Esgobaeth Mynwy

Diocese of Monmouth



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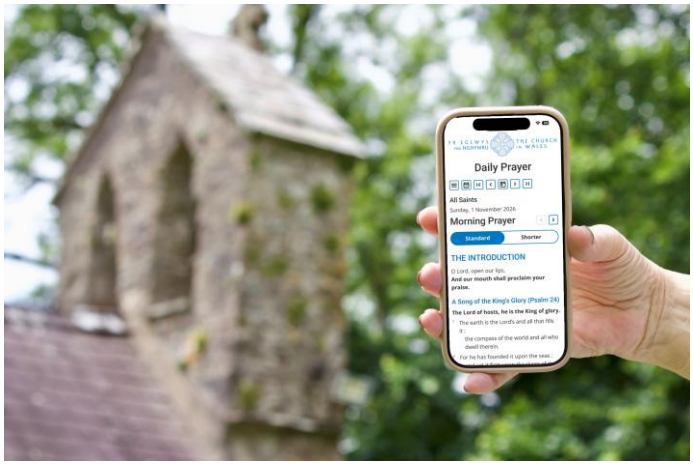
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News

The Church in Wales Launches Daily Prayer App



The Church in Wales's second digital app, the **Daily Prayer App** has been launched – another important step in making the worship resources of the Church in Wales more accessible, helping people to engage with daily prayer wherever and whenever they need it.

The app brings together two of the Church in Wales's most popular publications, *Daily Prayer* (2009) and *Daily with God* (2024), making these resources available in a convenient digital format, following the successful model of the Digital Lectionary App.

The Daily Prayer App will be released in two phases. The first, **Personal Devotion**, enables users to access Morning, Midday, Evening and Compline (Night) Prayer on their phone, laptop or other digital devices. Each service is presented in a clear, easy-to-use format, incorporating introductions, Bible readings, blessings, canticles, prayers, creeds and conclusions. The app is available in both Welsh and English and is free to use.

You can access the app here: **apps.churchinwales.org.uk**.

Both the Digital Lectionary and the new Daily Prayer App will be available from the same online location. The older version of the Digital Lectionary will be withdrawn in due course.

Coming Soon: Service Sheet Creation

The second phase of the app will introduce a **Service Sheet Creation** facility. This will allow users to build a service by selecting the required elements using simple, intuitive buttons. Once the selections have been made, the service text can be downloaded in Welsh, English or both languages.

A launch date for this second phase has yet to be announced, but it is expected to be available soon.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2027 - Bible Society



Lots of people ask for details of the Bishop's Lent appeal in good time! For the 2027 appeal, we will be supporting the work of the Bible Society in the Middle East.

The reality is that politics seems to be failing so many of the people in the Bible Lands. We're praying for peace and for transformation in the places Jesus lived and those prayers are powerful.

But, in supporting the Bible Society, we can do even more than that. Generous donations to the Lent appeal enable a practical response based around God's word. In all these divided communities, you are opening the Bible and allowing it to speak hope into desperate times.

Some examples of help being given (others will follow as we approach Lent)

Trauma Healing is widely available

'*People are really traumatised*,' said Victor Kalisher, who leads the team in Jerusalem. '*We've started translating resources into Hebrew for the first time to guide people through a spiritual trauma healing. And together with that, we provide a Bible.*'

Bible Society's Trauma Healing programme, which brings Scripture to mental health support, has changed lives around the world. Your contribution, especially right now, is bringing proven help to people suffering the emotional consequences of war. And the trauma healing resources are available across communities in the Hebrew and Arabic languages.

Palestinians are hearing God's word

Among Palestinians, Nashat Filmon is sharing a message of hope and restoration. This message is shocking in the circumstances, not only in devastated Gaza but also in the West Bank, where tens of thousands are internally displaced, many having fled refugee

camps. But Nashat and his team are confident that their message of hope is God's word for the people they serve.

Nashat said: '*The principles we seek are rooted in the teachings of Jesus. Our mission is to bring these principles to life for all those affected and traumatised by this ongoing crisis*.'

In addition to providing practical and emotional support, the team is sharing God's word across media in their communities. Your donations enable them to give out Bibles, open Scripture in study groups, and widely declare the message at a time when it's most needed.

The Bible is inspiring peace

Reaching Israel's Arab citizens, Dina Katanacho's team in Nazareth remains committed to using the Bible to raise a generation of peacemakers. The war has made this outreach even more crucial but also a lot more difficult. Communities in northern Israel, which is the main area of their work, suffer bombardment and evacuation.

'*We're trusting in God's faithfulness amid uncertainty*,' said Dina. She's encouraged to have your support as she struggles to inspire major change through engagement with the Bible. Through summer camps, anti-bullying sessions in schools, and sharing Bibles with children and adults, they're promoting Bible-based cultural change.

Fancy finding out more about Eco Church?

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Across the diocese, recent Eco Workshops have shown that the Eco Church programme is about far more than environmental action.

Time and again, it is drawing in people who may have little other connection with church, creating new opportunities for engagement, conversation and mission.

Caring for creation becomes a powerful way of sharing our faith and serving our communities.

There is much to celebrate. So far, 48 churches have achieved a Bronze award, 9 have reached Silver, and 1 has attained Gold. The Diocesan Office also holds a Silver award. Yet this is only the beginning. Another 33 churches have already registered and are well placed to join those numbers.

Imagine the impact if even more of our churches took this next step. The awards are practical, achievable and designed to support churches of every size and setting. Bronze is a fantastic place to start, and every action taken helps us become better stewards of God's creation while strengthening our witness in our communities.

If you're interested in finding out more, please be in touch with Archdeacon Ian Rees at **archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk** or take a look at the **A Rocha website**

Give Back Friday!



‘Black Friday’ seems to get bigger every year. Stores are all competing for customers and it can become all about what you can get – snagging the best deal and making huge savings. But this year it can also be about generosity. Give your parishioners the opportunity to turn ‘Black Friday’ into ‘Give Back Friday’ instead! 70% of shoppers will do their Christmas shopping online this year - this shopping can turn into funding for your church!

8,000 popular online shops including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Waterstones and Moonpig will **donate money whenever your parishioners (or their friends and family) shop** with them online. To join in for ‘Give Back Friday’, register your church with funding website easyfundraising here: **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-monmouth/**

Events

Diocesan Quiet Day - 3rd December



The Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group invite you to a Diocesan Quiet Day

The COLOURS of ADVENT

Thursday 3rd December

9:45am - 3:45pm

St Mary's Priory and Church, MONMOUTH

As the bustle and busyness of the pre-Christmas season builds up, this is an opportunity to step aside for some spiritual preparation. Using the colours of Advent and the Advent wreath as prompts, we'll reflect on some eternal Christian themes: penitence, faithfulness, desire, gratitude.

The day will be structured as short talks each hour followed by time to reflect and pray.

Hot drinks will be provided but bring your own lunch. Parking in nearby car parks.

Contact: Rev Janet Bone

revjanetbone@gmail.com ☎ 07748 344161

Quiet Day at Ty Mawr Convent - CANCELLED

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Unfortunately, this event, which was due to be held this Saturday, has been cancelled due to illness.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026 - 15th November



Churches across the UK are being encouraged to take part in Safeguarding Sunday on **15 November 2026**, coinciding with Adult Safeguarding Week. This annual initiative provides an opportunity for congregations to celebrate their commitment to creating safe, welcoming environments for everyone and to reflect on safeguarding as an essential part of Christian ministry.

This year's theme, "Love Protects," is inspired by 1 Corinthians 13 and reminds us that safeguarding is, at its heart, an expression of Christian love. Rather than being viewed as an external requirement or administrative task, safeguarding is about protecting those in our care and demonstrating our commitment to the wellbeing, dignity and flourishing of every person.

To support churches in marking the day, safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight (31:8) has developed a comprehensive range of resources. These include a planning guide that can be used to shape part or all of a worship service, together with adaptable resources suitable for a variety of local contexts. Resources are available to churches once they have registered to participate.

The Church in Wales safeguarding team is working alongside diocesan colleagues to promote the initiative throughout the Province. Information is also being shared through the Ministry Area Safeguarding Officer (MASO) network, and churches are warmly encouraged to take part as part of their wider commitment to safeguarding and care.

How to Get Involved

- Register your church for **Safeguarding Sunday.**
- Access worship resources and planning materials after registration.
- Learn more about the campaign and the "Love Protects" theme: **About Safeguarding Sunday** and here **Frequently Asked Questions**. For this year's **Theme: Love Protects**
- Incorporate safeguarding messages into worship, prayers, teaching and community life around 15 November.

Safeguarding is a responsibility shared by the whole Church. By participating in Safeguarding Sunday, churches can demonstrate that creating safe environments is not simply a compliance exercise, but a practical outworking of Christ's command to love and care for one another.

For further information and registration details, visit the **Safeguarding Sunday website** and explore the resources available through **Thirtyone:eight**.

Training

Safeguarding Training Dates



Date	Day	Start Time	Location	Postcode	Course
12/11/2026	Thursday	7.00pm - 9.30pm	Magor Christian Centre	NP26 3ET	B
18/11/2026	Wednesday	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Bellringers Module B - Online	Zoom	B

Please check CiW website for updates



Date	Day	Time	Course
18/11/2026 Bellringers only	Wednesday	6.00pm - 8.30pm	B
FULL 01/12/2026	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.30pm	B

Please check CiW website for updates

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

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

Meet the team - The Church in Wales

The Provincial Safeguarding Officer for Monmouth Diocese is **Colin Taylor**

Email: **colintaylor@cinw.org.uk**

Phone: **07956 790330**

Grants and Funding

Diocesan Growth Fund

Faith in our Future

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One of the priorities of our diocesan vision, *Faith in our Future*, is to encourage, support and equip our Ministry Areas to grow.

To help resource that work, the Diocesan Board of Finance has established a new Diocesan Church Growth Fund.

The fund will provide grants of up to £10,000 per Ministry Area to support locally-led projects that encourage evangelism, deepen community engagement and contribute to church growth.

We are keen to support ideas that are rooted in your Ministry Area's planning and vision. We will hopefully be working with your ministry area soon on the MA Planning Tool and this will be an excellent opportunity to consider whether additional resources are required for new initiatives. Projects do not need to be large or complicated. We are looking for clear ideas, local commitment and a desire to help people encounter the Gospel and become part of flourishing Christian communities.

The application process has been designed to be simple and proportionate. We are interested in:

- What you want to do
- Why it matters

- What outcomes you hope to see
- How it fits within your Ministry Area plans
- How your Ministry Area will support the project

Applications will be considered by the Growth Fund Committee four times each year.

As part of our supportive and relational approach, the committee will arrange a conversation or visit to learn more about your proposal during the application process.

A year after receiving funding, successful projects will be invited to share their experience with the committee so that learning and good practice can benefit Ministry Areas across the diocese.

Full details and application requirements can be found **here**

To apply for the fund please complete this **application form**

We look forward to hearing your ideas and seeing how God continues to grow His Church across the Diocese of Monmouth.

Net Zero Newport Decarbonisation Programme

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Newport-based community groups, charities and organisations may be eligible for support through the **Net Zero Newport Decarbonisation Programme**.

The programme aims to help organisations reduce energy costs, cut carbon emissions, and contribute to Newport's goal of becoming net zero by 2050. It offers free technical advice, decarbonisation support, and grant funding towards energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Applications are now open for 2026/27. For more information please click **here**

Other Grant Resources



Easyfundraising Impact Fund

The Impact Fund from easyfundraising is currently open for application from UK not-for-profit organisations, including churches and religious organisations. The fund is offering 15 unrestricted grants of £1,000, designed to help organisations continue or enhance their work in the community. **Applications are open until 8 November 2026.**

The grants can be used for a wide range of purposes, including equipment, volunteer expenses, activities, facility improvements, projects, or essential running costs.

Applicants will be assessed on the community impact of the funding, who will benefit, and how the grant will create a lasting benefit for the organisation and those it serves. For churches looking for a straightforward funding opportunity to support outreach community activities, or day-to-day ministry, this could be a valuable source of additional funding.

Further details and application guidance are available through the easy fundraising website:

Apply for an unrestricted £1,000 grant | Impact Fund | easyfundraising

The Macaulay Moat Foundation offers grants of up to £5,000 per year to organisations across England and Wales where funding can make a meaningful difference. The Foundation has a particular interest in supporting Church Outreach projects that address social needs within local communities, alongside organisations providing dedicated autism support.

Grants can support a wide range of costs, including projects, staffing, equipment, and core organisational expenses, although building repair and renovation projects are not eligible. Applications are accepted throughout the year and assessed three times annually. Click **here** for more information and eligibility criteria.



Church Grants Database - click **here** for instructions on how to use this resource.

You can also use the **Grants Strategy Template**. This template is designed to help you plan and organise applications using the opportunities you find through Church Grants.

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme - Full guidance, eligibility criteria and application details are available on the WCVA website **here**

Welsh Church Acts Fund - For more information and to check eligibility criteria please click on the link below:

https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-grants/grants-for-communities/welsh-church-fund/welsh-church-acts-fund-application-criteria

Bernard Sunley Foundation - For more information including eligibility and to apply for funding please click on the link below:

https://bernardsunley.org/our-grant-giving/community/

If you need support with these or any grant-related work, please contact calumglanville-ellis@churchinwales.org.uk

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Services

Services at Newport Cathedral

Join us for the **Kingdom II Remembrance service** from the Cathedral, on

Sunday, 8th November at **10:30am**

You can watch the service here

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Gwasanaethau Cymraeg Esgobaeth Mynwy

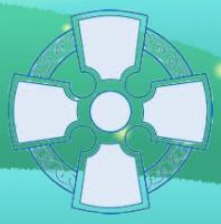
Hoffech chi dderbyn y cymun yn Gymraeg?
Ydych chi'n hoffi canu / clywed emynau Cymraeg?

Would you like to receive Communion in Welsh?
Do you enjoy singing or listening to Welsh hymns?

Ffydd yn ein Dyfodol

Faith in our Future
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Croeso i bawb!
Everybody welcome!



Amserlen / Time table

Hydref / October	Amser / Time	Lleoliad / Location
Dydd Sadwrn 3 Hydref Saturday 3 October	9:30am	Eglwys Sant Thomas, Trefynwy St Thomas , Monmouth
Dydd Sul 4 Hydref Sunday 4 October	11am	Eglwys Crist, Ffordd y Gogledd, Y Fenni Christ Church, North Street, Abergavenny
Dydd Sadwrn 10 Hydref Saturday 10 October	9:30am	Eglwys Santes Fair, Cas-gwent St Mary, Chepstow
Dydd Sul 18 Hydref Saturday 18 October	9:30am	Cadeirlan Casnewydd Newport Cathedral
Tachwedd / November		
Dydd Sul 1 Tachwedd Sunday 1 November	11am	Eglwys Crist, Ffordd y Gogledd, Y Fenni Christ Church, North Street, Abergavenny
Dydd Sadwrn 7 Tachwedd Saturday 7 November	9:30am	Eglwys Sant Thomas, Trefynwy St Thomas , Monmouth
Dydd Sadwrn 14 Tachwedd Saturday 14 November	9:30am	Eglwys Santes Fair, Cas-gwent St Mary, Chepstow
Rhagfyr / December		
Dydd Sadwrn 5 Rhagfyr Saturday 5 December	9:30am	Eglwys Sant Thomas, Trefynwy St Thomas , Monmouth
Dydd Sul 6 Rhagfyr Sunday 6 December	11am	Eglwys Crist, Ffordd y Gogledd, Y Fenni Christ Church, North Street, Abergavenny
Dydd Sadwrn 12 Rhagfyr Saturday 12 December	9:30am	Eglwys Santes Fair, Cas-gwent St Mary, Chepstow
Dydd Llun 14 Rhagfyr Monday 14 December	Y Nadolig 11am	Eglwys Sant Cadog, Rhaglan St Cadoc Church, Raglan

Esgobaeth Mynwy - Gwasanaethau Cymraeg 2026

Amfwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Karen Dent: **Karendent@churchinwales.org.uk**
For further information contact Karen Dent: **Karendent@churchinwales.org.uk**

Vacancies

Chaplaincy Support & Communications Worker

Chaplaincy360 is currently seeking to appoint a full-time Chaplaincy Support and Communications Worker.

Location: Treforest Campus (with travel across sites)

Hours: Full-time (including occasional evenings and weekends)

About Chaplaincy360

Chaplaincy360 is a values-led chaplaincy offering holistic pastoral, spiritual, and community support across the University of South Wales. Rooted in inclusive, multi-faith engagement, it fosters belonging, supports wellbeing, and encourages respectful dialogue across cultures, faiths, and worldviews.

About the Role

This is a varied and rewarding role combining **administration, communications, and digital engagement**. You will support the Chaplaincy's mission by ensuring its work is well-coordinated, visible, and impactful across both physical and digital spaces.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide administrative support to Chaplaincy leadership
- Coordinate meetings, events, and chaplaincy activities
- Create and manage engaging digital content (website and social media)
- Support student engagement, wellbeing initiatives, and community-building
- Assist in the day-to-day running of the Chaplaincy centre (Meeting House)
- Work collaboratively with staff, students, and volunteers

About You

You will be:

- Committed to pastoral care and faith-based values
- Highly organised with strong communication skills
- Confident working in a **multi-faith, multicultural environment**
- Digitally capable, including social media and content creation

- Empathetic, discreet, and collaborative in your approach

Desirable:

Experience in social media management, video editing, or community work.

Why Join Chaplaincy360?

You will be part of a welcoming, inclusive, and values-driven community, contributing to the wellbeing and spiritual life of students and staff across the university.

Expressions of Interest and further information including salary:

Rev Michelle Romaniw

michelle.Romaniw@southwales.ac.uk

Tel: 01443 654060

Closing Date for Applications: 15th November 2026

Administrator - Mynydd Bedwellte MA



About the Role:

The Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area is seeking a highly organised and reliable Administrator to support the life and work of the church community.

This is a varied and rewarding role, providing essential administrative support to clergy, volunteers and church officers, helping ensure the smooth coordination of activities, effective communication, and strong organisational processes across the Ministry Area.

This role plays a key part in enabling the mission and ministry of the Church in Wales at a local level.

Key Responsibilities

- Managing emails, telephone calls and general enquiries in a professional manner
- Maintaining diaries, calendars and appointments
- Supporting the organisation of meetings and events, including taking minutes
- Preparing letters, notices and general communications
- Maintaining accurate filing systems (digital and physical)
- Updating and managing database systems (including ChurchSuite)
- Ensuring records are maintained in line with GDPR requirements

- Supporting clergy and volunteers with day-to-day administrative tasks

About You

The successful candidate will be:

- Highly organised with strong attention to detail
- An effective communicator with excellent written and verbal skills
- Confident in using a range of IT systems and software
- Able to work independently and manage their own workload
- Professional, reliable and able to handle confidential information appropriately
- Experienced in general administration
- Supportive of the values and mission of the Church in Wales

Desirable Skills and Experience

- Experience of minute-taking
- Familiarity with ChurchSuite or similar systems
- Understanding of Church in Wales structures
- Written/oral Welsh language skills

Additional Information

- This role requires a Basic DBS check
- The postholder will be expected to work flexibly and attend occasional meetings or events with prior notice

Why Join Us?

This role offers a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the work of the Church in a local community, working alongside clergy, volunteers and church leaders while developing a broad range of administrative and organisational skills.

How to Apply

DOCUMENTS:

Administrator Job Description

Administrator Application Form

Closing Date: 25 November 2026 at 12am

Interview Date: 2 December 2026

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact:

Revd Matthew Davis (Ministry Area Leader)

Telephone: 07800 750259

Email: mattdavis@cinw.org.uk

Schools Engagement Pioneer - Cefn Forest, near Blackwood



Schools Engagement Pioneer

Salary: £28,610- £31,581 (dependent on experience)

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

We are recruiting a further visionary and enthusiastic school pioneer 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 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.

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

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.

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

To Apply: Send a completed application form to **davidedwards@cinw.org.uk**

Interview date: TBC

For an informal chat, please contact David Edwards on **07494 266748**

For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click **here**.

You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates **here.**

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