

**These churches are open the weekend of  
Open Church Day (Saturday 19th September)**

**Newport, St Woolos Cathedral** (ST 3090 8761, [NP20 4EA](#))



Before the Diocese of Monmouth was formed in the 20th century, this was just the parish church of Newport. The chancel was designed by A D R Caroe to suit its new status. The largely 13th century chapel at the west end, with the fine archway opening to the Norman nave, may have been a mortuary chapel for the pre-Norman St Gwynllyw. The nave arcade is also Norman, the tower and aisles are 15th century.  
Open Sat 19th, 9.00am - 4.00pm

**St Julians, SS Julian and Aaron** (St Julian's Ave/Heather Rd, Newport: ST 3229 8948 [NP19 7JT](#))  
An important 1920s work by the architect J Coates Carter. Built in Early English style, using local sandstone, brick and concrete. The reredos was brought from Capel-y-ffin monastery.  
Open Sat 19th 10.15 am - 2.30pm

**Bedwas, St Barrwg**, (Church St: ST 1710 8920 [cf83 8hf](#))



The earliest documentary evidence for Bedwas church is 1102, and the battered north and south walls of the nave may go back to around this time. The chapel on the north side of the chancel has been turned into a vestry. The tower has a

saddleback roof and its west door is medieval, possibly late 13th or early 14th century in date. Most of the windows date to the restoration of 1875 (architect John Prichard).  
Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Henllys, St Peter**, (Henllys Lane, Cwmbran ST 2676 9104, [NP44 7AS](#))



The partial batter on the nave walls suggests that this church is earlier than its first record of 1230-40, and that the nave has been lengthened. None of the windows and doors, however, are earlier than the 15th

or 16th century. The nave north-east and south-west windows are in 17th century style. All the church apart from the tower has recently been limewashed in the traditional fashion.  
Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Llantarnam, St Michael and All Angels** (ST 3070 9315, [NP44 3BL](#))



Some traces of the 12th or early 13th century church survive, but most of the remaining medieval architecture is Perpendicular or Tudor, including the tower and the chapel at the north side of the chancel, divided from it by an interesting two-bay arcade. The Victorian restoration of 1869 was fairly light, though it did include a new east window. The bricks blocking the north window of the chapel probably came from a nearby Roman site.  
Open Sat 19th, 2.00 - 4.00pm

**Llanfrecfha, All Saints** (ST 3204 9363, [NP44 8DQ](#))



The late-medieval tower is all that survives from the Middle Ages, as the rest was rebuilt in 1873-4 to a design by Charles Buckridge. He added the north aisle to the plan to cater for a larger congregation, and a very large vestry. He also included an immersion baptistery in the aisle, an unusual feature probably designed with conversions from the Baptist cause in mind.  
Open Sat 19th, 2.00 - 5.00pm

**Panteg St Mary** (Church Lane, New Inn: ST 3107 9902, [NP4 0TS](#))



This is another church that was rebuilt on a larger scale in the Victorian period, leaving only the tower of the medieval church. The nave and porch was built in 1849 and the north aisle, chancel and vestry in 1874. The architect for the first phase was Henry Woodyer, and he probably also designed the second phase. Unusual features in the charming nave are the triple arch leading to the chancel chancel, and the flat beam on piers separating the nave and aisle.  
Open Sat 19th, 11.00am - 3.00pm

**Refreshments will be provided at Henllys, Panteg and Llanfair Discoed. Records/parish history available at Panteg, Llanbadoc and Tintern Parva, flowers and music at Tintern Parva.**

**Llanbadoc, St Madoc** (SO 3760 0007, [NP15 1TG](#))



Set in a circular churchyard, and possibly a pre-Norman foundation. In spite of a Victorian makeover by the architect John Prichard, many medieval features still survive. There are a couple of earlier decorated windows, and the porch door may belong to this period. The other medieval windows are Perpendicular.  
Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, 11.00am - 4.00 pm

**Llangwm Uchaf, St Jerome** (SO 4329 0055, [NP15 1HA](#))



In the 15th century, the main entrance of this church would have been from the west, providing a stunning view of the rood screen and loft. After years of neglect, they were lovingly restored 1863-9 by J P Seddon, who used Partrishow church in Powys as a model for missing details. He also added more windows in the north wall, and built the south porch. There is a Green Man on either side of the chancel arch.  
Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, all day

**Tintern Parva, St Michael** (ST 5314 0075)



Only the porch of this church survives intact from the Middle Ages. It is an unusually fine one for a church this small, with a stone vaulted roof. The font is also medieval. The present appearance of rest of the church is probably the result of a restoration in 1889 by J Coates Carter.  
Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

**Llanfair Discoed, St Mary** (ST 4463 9242, [NP16 6LY](#))



The medieval church may just have consisted of what is now the chancel, but it has been rebuilt on numerous occasions, the most recent being 1882-3 (architect Ewan Christian). There used to be an inscription in the porch saying 'This church was bilt in ye yr 1746', but this has now disappeared. The one that is displayed here now, disapproving of games in the churchyard, used to be on a stile in the wall.  
Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

Outside the Open Church weekend, **Llangwm Uchaf** is open all day, every day. **Tintern Parva** is open 10.30 - 4.30 every day. **Panteg** is open the first Saturday each quarter, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

You can also visit:

**Llanfihangel Pontymoill, St Michael** (Usk Road, Pontypool: SO 3013 0110, [NP4 8AD](#))



The internal batter to the south wall makes this church probably earlier than the 13th century. Outside (Victorian windows apart), it has remained fairly faithful to its 18th century appearance - it was one of the few churches to keep up the tradition of limewashing the walls all through the 19th and 20th centuries. The bellcote is of the old Monmouthshire 'sentry box' type, and the porch has a date the 1736 over the door.

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Why not also visit these churches in northern Gwent?

**Llandenny, St John Apostle and Evangelist** (SO 4151 0393, [NP15 1DL](#)). Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, 9am-5.30pm

**Goetre, St Peter** (SO 3271 0592, [NP7 9DW](#)). Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

**Llanover, St Bartholomew** (SO 3180 0942, [NP7 9ED](#)). Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

**Abergavenny, St Mary** (Monk Street: SO 3010 1413, [NP7 5ND](#)). Open all week Mon to Sat 11am to 3pm; Sun 2pm to 4pm

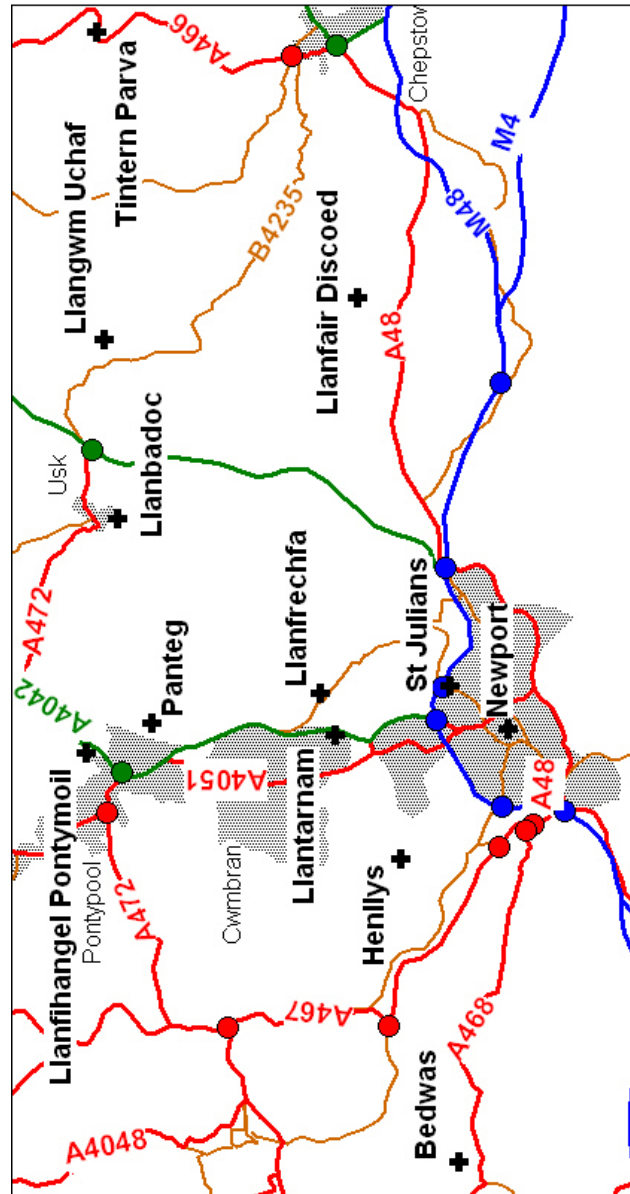
**Llanfair Cilgoed, St Mary** (Cross Ash: SO 391193, [NP7 8NS](#)). Open all day, every day.

**Llangattock Lingoed, St Cadoc** (SO 3616 2007, [NP7 8LW](#)) Open all day, every day.

**Grosmont, St Nicholas** (ST 4046 2430, [NP7 8LW](#)) Open all day, every day.

**Skenfrith, St Bridget** (SO 4561 2034, [NP7 8UH](#)). Open all day, every day.

**Llanthony, St David** (SO 2885 2782, [NP7 7NN](#)). Open all day, every day.



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## Churches to visit Southern Gwent



*St Michael and All Angels, Llantarnam*

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