St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 14 Rhagfyr 2017
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday 14 December 2017

New on StAR this week:

**Christmas Closure** - The Diocesan Office will be closed from 12noon on Friday 22 December until 9am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Details of **Christmas Services across the Diocese** are online at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/2017/12/christmas-services-across-the-diocese-of-st-asaph/ Links have been shared on facebook and twitter too.

**Taking place this week**

**A Pleasant Sunday Evening at St. Margaret’s church, Bodelwyddan** on Sunday 17th December at 7pm. An informal evening of seasonal music and entertainment. Come and hear festive favourites performed by Cor Clwyd a local mixed Community choir, the Marble church Hand bell ringers and other soloists. Also featuring the newly installed and inaugurated church organ. Refreshments – Free admission.

**Information and Marketplace**

**The Complete Church Organist Programme** offers practical support and coaching to church organists in a sequence of sessions spread through the year. You can find out more on the attached bilingual leaflet from Stuart Robinson, Coordinator, RSCM Wales.

**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.”

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

High Sheriff Awards 2018 - Nominations 
The High Sheriff Awards nomination process for 2018 recognises outstanding contributions made by individuals or voluntary / community organisations or groups (with a charitable aim) to their respective communities. The closing date for the submission of completed nominations is noon on the 31st December 2017. The winners will be presented with their awards at an event to be held at Ruthin School on Friday 16th March 2018. Nomination forms attached. Please return completed forms to office@dvsc.co.uk.

Forthcoming dates

New Years' Eve, at 10.30am: The Facts about Christmas: How are we to Understand them? Presentation and Carols at the Tanat Valley Joint Mission Area service at the Church of St Cedwyn Llangedwyn. The New Testament Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke were written in the first century to meet the needs of a world quite different from our own. So how should we understand them today?

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/
**StAR** - If you want something including in the St Asaph Round up, please send it to karenmaurice@churchinwales.org.uk. The next StAR will be on Thursday 21 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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