



St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 11 Ionawr 2018
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday, 11 January 2018

Welcome to Michael Plane

This month we are delighted to welcome a new member to our Diocesan Team - Michael Plane has joined us as Diocesan Churches Inspector. This new post is jointly funded by the RB in Cardiff and the Diocese and has been developed to help us maintain and develop our church buildings more effectively.

Michael is a Chartered Surveyor and has come to us from Manchester City Council. Prior to that he worked across communities in rural Cumbria. In both Manchester and Cumbria he worked to prioritise repairs to and regeneration of numerous listed buildings, as well as developing strategies for the use of public buildings for the delivery of services across each community.

Michael lives with his partner - and tabby cat - in north Chester, and has family in Colwyn Bay and Deganwy. Outside of work he is Property Steward at Wesley Methodist Church Centre in central Chester, where he was involved in a recent £600,000 remodelling scheme, and is a member of the Executive Council of Chester Civic Trust. He spends his leisure time windsurfing at Shotwick Lake in north Wales, walking, camping and gardening.

You will all get to know Michael as a familiar face over the coming months as he will be undertaking our Quinquennial inspections from now on, working alongside Rachel Cutler, our Churches Conservation and Development Officer, and your Church Architect to assist with the creation of development proposals, and working with each Mission Area to develop a strategic plan for property.

You can contact Michael at michaelplane@cinw.org.uk / 01745 532585

New to StAR this week

Money for Routine Maintenance of Churches. Deadline 28th January. The National Churches Trust has money to be allocated for Maintenance Grants. The programme is now open to both listed and unlisted churches, and the funding range has been extended to £500 - £3000, with min 50% match funding required. In 2017, 54 grants were awarded with an average grant size of

£2053. The most common maintenance jobs receiving support were rainwater goods, roof repairs, repointing / rendering, stone repairs. Grants were also awarded for glazing, drainage, floors and other internal structural repairs/maintenance. If you have a project, half the money required and two quotes for the work, the NCT grant can get you going on a maintenance or small repair job. <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants>

Taize Service for Candlemas at St Asaph Cathedral 4th February at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Poster attached.

A Buckley Ecumenical Initiative - **The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda** Friday 23rd February 7pm at St Matthew's Church Buckley. In this free concert the children share the love of Jesus, telling their stories of transformation & hope through a combination of music, dance, story & media. An offering for the work of Watoto villages will be taken. Admission by ticket (free): Jane and Anton Dowell - Tel 01244545758 antonjaned12@btinternet.com Shirley Whyte - Tel 01244544877 shirley.whyte1@btinternet.com

New date added for – Managing Finance Using Data Developments Software

24th February, 9.30am-4pm in The Old School, Llangynyw, SY21 9EL. This session is for Church Treasurers (or their data inputters) and Mission Area Treasurers.

To book a place please contact siancharlesworth@churchinwales.org.uk

Advance notice - Come & Sing the Songs of Redemption at St John's Church, Old Colwyn on Saturday 21 April 2018. The theme for the evening is "Our God Is Marching On" Special guest speaker the Right Reverend Dr Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph. Poster attached.

Vacancies

Two exciting job opportunities at St Asaph Cathedral. St Asaph Cathedral are recruiting for a Tearoom Supervisor and an Activity Coordinator as part of the exciting new development project. Please see the website for further details... <http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/work-with-us/>

Vacancies – There are currently two vacancies in the Penedeyrn Mission Area for a Children and Family worker and an Administrator for the Mission Area. Attached are job descriptions in English and Welsh. Application forms are available to download from the StAR section of the website: <http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/>

Vacancy for Diocesan Inspector – Please see details of this vacancy at <http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/work-with-us/>

Vacancy for a Director of Welsh Language and Bilingual Mission. Please see details of this vacancy at <http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/work-with-us/>

Information and Marketplace

St Michael's Church, Abergele – Candles for Sale. We have some unused Candles for sale due to changing to Oil filled candles. There are various sizes of length and width. If interested please contact Mrs Dina Roberts on 01745 797345 to view. Any reasonable offer will be considered.

Candles for Sale

- 1 Box 6" x 2"
- 1 Almost complete Box of 12" x 1"
- 2 Candles 6" x 3"
- 4 Candles 18" x 1 ½"
- 7 Candles 18" x 1"
- 5 Candles 12" x 3"
- 5 Slightly Used 12" x 3"

Forthcoming dates

17 January 2018, 6pm: **Professorial Lecture - A generation of change: Thirty years of women in the Church of England**

Inaugural Lecture by Professor Mandy Robbins, Wrexham Glyndwr University. For more information and to book a place please follow the link:

<https://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Community/Publiclectures/>

Plygain will be held in St Grwst's Church on Thursday 18 January at 7pm. Individuals, parties or organisations are welcome to participate in the Plygain.

Light refreshments will be provided at the end. Poster circulated previously.

Resource Church at St Asaph Cathedral: 21 January, 3pm-4.30pm. Find out more at <https://stasaphresourcechurch.com/>

Y Gwasanaeth Plygain Blynyddol / The Annual Plygain service

The Annual Plygain service will be held at St Asaph Cathedral on Friday 26 January at 7.15 pm.

Mi fydd y Gwasanaeth Plygain Blynyddol yn cael ei gynnal yn yr Eglwys Cadeiriol Llanelwy ar Ddydd Gwener 26 Ionawr at 7.15 y.p.

The Plygain begins with a short service of Evensong, and then the evening is open to anyone or any group who wish to offer their musical gifts. The whole evening will be led by Ven. Bernard Thomas, retired Archdeacon of St. Asaph. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Lent organ recitals, St Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan. Every Wednesday throughout Lent starting at 12.30 on 21st February. Poster circulated previously.

St Padarn's Institute Vocations Roadshow – If you are going through the discernment process or exploring a call to ministry come and find out more about formation for licensed ministry with St Padarn's. See the posters attached previously for details.

StAR - If you want something including in the St Asaph Round up, please send it to siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk. The next StAR will be on **Thursday 18 January**.

Check back on previous editions of StAR at <http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/> (also linked from the home page)

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