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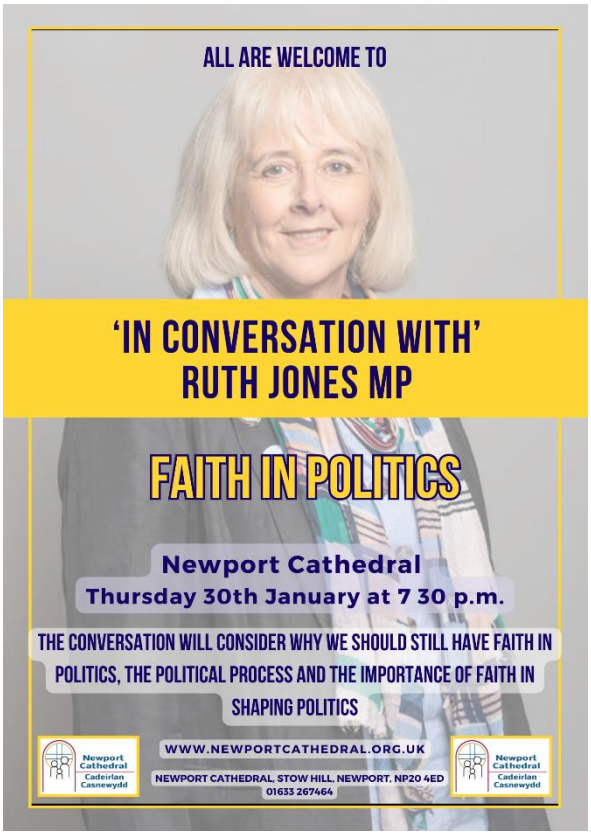
News

In Conversation with Ruth Jones M.P. - 30th January, 7:30pm



In Conversation with Ruth Jones M.P. Thursday 30th January at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral

The topic is 'Faith in Politics' and the conversation will consider why we should still have faith in politics, and the political process, and the importance of faith in shaping politics.

All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan Choral Festival - 2nd February

Church choirs and singers from across Monmouth Diocese are invited to join the Cathedral Choir to sing a Festal Evensong for Candlemas on **Sunday 2nd February 2025**.

A **2:30pm rehearsal** precedes the **service at 4pm** which is followed by refreshments.

For further information and to register as part of the massed choir, please contact **Tom Coxhead**, Director of Music at Newport Cathedral Tomcoxhead@newportcathedral.org.uk.

Those who wish to show their support for the musical life of the diocese are most welcome, and encouraged to attend the service.

Clergy who wish to robe (cassock and surplice and white stole – it will be Festal Evensong for Candlemas) should contact Luise.Bannister@newportcathedral.org.uk to ensure a seat is available for you.

An Update on the Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Scheme

The CinW have received an update about the LPW scheme from the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance, who are encouraging local churches to urge Government not to scrap the scheme.

The Representative Body have contributed to various items of correspondence with Government, but it is now considered a good time for a wider lobbying campaign from our churches.

The **Listed Places of Worship (LPW) scheme** was introduced by Gordon Brown in 2000. The LPW Scheme provides a grant equivalent to the cost of VAT on repair and maintenance work and associated professional fees on listed churches. The funding is provided by the Department for Culture Media and Sport. This is presently due to expire on 31 March 2025.

It is very important that this funding should be renewed. As VAT is chargeable on all repairs to listed churches, its removal would add 20% to the cost of projects.

DCMS has confirmed that the future of the Scheme beyond March 2025 will be a matter for the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. DCMS explained that they are now in **a period of business planning within DCMS** which will determine what happens with the Scheme once the current funding arrangements expire at the end of March 2025. They hope to get an answer on the Scheme as soon as they can, as they know the sector needs clarity on future arrangements.

On 16 December, Adam Dance MP (Liberal Democrat) tabled an Early Day Motion calling for the renewal of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, highlighting its importance in maintaining historic places of worship across the UK. The motion was supported by 15 MPs. Written questions on the scheme were also raised by the Lord Bishop of St Albans and Ed Morello MP. Read the full Early Day Motion here **https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/62914**

Possible action: National bodies are continuing to make representations to the government at a national level, and it is not too late to write to the Culture Secretary if you have direct experience of the Scheme and haven't already written. It would add considerable weight to the case if the views of individual places of worship are heard. You can send your email to The Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, 1st Floor, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ **enquiries@dcms.gov.uk**

It is our advice that it is also worth writing to your MP as this will encourage them to make direct representations to the Secretary of State at the DCMS. So, if you have recently completed works or are contemplating projects and explain what the LPW Scheme means to your place of worship and perhaps invite him/her to your place of worship to see the benefits.

Seeking New Voices for Choir at St Marks, Goldtops

Calling All Singers! My name is Richard Craig-Langley, and I'm the newly appointed Organist and Director of Music at St Marks, Goldtops, Newport. I am seeking New Voices!

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a friendly and supportive community of musicians? The choir is a mixed choir of voices performing classical, modern and choral music.

We are currently seeking new members to join our vibrant group.

Auditions are not required.

Rehearsals are held on Friday at 7:30pm at the Church on Goldtops in Newport.

For more information, please contact myself at **rcraiglangley@gmail.com**

We look forward to hearing from you!

Training

Safeguarding Training 2025

Safeguarding dates for 2025 have now been released and are shown below:

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
18/01/2025	Saturday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	St Teilo's, Llantilio Pertholey	NP7 6NT	B
27/01/2025	Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	St Stephen and St Tathan, Caerwent	NP26 5AY	B
11/02/2025	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Monmouth Diocesan Office, Caerau Road, Newport	NP20 4HJ	B
20/03/2025	Thursday	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Magor Church Centre, Magor	NP26 3ET	C

For those who cannot make it to one of the above sessions the following online Zoom sessions are also available:

Date	Day	Time	Course
22/01/2025	Wednesday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	B
29/01/2025	Wednesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	B
10/02/2025	Tuesday	10.30am - 12.30pm	B
25/02/2025	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	B
18/03/2025	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	B
07/04/2025	Monday	1.30pm - 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

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Safeguarding Training Booking Form - The Church in Wales

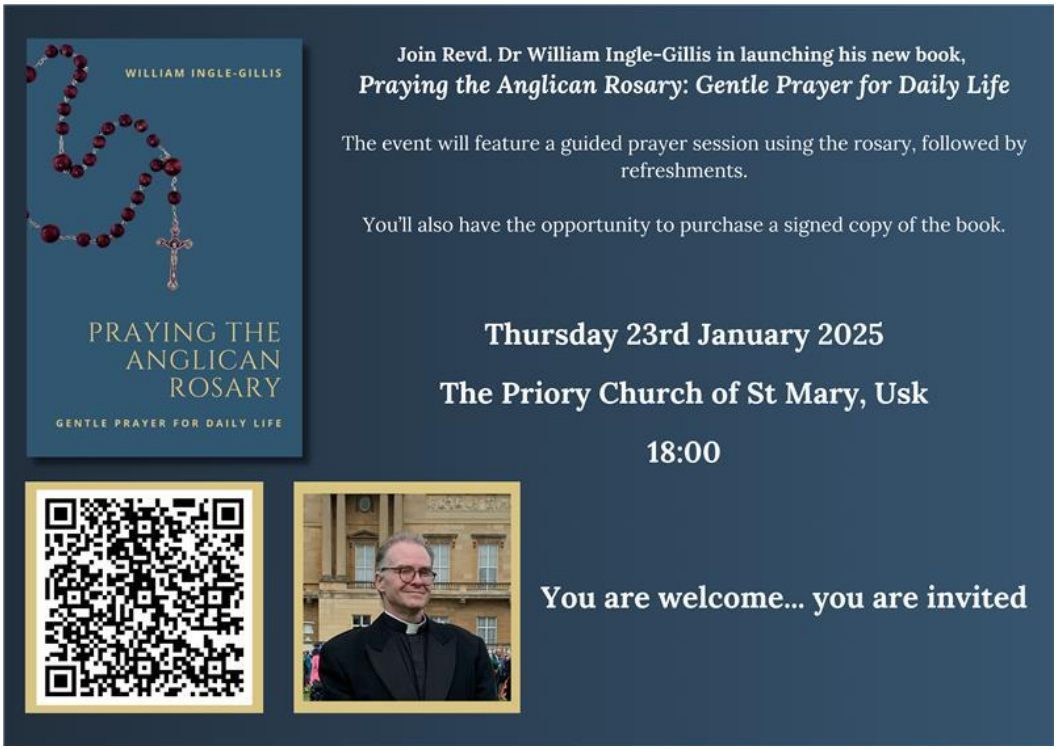
Contact details for all of the safeguarding team can be found here:

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

Praying The Anglican Rosary (Guided prayer session) - 23rd January



No, praying with beads is not "just for Catholics"; it's for us all! A deceptively simple way to pray more richly and effectively, the Anglican (Episcopal) rosary is ripe for your exploration.

In Praying the Anglican Rosary, Revd. Dr William Ingle-Gillis highlights exciting possibilities for prayer by bringing a time-honoured Christian practice, praying with beads, together with holy scripture and the rich heritage of the Anglican liturgical tradition. With prayers for morning and evening; the liturgical year; feasts days; and a wide variety of personal intentions, this book offers new paths to help us encounter God afresh just by making what time and space we can.

To celebrate the launch of his book, Father William is hosting a guided prayer session using the rosary, followed by refreshments. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book. You are welcome … and invited …

Thursday 23rd January 2025

The Priory Church of St Mary, Usk

18:00

For more information, contact Father William on **williaminglegillis@cinw.org.uk** or 07722 500 805

Please scan the QR code to register your attendance or click on this link **https://forms.gle/jCD3k4N5BP3jbkxWA**

Praying the Anglican Rosary: Gentle Prayer for Daily Life can be purchased via Amazon.

Celebrating Chaplaincy - 26th January

We are once again holding a service at the Cathedral to celebrate chaplaincy and the wonderful ministries undertaken by our chaplains in a whole variety of contexts.

Chaplains meet and work alongside people that clergy and the local church congregations, on the whole, don't have the opportunity to meet. We have chaplains not only in hospitals, prisons and places of education, but with the armed forces, seafarers and members of the deaf community – and other places too!

This year, we are pleased to welcome another four chaplains to share their experiences with us:

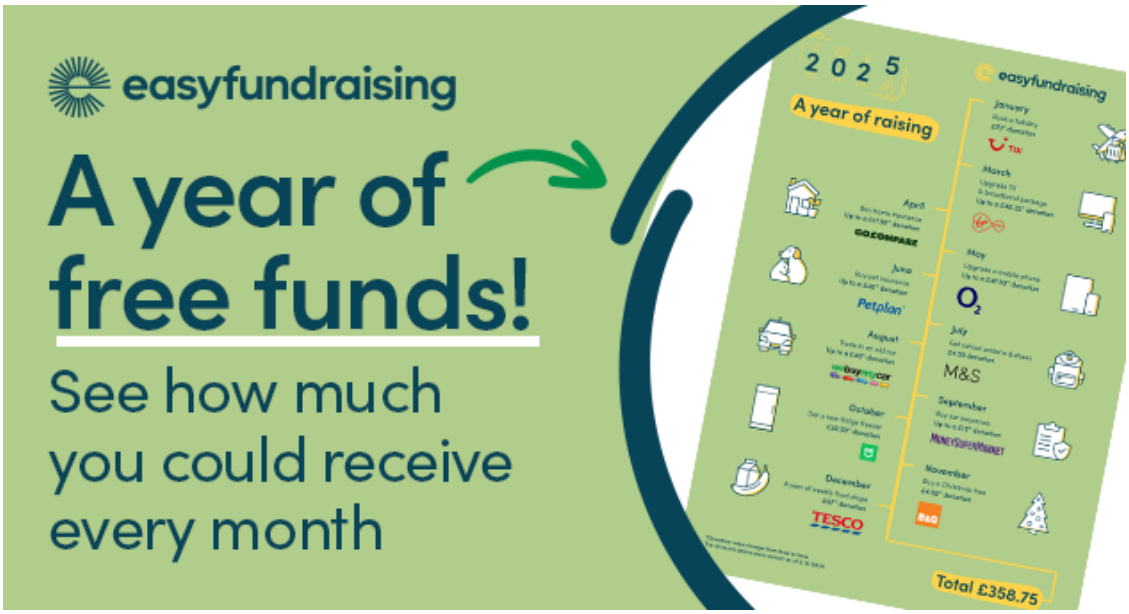
- Revd Canon Tim Clement, who will be speak about chaplaincy in a rural/farming context
- Revd Elizabeth Gregory, the newly licensed Chaplain at HMP Usk
- Revd Bernard Jones, will speak about his work as a RAF Wing Chaplain
- Revd Dr Alycia Timmis, will speak about her work as the new Chaplain in Monmouth Haberdashers School

The 2025 celebration is being held at **4pm** on **Sunday January 26th**.

We will be hearing from four chaplains about their roles and offering prayers and hymns chosen by some of them. Please do come along to support, pray for and celebrate these vital ministries and so encourage the people who serve God's world in this way.

Resources

A year of free funds from easyfundraising



Over a year, just one person could raise £358 for your church for free without doing anything other than shopping online. Imagine what a group of people could do. And what you could buy for your church.

Join easyfundraising to find out. They work with over 8,000 online retailers, so your church can receive free donations when your congregation and clergy shops online.

£358 can be raised by one person through those big annual one-off purchases like holidays, insurance, but let's not forget the everyday items. A last-minute birthday present from Etsy or a jumper from John Lewis can also earn your church smaller but more frequent donations.

A new year with new fundraising goals should start with a new way to raise. Find out how here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/

The Ministry of Fundraising

Hello and Happy New Year!

Welcome to The Ministry of Fundraising, a new biweekly section of The Midweek Mailing. This section aims to provide insights into the world of fundraising for your church, updates on upcoming grant deadlines, practical tips to enhance your campaigns, and reflections on the role of fundraising as a ministry within the church.

Let us begin with a prayer:

“O God, Grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Fundraising is something we are all familiar with, both in our church communities and in wider society. Most churches have engaged in some form of fundraising, whether it’s a jumble sale to repair a damaged pipe organ or a large grant application for major restoration work.

When money and faith intersect, it can sometimes spark questions or debate. Yet fundraising is deeply rooted in the mission and history of the church. For example, during the medieval period, churches used the sale of “brick-a-brack” to raise funds. In 1386, the aforementioned

jumble sales contributed to the cost of construction for the Duomo in Milan, the third-largest church building in the world.

This is just a glimpse into the fascinating history of church fundraising. In the coming weeks, we'll explore more stories, provide practical advice, and highlight the spiritual importance of this ministry.

Let us keep in our prayers all those seeking funds to support the good works and mission of our church here in Wales today. If you have stories, tips, or challenges to share, we'd love to hear from you as we journey together in this ministry of generosity and faith.

Blessings,

Cal Glanville-Ellis

Grants and Fundraising Officer Llandaff/Monmouth

For Your Prayers

Donald Pope

We give thanks for the life of Revd Donald Pope who passed away peacefully on 14th December, aged 89 years.

Donald was Rector at Grosmont for many years and Abergavenny Area Dean.

Donald is survived by his wife Marie, his children Mark, Carol, Jonathan and Sarah, and grandchildren Katie, Jessica and Grace.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Donald's funeral is taking place on Friday 17th January at 11.00am, at St. Paul's Church, Church Drive, Parkend, Lydney GL15 4HQ prior to Interment at Lydney Cemetery.

Services

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

You can watch the service here

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Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2025 / Welsh services 2025

Date Dyddiad	Time Amser	Venue Lleoliaeth	Service & Theme Gwasanaeth & Thema
Chwefror 11eg February 11th Tuesday / Dydd Mawrth	7pm/y.h	St Ederyn's Church	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mawrth 8ed March 8th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist Y Garawys / Lent
Ebrill 12fed April 12th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	11am/y.b	St David, Beaufort	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mai 10fed May 10th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am / y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Mehefin 15fed June 15th Sunday / Dydd Sul	4 pm / y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan.	Choral Evensong Gosber
Gorfennaf 3ydd July 3rd Thursday / Dydd Lau	7pm	St Dyfrig's Church, Llanrumney	Eucharist Ewcharist
Gorfennaf 12fed July 12th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist
Medi 13eg September 13th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas, Monmouth	Eucharist Ewcharist Holy Cross Day / Gŵyl y Grog
Hydref 8fed October 8th Wednesday / Dydd Mercher	6.30 pm / y.h.	Cathedral Cadeirlan	Choral Evensong Gosber
Tachwedd 8fed November 8th Saturday / Dydd Sadwrn	9.30 am /y.b.	St Thomas Monmouth	Eucharist: Remembrance Ewcharist: Sul y Gofio
Rhagfyr 8fed December 8th Monday / Dydd Llun	6.30 pm / y.h.	St Mary Usk	Eucharist Ewcharist

Amfwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Ruth Willis: ruth_willis05@hotmail.com
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Vacancies

Team Vicar - Abergavenny MA

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ABERGAVENNY 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 The Reverend Lea Ryder
on **07801 749120** or **LeaRyder@cinw.org.uk**
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**
Closing date for applications: 30th January 2025
Interview date to be confirmed

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Hub Church Coordinator - Saints Tredegar

Join Our Team as a Hub Church Coordinator!

Are you passionate about fostering community and supporting innovative ministry? Saints Tredegar, part of the Diocese of Monmouth, is seeking a **Hub Church Coordinator** to provide vital social media and administrative support for our vibrant hub church initiative.

Role Highlights:

- Location: St George's Church, Church Street, Tredegar, NP22 3DU.
- Hours: Part-time, 18.75 hours per week.
- Salary: £25,314 (full-time equivalent).
- Contract: 5-year fixed term.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act as a recognisable face and point of contact for the hub church.
- Collaborate on communication strategies and create and distribute engaging digital and physical publicity materials.
- Ensure compliance with safeguarding, GDPR, and health & safety.
- Support budget tracking and resource requests.
- Provide administrative support for hub church activities and operations.

About You: We're looking for an organised, proactive individual with strong communication skills and a commitment to the values of the Church in Wales. Experience in social media/ content creation along with administrative capabilities is ideal. Proficiency in a variety of digital tools ranging from Office 365-to-Canva, will be an advantage.

Why Join Us? This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role in a mission-focused, people-centred church community, aiming to reach under-40s and create a vibrant, multi-generational space for worship and belonging.

For an informal conversation please contact
Adrian Davila on **07984 982978** or **adriandavila@cinw.org.uk**

Application form and full profile available
at **https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/**

Closing Date: 6th February 2025
Interview date: To be confirmed.
Start Date: (negotiable)

Applications should be submitted by email to Adrian Davila **adriandavila@cinw.org.uk**

Team Vicar - Netherwent MA

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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

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

Closing date for applications: Monday 10th February 2025
Interviews to take place shortly after