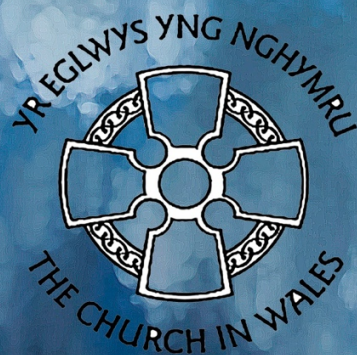


Ministry Area Profile for  
The Parishes of Buallt,  
Upper Wye,  
Irfon Valley and Blaenau Irfon  
in  
The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon



## Introduction

We are delighted that you have requested a copy of this profile. We hope this will give you an insight into life within our parishes and ministry area and answer any questions you may have.

The Archbishop of Wales wishes to make two appointments of Priest in charge within this new Ministry Area.

The parishes of Buallt and Upper Wye are made up of a number of rural communities and focus on the market town of Builth Wells. The parishes of Irfon Valley and Blaenau Irfon similarly contain a number of rural communities and focus on Llanwrtyd Wells, the smallest town in Wales.

## The Parish of Upper Wye

### The Area and Community



The Upper Wye Benefice is made up of the villages of Newbridge on Wye, Cwmbach Llechrhyd, Llanafan Fawr and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan. The A470 is the major transport route running through the area. The Heart of Wales railway line also runs through the benefice.

Newbridge is a quiet village. The Post Office and General Stores is the hub of the village, where you either join in someone's conversation, or someone joins yours. It's neighbourly and friendly.

We have two village organised walks, on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Tuesday walks 'Strollers', takes us to various venues where the terrain is suitable for people who are less able to tackle the more challenging outings on Thursday's. At Christmas we gather for a celebration lunch.



There are two inns in Newbridge, both serve food. At the end of June, the village gathers for a carnival with a parade of floats and a happy gathering on the school playing field. The nearby town of Llandrindod Wells houses a hospital for the area and a major supermarket.



Newbridge CiW Primary school has approximately 113 pupils on roll and has a large hall attached. It is a feeder school for Ysgol Calon Cymru in both Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells. The villages of Cwmbach Llechryd, Llanafan Fawr and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan are primarily farming villages with some tourism. The Red Lion Pub, alleged to be the oldest pub in Wales is situated in Llanafan opposite the church. Newbridge and Llanafan have annual agricultural shows and Llanafan also hosts a hound show.

## Our Churches

All Saints church was built in 1883, it is of Victorian Gothic design, located in the centre of Newbridge-on-Wye.

The attendance at the church varies, but we are a small congregation. We have two Sunday services a month, with a service Wednesday morning's.

We work closely with our Church in Wales Primary School, which is across the road from the church.



## All Saints, Newbridge-on-Wye

## Church of St. John the Divine, Cwmbach Llechrhyd

The church of St John the Divine, Cwmbach Llechryd is situated 2 miles North of Builth Wells, just off the A470 to Newbridge on Wye. It was built in 1886 by Miss Clara Thomas of Pencerrig in memory of her mother. Built of stone in the Early English style it is reputed to contain one of the best examples of alabaster in the world.

There are beautiful stained-glass windows throughout the church, a working pipe organ but currently we are unable to enjoy the peal of the five Swiss bells in the bell-tower.

A small but committed and enthusiastic congregation attend the two services a month namely Morning Prayer and Eucharist. A willing band of helpers raise funds to maintain the running of and fabric of the church and churchyard. A well-equipped church hall is situated approximately 200 yards away from the village.



## St Afan's Church, Llanafan Fawr.

St Afan's church sits in the shadow of the Cambrian Mountains. There is a Community Hall which has an active Y.F.C, Womens Institute, agricultural show and sheep dog trials held annually.

St Afan's church lies a few miles to the North West of Builth Wells on the B4358 road opposite the Red Lion Inn. The original Grade II listed church dates from medieval times and is associated with St Afan, a 6th Century Bishop, whose grave stands to the South East of the church.

There is a 2000 year old Yew tree in the churchyard. The churchyard is also the burial place of Thomas Huet who translated the Book of Revelation into the Welsh Language in the 16th Century.

The church has a lovely pipe Organ and we are privileged to have a good organist for our Holy Communion Service which is held on the 3rd Sunday every month.



## St Michael and All Angels, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan



Our little country Grade II listed church is tucked away under Allt y Clych-the hill of the Bell, located between Llanafan Fawr and Newbridge on Wye. When you enter the churchyard the paths are lined with 6 of the largest Irish yews in Wales, the churchyard is managed to favour as many wildflowers as possible while maintaining the graves. The parish is small and rural, but contains many lovely walks and is the birthplace of renowned clergyman Rev Thomas Price (Carnhuanawc) and poet T. Harry Jones.

There is one regular Sunday service, held on the first Sunday in the month, when there is a Holy Eucharist. We have a small ageing but committed congregation attending the church, we look to the future and hopefully can continue to worship in such a beautiful setting.

## The Parish of Buallt

### The Area and Community



Builth Wells name originates from the Welsh BU Allt, meaning the wild ox of the Cow pasture. Llanfair-ym Maullt means The Church of St. Mary in Buallt (Buallt becoming Maullt). The current Buallt Benefice consists of 5 churches with St. Mary's being the central church, so we feel at the heart of the community with the confluence of the rivers Wye and Irfon, surrounded by beautiful countryside. It is a popular tourist area. It is also the home of the Royal Welsh Show, the largest agricultural show in Europe.

With the exception of the town church of St. Mary's, the parishes are mainly rural, with large farming and agricultural communities and the small congregations are drawn from wide areas.

We have a Primary and a High School (Bilingual) – [www.builth.powys.sch.uk](http://www.builth.powys.sch.uk) – with which we have a close and interactive relationship. There is a surgery with 5 doctors in the group practice and 'Glan Irfon', a health centre with various clinics and a dentist.



Amongst local groups are sports clubs, ladies and male voice choirs, bell ringers and a handbell group. Additional amenities are an 18 hole golf course and outside bowls link, sports centre with indoor swimming pool and gym. There are very active rugby, football, cricket, and running clubs, also Local History, photography clubs, Rotary, Probus and other groups. Wyeside Arts Centre has two cinemas, also live productions and satellite streaming of opera, ballet and other live performances from around the world.



There is an active Young Farmers group which arranges an annual carol service on Christmas eve in St. David's Church, Llandewi'r Cwm. We are an inclusive family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives, by gathering as God's people, growing more like Jesus, going out in the power of the Spirit. Our work is centred around the belief that God calls us to involve him in every part of our lives and that the example of Jesus shows us how this is possible. Our purpose is to connect our faith in God with the realities of community life in Wales.

## Our Churches

### St. Mary's, Builth Wells



St. Mary's is situated in the town of Builth Wells and is of Norman origin, listed in the taxation of Pope Nicholas in 1291. A tower was added in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The present nave and chancel being built in 1875. There are regular Sunday services with a committed congregation and a visiting preacher each month. John Wesley once preached in the churchyard in 1743. In the porch is an effigy of John Lloid, first Sheriff and J.P. in Wales, who died here in 1585. He had also been a servant to Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>.

### St. David's, Maesmynis

St. David's was rebuilt in 1878, though early registers date from 1684. There is a reredos with 5 painted panels representing the crucifixion and the east window which depicts Christ in a vesica of cherub's wings, were commissioned in the 1960's. Services are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. To visit the church turn left onto Hospital Road (by the Police Station off the A483) and after one mile turn left signposted Maesmynis, the church is half a mile, easily seen.



### St. David's, Llanynis



Local tradition has it that Prince Llewellyn attended mass here before he was killed in nearby Cilmery in 1282. The St. David's Episcopal register contains an entry for Llanynis in 1400. There are records of the building being repaired, or even extensively rebuilt in 1687 and again in c.1778 and 1894. Rebuilding in the Victorian era helped preserve the charm of a single chamber whitewashed country church in an idyllic field setting on a bank of the river Irfon. Worship takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, with a summer Festival Service in August.

On the nearest Saturday to 11<sup>th</sup> December there is a service to commemorate the death of Prince Llewellyn (the last Welsh born Prince of Wales). Location is south of the river Irfon, on the road from Builth Wells to Llangammarch Wells, with a turn off for Cefnlllys Gwynne and then right to the end of a rough lane for the church in the field.

## St. David's, Llandewi'r Cwm



Recorded in the period 1178 – 1198 as Sancti David du Cum in Buelt. In the Taxatio of 1154 it was noted as Llandewycum. However the sub-circular churchyard in which it sits suggests a probable origin in the early medieval period. St. David's retains its simple medieval plan of nave and chancel with a tower recorded in 1183. Originally 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century, substantial repairs are recorded in 1847 as a partial rebuild by Joshua Daniels. The church still houses the original 12<sup>th</sup> century font and is always left open to visitors and congregation alike.

## St. Mauritius, Alltmawr

St. Mauritius, Alltmawr is one of the smallest churches in Wales, being only 35 feet long. Originating in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, it is single chambered with a three sided apse added at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The wooden framed windows, pulpit and box pews at the rear date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



Access is up a lane off the A470 from Builth Wells to Erwood at Abernant House. Services are held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month.

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Throughout the year there are many church organized events, including:

- Men's Breakfast
- Café Church
- A Bar-B-Q
- A Christmas tree Festival
- Coffee Mornings
- Concerts
- A Cookery demonstration
- A Car Treasure Hunt



We feel that good communication through events within the local communities is the key to success in attracting more church members and spreading God's word.

We have a benefice website:

[www.builthgroup.org.uk](http://www.builthgroup.org.uk)

which lists services and events, as does our monthly magazine 'Signposts' which has a circulation of 500 with distribution points throughout the area.

Our future as we see it is to maintain the existing congregations and expand the inclusion of the Church within new infrastructures, and to try to involve younger people and others who support but are not in the habit of attending Church on a regular basis.



Annual Rogation walk



Celebration lunch at St. Mary's



Mothers' Union Festival Service



Outside service at ruins of St. Cynog's



## The Parish of Blaenau Irfon

### The Area & Community

The Blaenau Irfon benefice consists of Llanwrtyd Wells, a spa town, and the villages of Beulah, Abergwesyn, Cefn Gorwydd and Tirabad. Llanwrtyd is the smallest town in England and Wales.

The area is beautiful, peaceful and tranquil. The people are friendly and welcoming. Although English is the main language, many people speak Welsh and until recently there was a Welsh stream in the local primary school.



The Red Kite was introduced back into the area several years ago and they are now visible throughout the area along with many other beautiful birds of prey, we are on the edge of a red squirrel re-introduction project.

The rivers Cammarch, Irfon, Gwesyn and Dulas all run through our town and villages and are tributaries of the River Wye. The Cambrian mountain range starts within our area and the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains are nearby.

Llyn Brianne and the Elan Valley reservoirs are within easy reach, on the way to Llyn Brianne you will pass the Abergwesyn Common which is owned by the National Trust. There are several forests in the area including the National Resource Wales owned Crychan and Irfon plus several private forests.



The main industries of the area are farming, forestry and tourism although Powys County Council is probably the biggest employer.

We are twinned with Meriel in France and Czesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, there are regular visits to and from both these towns and there is an active committee that always welcomes new members.

The area is renowned for outdoor activities and wacky events, here are a few ...

- Beulah Music Festival
- Green Events – Man v Horse, Bog Snorkelling, World Alternative Games, Saturnalia.
- Walking events and weekly walking groups – International 4 Day Walks, Drovers Walk, Real Ale Ramble, Lord Crawshaw Walk
- Running Events – Man v Horse, Ultra Marathon, Ron Skilton Half Marathon, Devil's Staircase Ultra Trail Run
- Cycling Events – Summer Cider Cycle, Real Ale Wobble.

- Agricultural Shows and Sheepdog Trials
- Annual Carnival and Festival activities
- Eisteddfod
- Clubs - Merched y Bont, Irfon Valley, Country Women, Thursday Club, Gardening club, Film club, Handicraft club, Young Farmers, Choirs.

There are several halls and meeting places in Beulah, Abergwesyn, Tirabad and Llanwrtyd that host some of the events above and sporting activities as well as fundraisers, film nights and quizzes. There is also a fairly new Heritage Centre and "The Chapel" is a music studio and venue that is currently being developed.



We have an assortment of sporting facilities including a small gym, table tennis, badminton, rugby, Tai Chi, keep fit and tap dancing. There are playing fields in Llanwrtyd which are currently being developed to level off the rugby pitch and to incorporate a new running track as well as the existing children's play area and pavilion.



The area has more than its fair share of pubs, café's and award-winning restaurants. There are a number of small shops and a post office. Our public transport is reasonable with a train station on the iconic Heart of Wales line as well as a bus service and a community transport scheme.

We are fortunate to have a fire station in Llanwrtyd Wells with on call firefighters and co-responders (emergency first aid).

Llanwrtyd has the primary school, Ysgol Dolafon and an outdoor pursuits centre, Manor Adventure. Children from Beulah usually attend Irfon Valley Primary School in Garth. Both these primary schools feed into Ysgol Calon Cymru in Builth Wells.

## Our Churches

### Eglwys Oen Duw, Beulah

Not far up the road from Beulah to Abergwesyn lies the small but pretty "Eglwys Oen Duw", built in 1866 by Clara Thomas of the Llwynmadoc estate. In 2016 we celebrated the 150th anniversary. Recent repairs were carried out to the roof, floors, windows, spire, stained glass and organ + annex with toilet /kitchen and keyboard for a parish choir. The graveyard is maintained to a plan by God's Acre. Currently, we are fortunate to have two Eucharistic and two Morning services per month. Our average congregation is 12 with over 30 on festivals and a small number of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. We meet over coffee after services where congregational matters can be discussed and donate our coffee money to WaterAid and Builth Community Support.

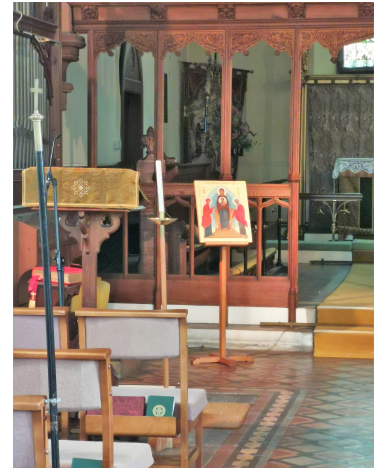


## St James, Llanwrtyd Wells



Llanwrtyd Wells became a Spa town in the late 18th century and St James church was built in 1896 in the centre of the town, as a mission church. It is a centre of community activity and a friendly place to worship. It is also open during the day where it provides a beautiful, quiet space, good facilities

and some attractive works of art. It has a small kitchen and toilet that were added in a sympathetic manner some years ago.



We have a service every Sunday except for when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The first and third are lay led Morning Worship, the second and fourth are Holy Eucharist. Our congregation averages around 15 people.

## St David's, Llanwrtyd

The Old Parish Church is the oldest of the church buildings in the Ministry Area and beyond, it sits in idyllic isolation overlooking the river Irfon, exuding peace and tranquillity, nestled amongst the hills. St. David's, a grade 11\* listed church, was once the centre of Llanwrtyd and would have been surrounded by cottages and farms some 200 years ago. It was the Parish Church until St. James' was built in 1896, as a Mission church to serve the needs of the growing community.



The present church has a recorded history spanning 1000 years or more. The site was reputed to have been chosen much earlier by St. David himself for the promulgation of the Christian faith following the hugely significant synod at Llanddewibrefi in 519 AD. - 'Hallowed ground indeed'

Following a 3-year period of fund raising, work began in September 2018 on the restoration of the church. It was completed in July 2019 and was formally rededicated by the Archbishop on the 7th August this year. It looks amazing, but although

bright and squeaky clean it has retained all of its embedded spirituality. Services at St David's are usually for special occasions or 5th Sundays, it is a popular choice for weddings and funerals. As there is no electricity at the church most of the services tend to be in the summer and are well attended.

## The Parish of Irfon Valley

### The Area & Community

The Irfon Valley Benefice is made up of the villages of Llangammarch Wells, Garth and Cilmery.

Llangammarch Wells, lies on the Afon Irfon River, although the largest village of the Parish (in the historic county of Brecknockshire) it is the smallest of the four spa villages of mid-Wales, alongside Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells and Llanwrtyd Wells. Nestled under the Epynt, there is a military area above the village but, apart from occasional low flying aircraft and firing on the range, soldiers are rarely seen. There is a mountain road from the village over the Epynt to Brecon about 16 miles away, and the viewpoint on this road provides an ideal venue for the Dawn Service held annually early on Easter Sunday above Llangammarch, followed by a hearty cooked breakfast in the village Hall. The Village Hall is a well used community resource holding sporting and community events including a weekly coffee morning. Llangammarch is on the Heart of Wales railway line and the post office has won awards as the best Post Office in Wales. It's well known for fishing with two excellent hotels: The Cammarch in the centre of the village opposite the Church entrance and the luxurious Manor House Country Lake Hotel and Spa, one of Wales finest hotels, is situated about a mile outside. There are also two excellent caravan sites in and near the village.

The village of Garth is located on the main trunk road between Builth and Llanwrtyd Wells, also on the Heart of Wales railway line. There is an English stream primary school, Irfon Valley cp school which is attended from the surrounding farms and villages, and a busy renovated village hall providing a range of social and church activities. Garth House is a grade 2\* listed country house in a picturesque setting opposite Llanlleonfel Church where Sarah Gwynne married Charles Wesley on 8 April 1749. Built on an ancient sacred site (with late Roman burial stone, 6th–7th century), it was rebuilt in 1876 due to its Wesley associations. A lively Wesley Festival weekend was held at the church in May 2013 which included a re-enactment of the wedding and a wide range of food and musical entertainment. St Afan's Church, Llanfechan have bi-monthly services, including a Lambing Service and a Reflective All Souls Service.



Cilmery is a small ribbon village situated on the A483, 2 miles from Builth Wells comprising of a modernised former church village hall and the Prince Llewellyn Inn where a well attended carol service is hosted on Christmas Eve. The village is famous for the death of the last Prince Llewelyn in December 1282 and there is a memorial site. St Cannen's Church also has an ancient history but was rebuilt in the 1800's, after a fete in Builth Wells raised over £1000. Morning Prayer is taken on first Sunday of each month by two lay service leaders who live in the village and Holy Communion Service held on third Sundays.

## Our Churches

<http://www.irfonvalleyparish.co.uk>

### St Cadmarch's Church, Llangammarch Wells



St Cadmarch's is a Grade II\* Listed Arts and Crafts church situated in a stunning location in the centre of Llangammarch Wells, on a mound at the meeting of the Cammarch and Irfon Rivers opposite the railway station, with a view across the valley to the Epynt mountain range.

There is evidence that the location has been a place of worship going back to Pagan times. It has a small but loyal congregation and on special occasions, such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival time it is always very well attended.

The church has recently received a grant for the East window to be cleaned and for repairs to the organ, celebrating its 100th birthday this year. This is being undertaken very shortly.

The acoustics in the church are excellent so recitals and concerts with visiting choirs are always a popular addition to our regular events. There are also plenty of volunteers to maintain the church and cut the grass in the churchyard.

Services 2019: 1 Holy Communion and 1 Morning Prayer per month

### Llanlleonfel Church, Garth

Llanlleonfel Parish Church is situated on the outskirts of the village of Garth which is on the A483 trunk road 6 miles south of Builth Wells.

Garth House was the home of the Gwynne family whose memorials are in Llanlleonfel church, where John Wesley officiated in 1749 at the marriage of his brother Charles Wesley to Sarah Gwynne, the daughter of Marmaduke Gwynne. The house is now the home of the Wilson family.

The church lies in a farming community and at present has one Eucharist on the first Sunday each month, although numbers are averaging at 8 per service it has a dedicated congregation.



## Llanfechan (St Afan's) Church, Garth

Llanfechan Church dates back to the 13th/14th Century but was rebuilt in 1866. The full name is Llanafan Fechan (the lesser) to distinguish it from Llanafan Fawr (the greater) a few miles to the North. Both churches have always served sparsely populated parishes. They are dedicated to St. Afan, a Celtic Bishop, who was usually known as Afan Buallt, indicating a connection with the Builth Wells area.

St. Afan's Llanfechan Church is situated on the A483 trunk road between Builth Wells and the village of Garth in the centre of a working farm. Services are held bi-monthly on second Sunday of the month with a varied schedule such as Holy Communion, morning prayer and other services i.e. lambing service, family and Christmas services. The congregation is small but dedicated.

Services 2019: 1 Holy Communion or Morning Prayer bi-monthly



## St Cannen's Church, Llanganten (Cilmery)



Llanganten (St Cannen's), wins the award for the church most difficult to find, hidden away as it is down a steep hill below Cilmery Village Hall (LD2 3FL) located 2 miles to the west of Builth Wells on the A483.

It has a lovely setting beside the Chwefru stream, tranquil and with a spirit of simple holiness. It has historical associations, from a fiercer time, famous for Prince Llewelyn the last native Prince of Wales slain nearby in 1282.

There is a small loyal congregation which has sadly decreased over the last 5 years, however the community joins together for Festival services, and Carols in the Prince Llewellyn Inn on Christmas Eve.

Services 2019: 1 Holy Communion and 1 Morning Prayer per month (1st and 3rd Sundays).



## Church Activities in the Blaenau Irfon and Irfon Valley Benefices

We have Messy Church approximately four times a year in the Ministry Area and a small group of volunteers run Open the Book in Ysgol Dolafon and Irfon Valley primary schools.

In Blaenau Irfon we have an annual church walk, an annual lunch and hold fundraising at various events such as a barbecue at the Man v Horse event and a cake sale at the Bog Snorkelling. Other activities that we organise include an organ recital, a pancake lunch and a Christmas Tree Festival.



A small group of volunteers run a monthly lunch club in St James' church where a two-course lunch with coffee is served, profits are donated to charity.

We hold some special services throughout the year including a Songs of Praise to open the Festival week, Beulah Music Festival service, Harvest, Christingle and Carol Services. We also hold a lay led outdoor service at sunrise on Easter Sunday on the Epynt which overlooks all the benefices in the Ministry Area.

We have recently started a Bible Study group.

We have a very strong Worship Team in the benefice many of whom travel to other churches within the Ministry Area to take Morning Worship, school assemblies and other special services. We also have people trained to give home communion and pastoral care.



In April 2018, a group from the Blaenau Irfon and Irfon Valley benefices travelled to Spain to take a pilgrimage and walk the last 100km of the Camino De Santiago, this was a beautiful time of spirituality and bonding that will stay with us for many years.



## Our vision for the future

To summarise what we offer:

- Welcoming and inclusive communities
- A place to be creative with worship and styles of ministry
- Collaborative team working
- A developing team of worship leaders
- To be a part of the evolution of a newly formed Ministry area
- Beautiful countryside in which to worship, live and work

This means that our new clergy can focus on the really interesting bits: our hopes for the future and where we think we as a Parish could go:

## Skills

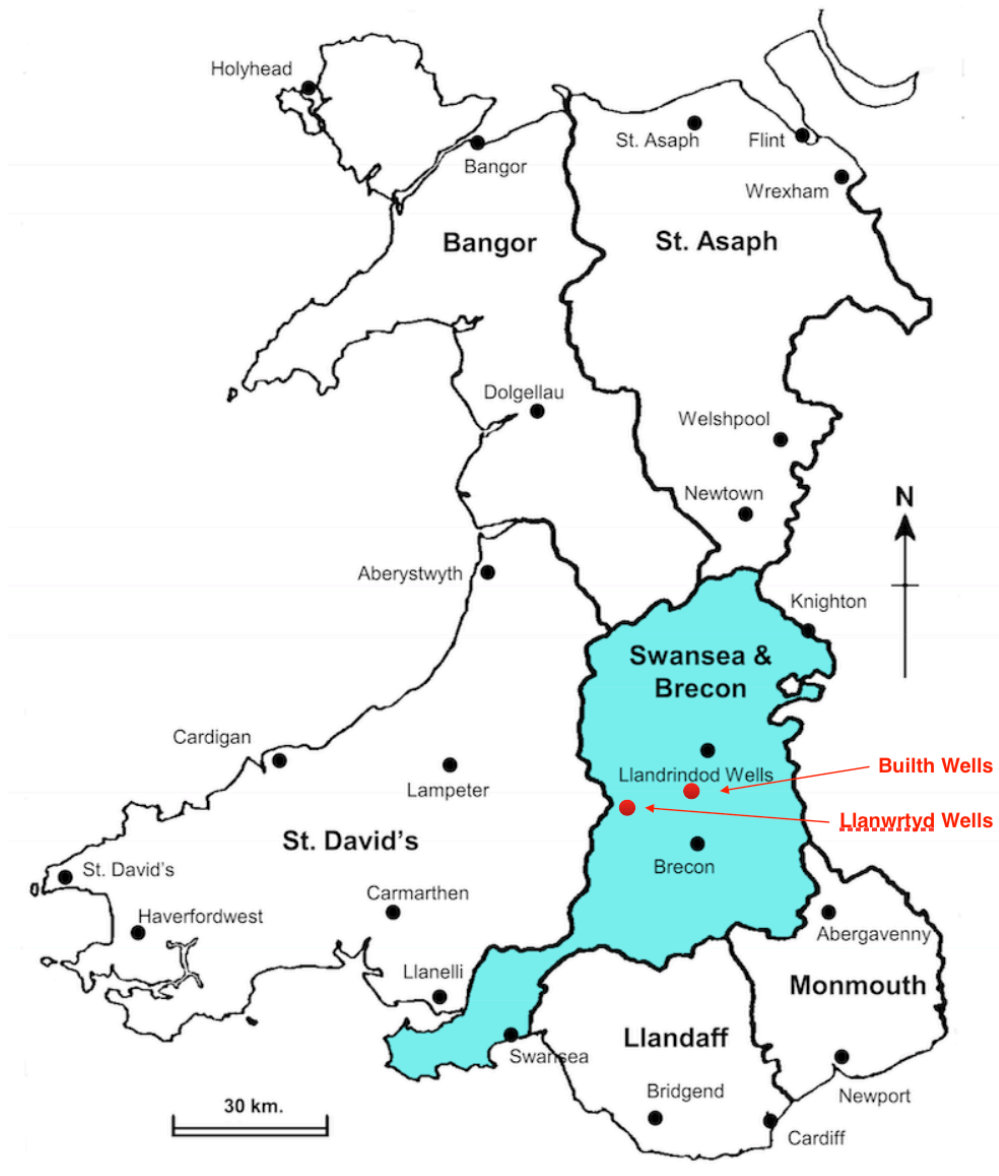
Who we think could help us:

The people who we think could help us would be:

- sociable and outgoing with good communication skills
- someone with the ability to encompass an ageing community where pastoral care is important
- appreciative of rural life
- someone with energy, vision and able to help us accomplish new goals within our Team, and
- able to continue and advance the work with our younger members of the Ministry Area



## The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon



### Geography

The geographical extent of the Diocese, about 130 miles from end to end, can be seen on the map of the Province of Wales.

The Diocese borders all the other 5 Welsh Dioceses, as well as the English Diocese of Hereford. It covers much of the old counties of Brecon and Radnor, the Swansea Valley, the City and County of Swansea and Gower, together with small areas along the Heads of the Valleys. Swansea, the second city of Wales, accounts for the bulk of the civil population of the Diocese and is the business, social, cultural, economic and commercial centre of the West Wales region. Brecon, in contrast, is an historic market and garrison town at the heart of Powys, and has a significantly different pace of life. Apart from our own Diocesan structures, tourism and outdoor pursuit activities, there are few natural links between Swansea and Brecon, and great efforts have therefore been made over the years to ensure that the Diocese continues to work as a single unit.

There are 2 Archdeaconries: Brecon and Gower with, at present, 2 Area Deaneries in Gower, and 2 in Brecon. There are currently 185 churches. There is a core number of stipendiary clerics and a growing number of non-stipendiaries. There is a wide range of lay ministries, the steady rise in which has allowed the Diocese to make better use of a wide range of strengths, skills and talents. The geographically larger Archdeaconry of Brecon is totally rural, with a few small towns - Knighton, Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells, Hay on Wye and Crickhowell, as well as Brecon. These towns act as centres for the widely scattered villages and isolated farms.

## The Diocesan Vision

At the Diocesan Conference in 2012, a new vision initiative was formally adopted as the basis for the next five years of Diocesan life. Along with the recent Harries Review of the Province, this envisages a new style of ministry being developed which will require significant changes of practice and emphasis, in particular the development of mission areas and ministry teams. This means that at the moment we are living in an interim period in terms of structures. The new priests living in Builth Wells and Llanwrtyd Wells will have primary areas of pastoral responsibility but will also exercise roles as associate priests within the whole Irfon and Wye Ministry Area which is also served by a team of lay and ordained.

## The Vicarages



The vicarage at Builth Wells is a 1950s building close to the church but quite separate. It has a moderate size secluded garden and is close to the park, riverside walks and river Wye.



A new vicarage is in the process of being built at Llanwrtyd Wells on a small residential estate. The photograph shows the exact design of the house but not the plot.

## Language

The Church in Wales pursues a bilingual language policy. Welsh is still commonly spoken in a number of communities in the Diocese but the ability to speak Welsh is not a requirement for this post.

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*Informal visits to the parish are welcomed.  
Please contact the Archdeacon for an informal discussion.*

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