St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 7 Rhagfyr 2017
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday 7 December 2017

This year’s Nicholastide Confirmation takes place in St Asaph Cathedral on 13th December at 6.30pm. All welcome.

New on StAR this week:

Winter Fair at St Sannan’s Church, Llansannan, LL16 5HG - Saturday 9th December, 2-4pm. Stalls, refreshments, local produce, cakes, Christmas trees.

Choral Evensong with Carols by Candlelight in the Cathedral - 10th December at 6pm, including the premiere performance of a new carol by Will Todd written in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral Choir Association. This will be followed by traditional Christmas Refreshments and announcement of the Choir Association Christmas Raffle prize winners – all are welcome. Poster attached.

Carols for Christmas - 13th December, 7pm in St Cystennin’s Church, Llangystennin. With Cantamus Chamber Choir and Syrinx Recorder Consort. For more details see the attached poster.

Multi parish group for clergy – 6th March at Derwen college, Gobowen 11am -1pm in the JRC meeting room above the Orangery restaurant. https://www.derwen.ac.uk/
More information from Richard Carter: 01824 703867, reverendcarter@gmail.com

Information and Marketplace

Please see the following message from John Hosking – “Organ education day - Since becoming the Diocesan organ advisor, it has come to my attention that many churches aren’t sure of the scale of costs involved in restoring/moving pipe organs or replacing these with digital instruments. In conjunction with Allen organs, I would like to hold an education day in the Cathedral to cover things such as:

- Costs of maintaining pipe organs
- Costs of replacing or restoring pipe organs
• Options available to make existing pipe organs more practical in limited spaces
• Pros and cons of a digital installation
• The real costs of choosing a suitable digital organ for your building
• Facts to consider about a digital installation from speaker systems to the final product
• Ideas for fundraising
• Opening the church up to the wider community through music, particularly involving the organ

Allen organs have kindly offered to bring an instrument(s) to demonstrate at such a day; it would be my hope to involve at least one other company as well. If such an event would interest you, please could you send a brief e-mail to me at organistjh@gmail.com to register your interest. To make such an event worthwhile for the other people involved, we would need to ensure a healthy interest before proceeding.”

**Free to a good home – Latin, Double breasted cassock** suitable for someone around 5’10”. In good condition, comes with preaching scarf. Available for collection from the Diocesan Office. If you would like to collect it, please email siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Christmas Services** – we’d like to include a list of all the Christmas services across the diocese on our website and send details to local newspapers. Please can you email a list of all your Christmas carol service and Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services to karenmaurice@churchinwales.org.uk by **Friday 8 December**. Please highlight any unusual services taking place in different locations. For examples, last year there were services taking place in pubs, supermarkets and adventure playgrounds – if we can highlight these events it helps draw attention to the range of different services/activities taking place. Please send your information in the following format:

Town/Village: Name of Church  
Sunday 17 December:  
Christmas Eve:  
Christmas Day:

**Taking place this week**

**Wrexham Victorian Christmas Market** – today 12-8pm: [www.thisiswrexham.co.uk](http://www.thisiswrexham.co.uk)

**Embolden: Spirit of D/deaf & Disabled Women** - Are inviting D/deaf & disabled women in Wales to attend an upcoming workshop. To discuss how you feel you are represented within society, create campaigns ideas and key messages aimed to challenge stereotypes and improve the aspirations and
confidence of D/deaf & disabled women. 8th December at Glyndwr University, Wrexham.
Details on the Poster circulated previously.

**Holy Trinity Church Gwersyllt Christmas Tree Festival 8-10 December**
Opening times - Friday 7pm Cheese & Wine Opening Event. Tickets: £5 (Contact Sharon 01978 439798 or slg123@tiscali.co.uk)
Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12-5pm Admission Free (donations welcome)
Sunday 5pm Candlelit Carol Service. Poster circulated previously.

**St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst’s Christmas Tree Festival** launches 9th December with Criw Grwst Advent event (art, craft storytelling and worship for children of all ages) and Soup Lunch. Businesses, clubs, societies, community organisations and individuals are welcome to join this event exhibiting a Christmas tree display. There is no charge for exhibiting but donations to the restoration of Gwydir Chapel and reordering of St Grwst’s Church will be gratefully received. For further information and to book a place please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com

**Christ Church Pontblyddyn Crib Festival** - Saturday 9th December 10.30am-4.30pm and Sunday 10th December 10.30am finishing with “The Chaotic Carol Service” at 4pm. All are welcome.

**Alzheimer’s Society Carols at Christmas** at Holy Trinity Church in Llandudno on Saturday, 9 December. Please join us for a magical evening of musical performances, sing-along carols and festive readings. Doors open at 5.30pm when complimentary refreshments will be served. The concert starts at 6.15pm and should finish around 7.45pm. Tickets: £8 per adult, £12 combined ticket for a person with dementia and their carer, £4 for children (9 years and under). Just phone 0330 333 0804 or go online at www.alzheimers.org.uk/carolsllandudno to book your tickets.

**Carols by Candlelight with Hawarden Singers at Church Of The Holy Spirit , Ewloe, CH5 3BF.** Saturday 9th December at 7pm. Tickets £6 includes Festive refreshments afterwards in the hall. Phone 01244533566 for tickets or pay at the door.

**Mold & District Choral Society will be performing Handel’s "Messiah"** at the Church of St. Peter, Ruthin on Saturday 9th December at 7:30pm. Soloists Kate Griffiths, Katherine Nash, Huw Ynyr and Gwilym Bryniog Davies. Tickets £10 available at Siop Elfair and Ruthin Wholefoods or on the door.

**Canwyll i Gofio – Oedfa Garolau Cymraeg Hosbis Sant Cyndeyrn a chyffle i olau canwyll er cof am deulu a ffrindiau.** Ni does rhai cael cysylltiad gyda’r hosbis i ddod i oedfa. Croeso cynnes i bawb. Capel Annibynwyr Waengoleugoed, Waen, Llanelwy. Nos Sul 10fed Rhagfyr 6yh. Derbynnir Offrwm er bydd Hosbis St Cyndeyrn.
“Stopping, Looking and Listening in Advent” a chance to step back from your busyness, and listen to what God is saying to you. Monday 11th December, at Foxhill House starting with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £21 per person- includes lunch and refreshments. Led by the Revd. Jonathon Green- Director of Foxhill House. Tel: 01928 733777 or Email: foxhill@chester.anglican.org.

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 14 December.

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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