was about obedience. I prayed, surrendered my own desires, and realised my mission field was right where I was. Through highs and lows, I trust Him completely. He has a plan for you too—keep looking up!"*



You can read Esther's full testimony [here](#)

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**Newport Warm Hub Grants - Now Open For Applications**



We have been made aware that there are Warm Hub grants of **up to £5,000** available from Newport City Council to support community organisations providing warm spaces at their venues across the city of Newport throughout the winter period.

For details of the grant and application process please click [here](#)

To find more information including eligibility and to apply for the grant please go to the [Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations](#) website and complete the online form [here](#)

The closing date for applications is **31st August**.

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**Free Funding for your Church - Just sign up to easyfundraising**



All the leading supermarkets, including **Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Iceland**, and **Ocado** will give free donations to your church when you and other members of your congregation order online from them via easyfundraising, at no extra cost.

**With up to £6 offered per order, on average, just two people could generate £114 of unrestricted funding in a year by doing their regular food shop online!** Many people connected with your church already get their groceries delivered regularly, just imagine how much you could raise if they all ordered through easyfundraising! **With no extra cost to them**, they can help to fund your running costs, events, activities and more.

To get this funding for your church, register to join the easyfundraising network here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/>

**Top tip:** Ordering in refreshments and food supplies for your church can raise money too!

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## Volunteers for Chaplaincy Tent at the Usk Show - Saturday 13th September



Clare Bradly explains why she is looking for volunteers to help out at the [Usk Show](#) on **13th September**.

“We have run a chaplaincy tent at the Usk Show each year since 2016.

The chaplaincy service provides free tea, coffee, squash, and cakes, together with baby changing and feeding facilities, children's play activities and a space to sit. There are also people available for a quiet chat if anyone needs that.

The tent is open from **8:00am** until **5:00pm** and we rely on volunteers to cover this period, so if you would like to help, **even if you can only spare an hour or a two during this time please do get in touch**. We just need to have enough volunteers to help us manage





visitors to the tent during the course of the day.

If you think this might be something you would like to participate in, we are looking for people to help serve refreshments, plus people to work with children when they are there, and also a team of clergy or lay people available just to talk to our visitors. It is not intended that these roles should be especially evangelising, it is just being alongside people.”

Please contact **Clare Bradly** (Coordinator) either by email on [strawberry.flann@twigy.co.uk](mailto:strawberry.flann@twigy.co.uk), or by text on **07952 754744** to let her know what times you can be available and what roles you are offering to help out with.

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### **Sing, smile and shine with St Mark’s Choir - Goldtops, Newport**



**Is your child always humming a tune?**

**Do they love to perform and make new friends?**

**Then they will love being part of St Mark’s Choir!**

St Mark’s are a vibrant, friendly Choir and are looking to develop a Junior Choir to run alongside our already established adult Choir.

St Mark's are looking for boys and girls aged from 11 to 16. They believe that singing should be fun, and their rehearsals are filled with laughter and of course beautiful music.

Your child will learn to read music, build their confidence, and get the chance to sing in services throughout the year. They will sing a mixture of popular hymns, classic tunes, choral works, all while making memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information, please contact **Richard Craig-Langley**, Director of Music by email at: [stmarksgoldtops@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksgoldtops@gmail.com)

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## Eco-Friendly Sanitary Product Disposal

For those churches (and church halls) who have a toilet;

A company called **Fab Little Bags** have created a sustainably sourced disposal bag for tampons and pads.

They have very generously offered a 15% discount to our churches against the 'Dispenser Starter Kit' (priced at £48) until **31**



**August 2025.** Please  
use the code **Church15**  
when ordering.

**Training**

**Safeguarding Training 2025**



The current Safeguarding dates for 2025 are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
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<b>11/09/2025</b>	Thursday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	The Tithe Barn, Monk Street, Abergavenny	NP7 5ND	B
<b>22/10/25</b>	Wednesday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Crucorney	NP7 8DH	B
<b>11/11/25</b>	Tuesday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	St David's Church, Fleur-de-Lis, Blackwood	NP12 3UE	B

Please click [here](#) to check for new dates on the CiW website

The current Safeguarding sessions held online via Zoom are also shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Course
<b>25/09/2025</b>	Thursday	10.00am - 12.30pm	B
<b>15/10/2025</b>	Wednesday	6.00pm - 8.30pm	B
<b>06/11/2025</b>	Thursday	2.00pm - 4.30pm	B - Bell Ringers only
<b>08/11/2025</b>	Saturday	10.00am - 12.30pm	B
<b>18 /11/2025</b>	Tuesday	1.00pm - 3.30pm	B

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**

[Safeguarding Training  
Booking Form - The Church in  
Wales](#)

click on the button



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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**St Mary's Chepstow Choral Evensong - Friday 15th August**



# ST.MARY'S CHEPSTOW CHORAL EVENSONG

With Cardiff Chamber Choir

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
6:30PM

To celebrate the feast day of  
St.Mary, join us for a truly  
special service of prayer with  
superb music, in the stunning  
setting of St.Mary's Priory,  
Chepstow, followed by  
drinks and nibbles.

Free, all welcome



**Pray with Pride - Friday 5th September**





**Newport Cathedral,  
St. Woolos**

**invites you to**

**PRAY WITH PRIDE**

**Friday 5th September 2025**

**7.00pm**

**Preacher;**

**Rev'd Peter Leonard**

**Patron of One Body One Faith**

**Refreshments will be available  
after the service**

**[www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)**

**01633 267464**

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

**Tintern Sung Vespers - Sunday 14th September**



# Tintern Sung Vespers

An Ecumenical Service on the  
Feast of The Holy Cross

**3.00pm Sunday 14th September**  
**Tintern Abbey**

**Speaker** The Rt Revd Brendan Thomas OSB,  
Abbot of Belmont

**Singers** The Monks of Belmont Abbey and  
Newport Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair and umbrella  
• Entry to the Abbey is free for those  
attending the service • Lunches and teas  
available in the village • Free parking



With kind permission of CADW.

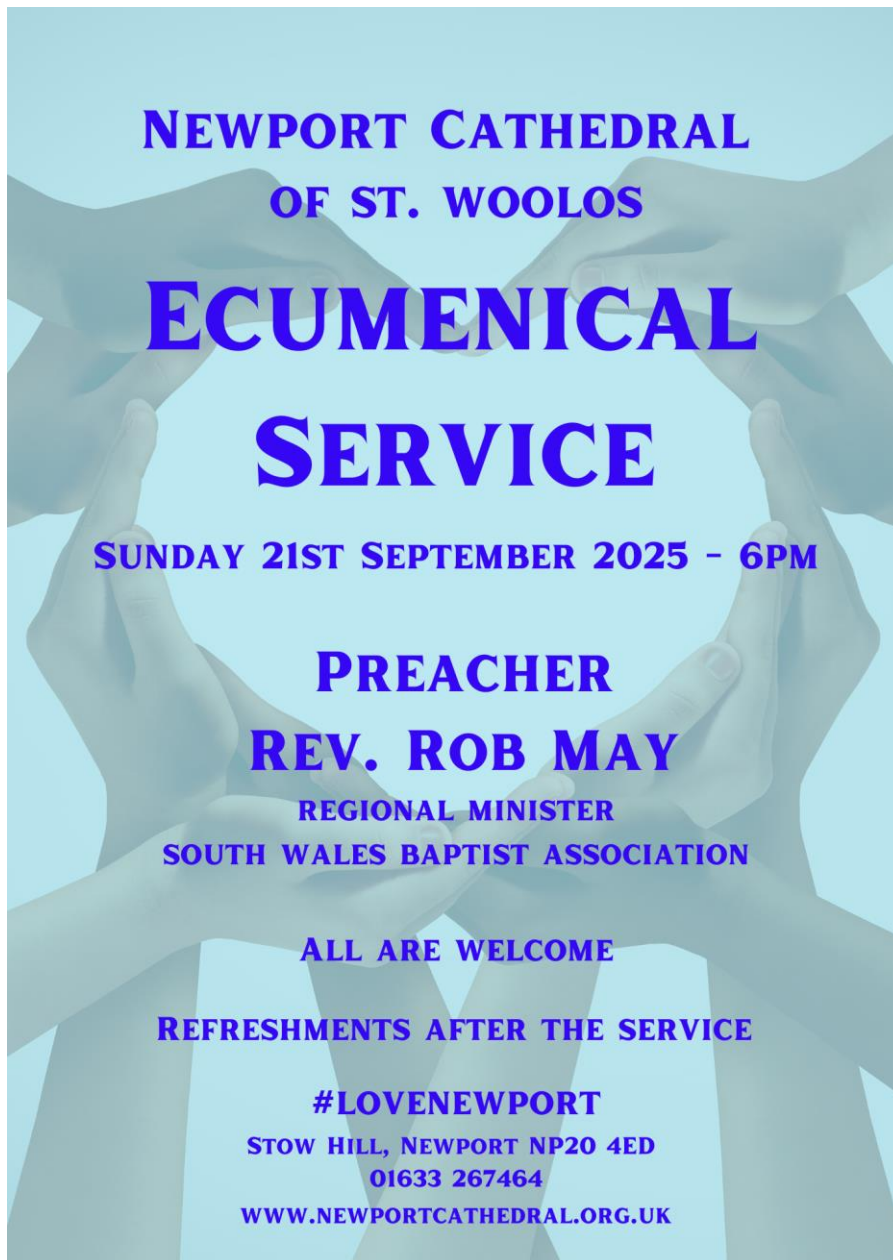
Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

You are all warmly invited to come and join in the Service of Prayers for Peace at the Annual Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey this year. The service begins at **3pm**

on **Sunday 14th September** and the Abbot of Belmont Abbey, **Brendan Thomas** will be preaching.

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**Ecumenical Service with Revd Rob May - Sunday 21st September**

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**NEWPORT CATHEDRAL  
OF ST. WOOLOS**

**ECUMENICAL  
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 - 6PM**

**PREACHER**  
**REV. ROB MAY**  
REGIONAL MINISTER  
SOUTH WALES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE**

**#LOVENEWPORT**  
STOW HILL, NEWPORT NP20 4ED  
01633 267464  
[WWW.NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NEWPORTCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK)

**Anna Chaplaincy Conference - 25th September**



**All Wales Anna Chaplaincy  
Conference, Sarn Village Hall,  
near Newtown, Powys SY16 4EJ**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 2025, 10 – 16 00 hrs**

**Cost £10 including lunch**

**The day will cover:**

- An introduction to Anna Chaplaincy - offering spiritual care to those in later life by Debbie Ducille, Ministry Lead at Anna Chaplaincy, BRF Ministries
- A variety of presentations from Anna Chaplains throughout Wales giving examples of Anna Chaplaincy ministry in their local contexts
- An opportunity to ask questions and sample resources that support Anna Chaplaincy ministry

**To book a place or for further information: email Rev Sally Rees  
[sallyrees50@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrees50@gmail.com)**



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## Raise Up Conference - Saturday 18th October



Join us for **RAISE UP**, an unmissable one-day gathering designed specifically for **children's and family ministry leaders, parent and toddler group teams**, and **church workers** with a heart for the next generation. A day to **refresh your vision, connect with others**, and **leave equipped** to make a lasting impact in your church and community.

Whether you are just starting out or you have been in ministry for years, **RAISE UP** is your space to learn, grow, and be encouraged by others walking the same path.

### What to Expect:

- **Inspiring Keynote Speakers** who will breathe fresh life into your calling
- **Practical Breakout Sessions** tailored to real challenges and opportunities in family ministry
- A dynamic **Q&A Panel** where your questions are heard and answered

- **Live Worship that draws us together in unity and purpose**
- An **Exhibition Hub** full of tools, ideas, and materials to strengthen your ministry
- **Networking Moments** to build friendships, partnerships, and shared wisdom
- **Refreshments** to keep you going throughout the day

Delegates will need to bring their own lunch but there is a Tesco Express (6 min walk) from the church. There is parking available. Refreshments will be available on the day.

**Venue:**

St Marks Church, Cardiff, CF14 3BL

Tickets are available via the following link:

[\*\*RAISE UP: A One-Day Conference for Children & Family Ministry Leaders  
Tickets, Sat 18 Oct 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite\*\*](#)

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**Quiet Days at Ty Mawr Convent - Autumn 2025**

## QUIET DAYS AT TYMAWR CONVENT IN AUTUMN 2025

### **DISTURBED INTO LOVING**

#### **Listening to Wisdom in the life, spirit and teaching of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



Each **Quiet Day** begins at 10.00am with coffee (Terce at 9.30am is optional), followed by our speaker for the day and time for rest and prayer before the midday Eucharist. After a 'bring your own' lunch, our speaker will lead the afternoon session, which will end with Vespers at 3.45pm. There is no charge for the day but donations are welcome. Please book your place for each Quiet Day by email to [\\$SCchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:$SCchaplain@gmail.com) or by post to

The Chaplain, Tymawr Convent, Lydart,  
Monmouth NP25 4RN.

**Tymawr Convent** - We are a small group of women committed to a simple life of contemplative prayer, living a few miles outside Monmouth, South Wales. The convent is situated in 65 acres of gardens, fields and woodlands, which are sustainably managed to produce most of the fruit and vegetables we use. We come from all walks of life and range in age from 30 years to 75 years. Our life is centred on a daily Eucharist and the monastic Offices. We offer hospitality to guests who come on Retreat.

The Society has a large group of Associates, Oblates and Companions who are committed to support the community through their life of prayer. We also welcome women who wish to explore a calling to a contemplative life of prayer or to deepen their prayer life, to live alongside for a period of discernment and formation. If you are drawn to discover more about any of these ways of participating in this life of prayer, please contact the Reverend Mother by letter or email to [reverendmother@tymawrconvent.com](mailto:reverendmother@tymawrconvent.com)

Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent, Lydart,  
Monmouth NP25 4RN. Registered Charity no. 1135334  
General enquiries: [community@tymawrconvent.com](mailto:community@tymawrconvent.com)  
[www.tymawrconvent.org](http://www.tymawrconvent.org)

### **September 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **The Joining of the World and God in Christ with Dr. Eleanor McLaughlin**

An exploration of Bonhoeffer's conviction that the world and God are united in Christ, a conviction that informs the spirituality of our everyday lives; and a reflection on how Bonhoeffer's life experience enables us to stay with the unfinished or incomplete aspects of our personal and communal life.

Eleanor McLaughlin teaches theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon; one of her areas of research is the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. She lives in Oxford with her husband Luke and her cat Bertie.

### **October 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Who is loving us? with Revd. Dr. Tim Boniface**

Reflections on Christ and love in Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tim Boniface has been Chaplain at Girton College, University of Cambridge since 2020, and also works as a professional jazz musician and composer. He has for many years found both challenge and inspiration in studying the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, especially his writings on the person of Jesus. He has written and taught on a number of aspects of Bonhoeffer's work.

### **November 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Christianity – a religion for slaves? with Rt. Revd. Martin Shaw**

Exploring Bonhoeffer's understanding of the demand of Jesus that we obey his command to follow him and the implication of this in resisting power and possessiveness in our personal and corporate life – even a wake-up call.

Martin Shaw is an assistant Bishop of the diocese of Exeter. Throughout his adult life he has been associated with the Society of St Francis. He regards music as an important part of the journey into the inner life.

Tymawr Convent have listed their autumn 2025 Quiet days as **September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

To download a copy of their schedule please click [here](#)

Alternatively, for more details please visit their website at  
<https://tymawrconvent.org/quiet-days-in-2025/>

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**For Your Prayers**

**Roger Evans**

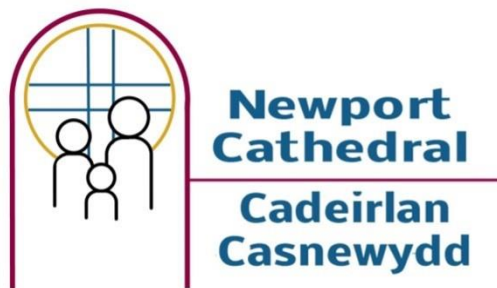
We give thanks for the life of Roger Evans, who passed away suddenly on 30th July 2025. Roger was a reader in Ebbw Vale for a number of years.

Please remember Roger and his family in your prayers.

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## Services

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

[You can watch the service here](#)

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**ESGOBAETH MYNWY - GWASANAETHAU CYMRAEG 2025**



## Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh Services 2025

Dyddiad Date	Amser Time	Lleoliad Venue	Gwasanaeth a Thema Service & Theme
Medi 6 <sup>ed</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / 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	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist: Gŵyl y Grog Eucharist: Holy Cross Day
Hydref 4 <sup>dd</sup> October 4 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Hydref 8 <sup>fed</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Mercher / Wednesday	6.30 y.h 6.30 pm	Cadeirlan Casnewydd / Newport Cathedral, Stow Hill, Casnewydd / Newport, NP20 4EA	Gosber Corawl Choral Evensong
Hydref 11 <sup>eg</sup> October 11 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist Eucharist
Tachwedd 1 <sup>af</sup> November 1 <sup>st</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Tachwedd 8 <sup>fed</sup> November 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist: Sul y Cofio Eucharist: Remembrance
Rhagfyr 6 <sup>ed</sup> December 6 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Sant Thomas / St Thomas Church, St Thomas' Square, Overmonnow, Trefynwy / Monmouth, NP25 5ES	Ewcharist Eucharist
Rhagfyr 8 <sup>fed</sup> December 8 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Llun / Monday	6.30 y.h 6.30 pm	Eglwys Santes Fair / St Mary's Church, Brynbuga / Usk, NP15 1BN	Ewcharist Eucharist
Rhagfyr 13 <sup>eg</sup> December 13 <sup>th</sup> Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday	9.30 y.b. 9.30 am	Eglwys Santes Fair / Priory Church of St Mary's, Church Road, Cas-Gwent / Chepstow, NP16 5HA	Ewcharist Eucharist

All services in Chepstow and Monmouth will be bilingual and suitable for learners: Bydd pob gwasanaeth yn ddwyieithog ac yn addas i ddysgwyr

Amfwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Karen Dent:

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