

Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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

News

Archbishop of Wales' Enthronement Service



The new Archbishop of Wales will be enthroned at a special service this weekend.

Cherry Vann, who is also the Bishop of Monmouth, will be enthroned as the 15th Archbishop of Wales in a national service at Newport Cathedral on **Saturday, November 8**. It follows her election as Archbishop in July, having served as Bishop of Monmouth since 2020.

During the service the Archbishop and fellow Bishops will be greeted by people from across Wales who will bring their words of encouragement and prayers for the ministry of the Archbishop and the whole of the Church in Wales.

Archbishop Cherry will be enthroned in the Archiepiscopal Chair which will be positioned at the head of the nave. The Archiepiscopal Chair is a wooden replica of the Chair of St Augustine in Canterbury Cathedral, and was a gift from the

Archbishop of Canterbury in 1920 when, at its disestablishment, the Church in Wales became a separate Province of the Anglican Communion. The Chair will remain at Newport Cathedral throughout Archbishop Cherry's tenure of office as Archbishop.

Throughout the service, the cathedral will be filled with the sound of music, hymns and anthems.

Representatives from across Welsh churches and the Anglican Communion will be joined at the service by guests from Wales' political, cultural and civic life.

Novena for the Enthronement of Archbishop Cherry Vann



NOVENA FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT

THE MOST REVEREND CHERRY ELIZABETH VANN

BUILDING HOPE

As the Church in Wales prepares with joy for the enthronement of The Most Reverend Cherry Vann as Archbishop of Wales this November, all are invited to join in prayer and reflection.

This Novena offers daily themes inspired by Archbishop Cherry's presidential address to the Governing Body on 18 September 2025.

[Download the novena for the Enthronement of Archbishop Cherry Vann \(PDF\)](#)

The service will begin at 3pm and will be live-streamed (from 2:30pm) to enable everyone to join in.

Music specially chosen by Archbishop Cherry for her enthronement



Music will play a key role in the up-coming enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales, The Most Reverend Cherry Vann and, being a trained musician herself, she has thoughtfully chosen some very meaningful and beautiful pieces for the special service.

Click [here](#) to read more

A local connection for the Archbishop's Enthronement



When the Most Reverend Cherry Vann, Bishop of Monmouth is enthroned as Archbishop of Wales on Saturday, she will be surrounded by some very special items – lovingly made in her home diocese of Monmouth. Find out more...[here](#)

Are you holding an Enthronement Streaming Party on 8th November?

Are you holding a streaming party?

We would love you to tell us about any live streaming parties that you are holding over the weekend to watch and celebrate with Archbishop Cherry on her day of enthronement



So, please send us as many photos as you can on the day, of you watching the live stream so we can share on social media

Please send photos either by email to Monmouthadministration@churchinwales.org.uk

or

via WhatsApp on 07508 801511



Diolch yn fawr

Important! Change in DBS Provider



DBS checks have been temporarily paused following a data breach at our previous provider ([APCS](#)) and the migration to a new, more secure provider ([Verifile](#)).

The pause, expected to last up to two weeks, means the “Initiate DBS Check” function in MyChurchPeople is disabled, and no new applications should be started until further notice. All applicants—whether starting, in progress, or affected by the breach—will be contacted directly with next steps once the new system is ready.

Please share this information widely and remain vigilant about data security.

For more information please see the document linked below:

[Communication on Change in DBS Provider 301025](#)

A selection of books for Advent

Selected by the Prayer and Spirituality Group



A selection of books has been recommended by the Prayer and Spirituality group for reading as we approach Advent.

These books come with recommendations and comments from those who have used them. A sample of the titles featured in the list are below:

Featuring characters in the story

An Advent Book of Days by Gregory Cameron

looks at a 'character' in the Christmas story each day and explores them from the perspectives of scripture, history and legend. There's a prayer with each chapter drawing on the elements of the character.

Walking Backwards to Christmas by Stephen Cottrell

Stephen often writes entirely from his fertile imagination and this is no exception. As the title suggests, he tells the Christmas story backwards, beginning by seeing events through the eyes of Anna, the prophetess and progressing through the angelic host, the shepherds, the innkeeper's wife, Joseph, Elizabeth and Mary.

For further reading recommendations please click on the following link to access and download the full reading list: [A Selection of Books for Advent](#)

Net Zero Survey of the Church in Wales



The Church in Wales wants to hear your thoughts on net zero ahead of a wider discussion at the Governing Body meeting in April 2026.

To gather views from across the Province, Beaufort Research (based in Cardiff) is running a short online survey. It is quick to complete and your input will help guide the Church's response to climate change.

The survey will be shared with MA leaders by the Archdeacons following conference but it can be accessed by all now at:

<https://beaufort.welcomesyourfeedback.net/7330ub>

An overview of the survey can be accessed here to aid your discussions before its completion.

https://churchinwales.contentfiles.net/media/documents/Church_in_Wales_Net_Zero_Questionnaire.pdf

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and the closing date for responses is **Sunday, 30th November 2025**.

Training

Safeguarding Training 2025



The current Safeguarding dates for 2025 are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
11/11/25	Tuesday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	St David's Church, Fleur-de-Lis, Blackwood	NP12 3UE	B
19/11/2025	Wednesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Monmouth Diocesan Office	NP20 4HJ	C
20/11/2025	Thursday	7.00pm 9.00pm	Saint Christopher's Church, Chepstow	NP16 5AF	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
06/11/2025 - Bell Ringers only	Thursday	2.00pm - 4.30pm	B - Bell Ringers only
FULLY BOOKED 08/11/2025	Saturday	10.00am - 12.30pm	B
FULLY BOOKED 18 /11/2025	Tuesday	1.00pm - 3.30pm	B
03/12/2025	Wednesday	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 or by phone on **01633 263510**.

To access the booking form and book your place please click on the button



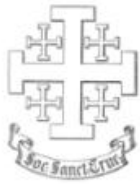
[Safeguarding Training Booking Form - The Church in Wales](#)

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 or by phone on **07956 790330**.

Events

Ty Mawr Convent Quiet Day - Saturday 8th November



Tymawr Convent
Lleianidy Tymawr



Christianity – a religion for slaves?

with Rt. Revd. Martin Shaw

Saturday 8th November - 10:00am to 4:00pm

Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth NP25 4RN

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.

For all bookings and queries please email the Chaplain on
SSCchaplain@gmail.com

St Tewdric's Tower Abseil - Saturday 29th November



**Saturday, 29 November 2025,
09:00am**

**St Tewdric's Tower, Mathern
Road, Chepstow, NP16 6JA**

People from across the diocese are being invited to abseil down a 72ft tower to raise money for charity.

St Tewdric's Church in Chepstow is hosting the charity abseil on **Saturday 29th November** from **9am** and is looking for brave participants to join in.

Funds raised from the event will be donated to both the Severn Area Rescue Association and the St Tewdric's church repair fund.

Revd Barney Pimentel, who will be one of the first to step into the harness make his way down the tower, said: “It would be wonderful if people could join us in this challenge that combines courage, community and compassion!”

Click [here](#) to read more about this event.

Resources

Generosity Week - 23rd to 30th November

A green poster for Generosity Week. The title 'Generosity Week' is in large purple letters. Below it, the tagline 'Living as thankful and generous people' is in blue script. The dates '23rd - 30th Nov 2025' are in white. A cartoon caterpillar is on the left, and a butterfly is on the right. A list of resources is in the center, and a box at the bottom right says 'RESOURCES AVAILABLE NOW!' with links to the diocesan website and email sign-up.

Generosity Week

'Living as thankful and generous people'

23rd - 30th Nov 2025

- Worship Resources
- Intercessions
- Stewardship Calendar
- Generosity Checklists
- Daily Prayers
- Daily Reflections
- Daily Challenges
- and more!

RESOURCES AVAILABLE NOW!

[Find them on our diocesan website](#)

[Daily resources to come by email](#)

[Click here for Generosity Week Resources](#)

Get a Free Autumn Fundraising pack from easyfundraising



Get an autumn fundraising pack for your church

Our fundraising partner easyfundraising has some free online fundraising packs available to help our churches benefit from extra funds this Autumn.

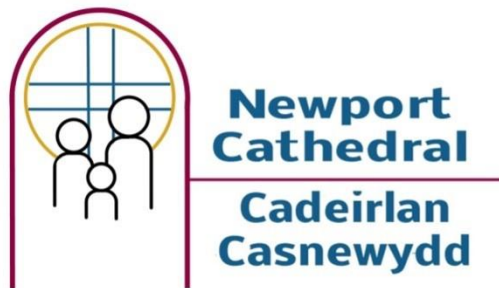
Through easyfundraising, 8,000 retailers including **eBay, John Lewis, Tesco, Booking.com, M&S, Boots, Asda, Screwfix, Waitrose, Argos, Moonpig, Boots, Sainsbury's and Superdrug** will donate money to your church when your parishioners and clergy shop online with them. It doesn't cost your church or your community anything as it's the retailers making the donation, not the shopper.

More online shopping is done over the coming months than the rest of the year combined. To help you ask your church community to support you, easyfundraising will send you a free fundraising pack which explains how it works.

Start here to get your free pack:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/>

Services



Join us for the **Enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales** service from the Cathedral, on **Saturday** at **3:00pm**

[You can watch the Enthronement service here](#)

Join us for the service from the Cathedral, on **Sunday** 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
Tachwedd 8 ^{ed} November 8 th 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 ^{ed} December 6 th 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 ^{ed} December 8 th 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 ^{eg} December 13 th 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:

Karendent@churcheinwales.org.uk

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Vacancies

Children's and Families Pioneer - Tredegar



Children and Families' Pioneer

Full time (Part-time will be considered)

£30,059 (plus 10% employers pension contribution)

We are seeking to recruit a Children and Families' Pioneer to work in Tredegar. As part of a team, you will lead regular activities and events that will impact the lives of children and families so that they can discover the deep love of God. From toddler groups to holiday clubs, school engagement to parenting classes, the opportunities are endless. If you are someone with energy and vision who can make connections and build relationships, we have a supportive team waiting to work with you in this well-resourced project. Together we will plant a new worshipping community based at St George's Church, Tredegar.

This post is suitable for someone who has previously worked with children possibly in a setting such as a school, local authority or church.

Main Tasks:

- Pioneer new initiatives to develop children and families' ministry and expand our outreach in the local area; including appropriate use of the

liturgical calendar and community initiatives such as holiday clubs, and toddler groups.

- Recruit and coach voluntary teams, pastoring all members on the Children and Youth teams.
- Build relationships and partnerships with schools, colleges and community groups, and where applicable, be the first point of contact for them.
- To ensure the Church in Wales constitution, policies, and practises are followed and strong safeguarding practises are embedded into their ethos so that all pipeline activities are a safe space.
- Oversee all child protection, organising training and DBS checks.

This role has a Genuine Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010 for the postholder to be a communicant member of the Church in Wales or of a Church in communion with it or of a Member of CYTUN. If you are unsure, please do be in contact. Satisfactory enhanced DBS checks will be sought.

Interested?

For an informal chat, please contact **David Edwards** on

07494 266748

or email

davidedwards@cinw.org.uk

Interview dates TBC

Children, Youth and Families Worker - Newport



Children, Youth and Families' Worker

Salary: £27,248 - £30,961

Full Time: 37.5 (part-time will be considered)

We have two positions available, one for St. Julians and one St. Stephens in Newport.

As part of a team you will develop and lead activities and events which are both engaging as well as fruitful in developing a discovery of a deep love of God in the lives of the children and their families. From toddler groups, holiday clubs, or parenting classes, the possibilities for activities, which are beneficial for Christian formation are endless!

If you are someone with energy and can make connections and build relationships, who enjoys working in a team, we have a wonderful and supportive ministry team waiting to work with you.

This post is suitable for someone who has previously worked with children, possibly in a setting such as a school, local authority or church.

Main Tasks:

- Support and develop the ongoing activities for children and families within the church.
- Develop the existing programme of children's work that is being delivered.
- Work with the ministry team to develop a clear strategy for the growth of children's and families' work within the church and local community.
- Develop and expand the existing team of volunteers to resource the work with children and families.
- Encourage and support children and family members as they explore the journey of faith.
- Offer a pastoral presence in the church and wider community. Through the development of closer relationships with those who attend events, you will become aware of the needs of families in the ministry area communities.

This role has a Genuine Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010 for the postholder to be a communicant member of the Church in Wales or of a Church in communion with it or of a Member of CYTUN. If you are unsure, please do be in contact. Satisfactory enhanced DBS checks will be sought.

For an informal conversation please contact **Dave Edwards**

on **07494 266748** or Davidedwards@cinw.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at

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

Completed application forms should be submitted by email to:

Davidedwards@cinw.org.uk

Interview dates TBC

Schools Engagement Pioneer x 2 locations



Schools Engagement Pioneer

Salary: £27,248 - £30,828 (dependent on experience)

Hours: Full time 37.5hrs (Part time would be considered)

We are recruiting a further two visionary and enthusiastic school pioneers to join our current team and work on an exciting new project, developing relationships with children and young families through engagement with selected schools. You would be working in Abergavenny or Cefn Forest near Blackwood with the aim of helping to build a new worshipping community.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about working with young people and families, and is confident in sharing faith sensitively as well as being able to be a consistent and trusted Christian presence in schools.

We would be happy to receive applications for either Abergavenny or Cefn Forest specifically, or general applications if you would be happy to work in either location.

If this role sounds exciting to you, we would love to hear from you!

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Interview dates TBC