Final call for Teulu Asaph Surveys: The closing date to take part in the Teulu Asaph Survey is Monday 17th July. You can complete it online in English: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7WVPBHH/ or in Welsh: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TC2BWPV

All completed questionnaires will be entered for a prize draw for £30 worth of book tokens, garden vouchers or Fairtrade products (the winner can decide!). Details at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/teuluasaph/

Sunday, 03 September, 2017 – Commemoration of the sacrifice of Merchant Mariners in WWII.

Merchant Mariners understood the dangers of war-time shipping and displayed bravery and great commitment to duty, while knowing that they were prime enemy targets. Sunday, 03 September is being kept as a special day of prayer to commemorate the men and women who lost their lives in the service of their countries in the Allied Merchant Navies during the Second World War. Bishop Gregory commends this prayer intention to the churches of the diocese.

This week

‘Lost in Art’ - 6th-30th July, open every day from 10am. An exhibition at Llanelian Church of the art work done by members of the community at Llys Elian Day Centre, with the help of their art teacher, Gwenda Davies and Sian Hutchinson. ‘Lost in Art’ is a national project to highlight the art being accomplished by people with memory loss. Free entry.

Flower Festival to Celebrate Emmanuel Churches 175th Anniversary - 7th - 15th July at Emmanuel Church, Bistre, Mold Road, Buckley. Open 10am – 4pm on Weekdays and 10am – 6pm on Saturday & Sunday.

Admission to the festival is free of charge, however any donations will be very gratefully received and will go towards furthering the mission of the Church.

Various refreshments will be served during the flower festival week in the Church Hall which is located alongside Emmanuel Church.
Evening Organ Recitals 2017 at St Peter's Church, Ruthin. 12th July-2nd August. All recitals start at 8pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Poster circulated previously.

An Inclusive Church in Wales by 2020? The St. Asaph Diocesan Group of Changing Attitude Cymru invites you to an evening with Hannah Blythin AM. Join the discussion about how we can change the Church in Wales’ opt-outs of the Equality and Marriage Acts. Friday 14th July at 7pm in St. Peter's Church, Rose Hill, Holywell CH8 7TL. A buffet and drinks will be provided. Please let us know if you intend to come for catering purposes e-mail Mike: catac@ashborn.force9.co.uk or phone Aidan 01352 710010

Friends of the Cathedral Summer Lecture - Friday 14th July 2017 at 7.30pm. Dr Rosemary E Solbé, “St Asaph Cathedral Memorial to First World War Nurses”. Admission £5 includes refreshments after the lecture. Proceeds towards The Friends’ Project to contribute funds towards kitchen facilities in the Cathedral.

Concert given by The Choir of the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mellieha in Malta - Musical Director Geoffrey Thomas and also the Oriana Group from Bangor – Musical Director Lorna Todd. Friday 14th July at 7.30pm at Tremeirchion Church. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Annual performance of Bach’s St. Matthew Passion in Tremeirchion. For further information phone 01745 583543.

Llanddulas Family Fun Day - Aled Mission Area. 15th July, 11am - 4pm. This is a medieval-themed family fun day, taking place at St Cynbryd’s Community Park. There will be a ‘knight school’ with sword-fighting skills and archery, a dog show, a chainsaw wood carver, stocks, bouncy castle, reptiles, BBQ, and live music/open mic event.

Strawberry Fayre at St Catherine & St John the Baptist Church, Old Colwyn. 15th July at 3pm. Many stalls including Strawberry Tea. Admission: Adults £5, Children £2. Poster circulated previously.

Strawberry tea and bingo - Saturday 15th July, 3.30 for 4pm at All Saints, Poyser St, Wrexham.

'Summer Selection” concert given by The London Welsh Chorale at Gresford All Saints’ Church, Church Green, Gresford, LL12 8RG on Saturday 15th July at 7pm. Complementary wine and nibbles are included in the ticket price of £10, (concessions £8). All proceeds are for Church Funds. Tickets are available from Church by calling 07766881203 or on line from www.londonwelshchorale.org.uk

Organ Recital by John Hosking at the St Asaph Parish Church, on Saturday 15th July at 7.30pm. Music for a summer evening; an enchanting programme of works by J.S. Bach, on the church’s new Digital Organ, with light refreshments to follow. A
very warm welcome to all. Admission is only £5, on the door. Poster circulated previously.


**Aled Mission Area - New Prayer Group.** 17th July, 10.30am – 12pm. A new prayer group in support of the work of the Aled Mission Area will be meeting for the first time at the Sure Hope Conference Centre, 317 Abergale Road, LL29 9YF. Coffee provided. All are very welcome.

'Open Table’ is happening across the Diocese this month. If you are a member of the LGBT+ Community or a friend and supporter please come along and join in with worship and fellowship.
- 17th July at St Grwst’s, Llanrwst at 7pm
- 27th July at St Peters, Holywell at 7pm

If you would like any further info regarding Open Table or the LGBT+ Chaplaincy please contact: Rev’d Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032  revsarah3005@btinternet.com'

**Services and Installations**

**The Licensing of Andrea Jones as Rector of Hawarden and Vicar of Sandycroft,** at St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden on 30th July at 3pm.

**A Service of Welcome for the Rev Gill Stanning the new Pioneer Priest in Borderlands Mission Area** at 7pm in Emmanuel Church in Bistre on Thursday 31st August.

**Coming up**

**Forget-me-not tea** - Thursday 20th July, 2.30-4.30pm at St Asaph Parish Church. All welcome especially those living with dementia.

**Open garden - Cwm Weeg, Dolfor,** Newtown, SY16 4AT and follow the signs. 23rd July, 2 – 5pm. Refreshments. Adults: £5, Children: Free. St. Paul’s Church, Dolfor will be open. Proceeds to St. Paul’s and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

**Friends of the Cathedral Summer Lecture** - Friday 18th August 2017 at 7.30 p.m. The Revd Canon Martin Snellgrove, "Welsh place-names with an emphasis on exonyms". Admission £5 includes refreshments after the lecture. Proceeds towards The Friends’ Project to contribute funds towards kitchen facilities in the Cathedral.

**A Charity Fundraiser evening in aid of Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham** at St. John the Baptist Church, Penymynydd - Friday 1st September 7.30pm. Duets and trios from Haydn, Bruch, Mozart and Bizet featuring a group of very talented young music scholars playing violin, viola, clarinet, flute and piano. Tickets £5 to include a
drink and nibbles available in advance by contacting: trigzd@gmail.com or tel. 01244 544409.

**Training**

**Spaces are available to those in Ministry on Safe Church Training** which are taking place for new candidates on Friday 14th July in Plas yn Dre, Llanrwst, 9.30am-4.30pm. If you are interested in attending please contact: jessica.skinner@stpadarns.ac.uk

**Please note that the following session has now been cancelled** – “Safe Church” 6th September, 6-9pm in Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn LL22 7RG

**Mission Area Governance information sessions** will be held to help the members of Mission Area Conferences (MACs) understand the legal framework of the MAC and the roles and responsibilities within the MAC. Anyone is welcome to attend one of these sessions if you would find it useful.

- 12th September, 6-9pm in Christ Church, Ffrydan Road, Bala, LL23 7RU
- 2nd October, 6.30-9.30pm in The Old School Room (next to St Garmon’s Church), Llanarmon yn Ial, Mold, CH7 4QE

**If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please book your place by contacting** sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk.

“2017 Welcome to Wales Course” - A residential training course for Ministers of Religion who are transferring into Wales from other parts of the UK or further afield. Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th October 2017 at St Michael’s Centre, Llandaff in Cardiff. The registration form and more details can be located at: [http://www.cytun.org.uk/croesoigymru_17.pdf](http://www.cytun.org.uk/croesoigymru_17.pdf)

Please contact ministry.stasaph@churchinwales.org.uk if you would like to book onto the course, as the diocese may be able to assist with payment.

**2018 Dates for Leading your Church into Growth Announced.** The Diocese will once again be providing 55 places on a Diocesan Leading your Church into Growth course from 16 – 19 April 2018. It will take place at The Hayes Christian Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire and the costs of the course, and en-suite single rooms will be paid for – all you need to do is cover the cost of transport. Here’s what people said after the last course – “Inspirational”; “Full of information”; “It’s given me a lot of ideas and confidence”; “The booklet will be really useful”; “A positive experience and atmosphere”. To register your interest in attending the course, please email sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk
For more training events coming up this year please follow this link to the 2017 Training Prospectus or email sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk to request a hard copy.

Reminders:

Llanfair Talhaiarn Annual Village Sports Day – Aled Mission Area. 29th July, 12 – 5pm on the village sports field on 29th July. Lots of activities for children and grownups, especially games and den building to be organised by our mission area children’s activity co-ordinator, Laura Haig.

Licensed Lay Ministers Day (Formally Readers Day) – 30th September at All Saints Church, Gresford beginning at 11am at which new Readers and other Licensed Lay Ministers will receive their license. Readers are to present themselves on the day to be photographed for their ID Badges in line with Diocesan Policy.

What’s on

"Opera Through the Ages" at 7.30 pm in St. Asaph Cathedral, on 29th July 2017 - An evening of opera music and singing to delight the tastes of all music lovers. The principal soprano Helena Leonard will be accompanied by the locally acclaimed soprano Olivia Hunt, The St. Asaph Cathedral Voluntary Choir directed by John Hosking, and by Graham Eccles, organist. Proceeds to go towards the work of the "Guardians of St. Asaph & St. Kentigern" and "St. Kentigern Hospice." Tickets available £12.50 on the door, or in advance: Telephone 01745 590683, 07583 480807, 07977 401204.

Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary The Virgin Church, Mold 16 - 20 August 2017. The theme will be "Mold in Flowers/Yr Wyddgrug Trwy Flodau". All denominations within Mold and other organisations will be displaying flower arrangements depicting the life of Mold. Admission £3. Further information may be obtained from Ann Jones 01352 755796 caenogmold222@btinternet.com

St Silin’s Church, Llansilin Church Open Weekend - 26th, 27th and 28th August Visitors welcome each day - Exhibitions "Llansilin Past and Present" Refreshments. Fully accessible The historic Grade 1 church lies behind the trees on the main village street. SY10 7QB

The Holywell Community (a New Monastic Community in Abergavenny) is recruiting for young people to join the Community from Mid-August 2017. “If you are wondering what to do after you leave University or College this Summer, are passionate about Jesus and looking to give a year to God or test your vocation to the Ordained or Religious life. We may be what you are looking for.”
In addition, they are seeking a young musician/composer to join the Holywell Community as Lay Concenter.
If you would like further information or are interested in joining the Community why not give, Canon Mark Soady a call on 07968 753978 to chat about it or email: vicar@stmarys-priory.org

**StAR** - If you want something including in the St Asaph Round up, please send it to sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk. The next StAR will be on Thursday 20th July.

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

**Nominate** people in your church to receive this information. It’s free and we want to share it! Ask your PCC Secretary, Wardens or Mission Area Communications Officer to send an e-mail to sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk with ‘Subscribe to StAR’ in the subject line and we’ll do the rest.

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