A Statement from the Bishop of Monmouth The Rt Revd Cherry Vann

I am pleased that the Monmouth Enquiry and Review has at last been published. I know that this will be a relief to many in the Diocese of Monmouth who were left confused and dismayed when their former Bishop, Richard Pain, stood back from his role and eventually retired.  The report will go a long way to answering their questions and explaining much of what happened and why.

I am particularly pleased that the Report exonerates the current Archdeacon of Newport, Jonathan Williams, and the former Dean, Lister Tonge and the former Archdeacon of Monmouth, Ambrose Mason. I want to pay tribute to them and to the office staff, clergy and people of the diocese who continued faithfully with the work of Church whilst feeling left bereft and abandoned.

The Diocese of Monmouth has moved on since then and much has been achieved in the last two years. The publication of this report will enable us to draw a line under this unhappy time and look forward with renewed faith and hope to all that God has in store for us.

13 December 2021

Datganiad gan Esgob Mynwy, Y Gwir Barchedig Cherry Vann

Rwy’n falch y cafodd Ymchwiliad ac Adolygiad Mynwy ei gyhoeddi o’r diwedd. Gwn y bydd hyn yn ryddhad i lawer yn Esgobaeth Mynwy a gafodd eu gadael mewn dryswch ac yn siomedig pan safodd eu cyn Esgob, Richard Pain, yn ôl o’i swydd ac ymddeol maes o law. Aiff yr adroddiad ffordd bell i ateb eu cwestiynau ac esbonio llawer o’r hyn a ddigwyddodd a pham.

Rwy’n neilltuol o fach fod yr Adroddiad yn rhyddhau Jonathan Williams, Archddiacon Casnewydd a’r cyn Ddeon, Lister Tonge a chyn Archddiacon Mynwy, Ambrose Mason o unrhyw fai. Dymunaf dalu teyrnged iddynt ac i staff y swyddfa, clerigwyr a phobl yr esgobaeth a barhaodd yn ffyddlon gyda gwaith yr Eglwys pan yn gadael yn amddifad ac ar ben eu hunain.

Mae Esgobaeth Mynwy wedi symud ymlaen ers hynny a chyflawnwyd llawer yn y ddwy flynedd ddiwethaf. Bydd cyhoeddi’r adroddiad hwn yn ein galluogi i dynnu llinell dan y cyfnod anhapus hwn ac edrych ymlaen gyda ffyth a gobaith o’r newydd ym mhopeth sydd gan Duw i ddod ar ein cyfer.

13 Rhagfy 2021