New to StAR this week

Ecumenical Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace: Friday 23 February
Anglicans are being encouraged to respond to Pope Francis’ call for an ecumenical day of prayer and fasting for peace, with a particular focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, on Friday 23 February. It has been endorsed by the acting primate of the Anglican Church of South Sudan, the secretary general of the Anglican Communion, the Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, and the deputy director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. More details here

Ruthin Town Churches “Butterfly Art Project” Thinking about life changing moments. St Peter’s Church, Ruthin, 10am-3pm Everyday through Lent.

Eglwysi Tref Rhuthun “Prosiect Celf Pili-Pala” MeddwI am amseroedd sy’n newid Bywydaul. Eglwys St Pedr 10yb-3yh pob dydd.

An introduction to Christian Meditation and the World Community for Christian Meditation 10am-1pm Saturday 3rd March at Efenechtyd (near Ruthin).
This is an introduction suitable for anyone seeking to gain in understanding of Christian meditation and be guided in periods of silence. There will be two periods of silence, a shorter one of ten minutes long and a longer one of twenty minutes long. Participants are requested to bring their own lunch for a 12pm lunch break. Tea and coffee will be provided.

“Singing Songs of Praise” at St Matthew’s Church, Buckley in celebration of St David’s Day. 4th March at 3.30pm. Poster attached.

Band y Braichmelyn – 17 March at All Saints church, Southsea, 7-10pm. Adults £7.50, Children £3.50. Please see the attached poster for details.
**St Asaph Choral Society Concert** - Sat 24th March at 7.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Rossini. Petite Messe Solennelle and Elgar Songs from the Bavarian Highlands. Tickets £12 from choir members and Cathedral Frames, High Street, St Asaph.

**Mold & District Choral Society** will be performing "The Passion of Christ" by Somervell on Good Friday 30th March at 12 noon, at the Church of St. Matthew Buckley. Tickets £8 available from the Church, Choir members or Sue 07584659753.

**Advance notice** - **Llandudno Keswick Bible Week 'Overflowing Grace'** with John Risbridger’ 1st-4th May 2018 at the Lighthouse Community, Great Ormes Road, LL30 2EJ. Please see the attached flyer.

**Training**

**Last chance to book** – “Safe Church Training”, 22nd February, 2-5pm in St John’s Church, Llangollen. Developing an awareness and understating of abuse, safeguarding processes and how these relate to your role and responsibilities. **To book please contact** siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open to all but especially useful for Mission Area Safeguarding Coordinators, MAC members, sub-committee members and church committee members.

**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@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582.

**“Love not Hate”** - 24th February, 10am-1pm in St Joseph’s Anglican and Catholic High School, Wrexham. This event aims to help delegates develop ideas that will help them to help young people and children come to terms with and begin to understand and contextualise terrorist atrocities in our world. **To book please contact** siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open to all but will be particularly useful for teachers, youth workers, children’s workers and clergy.

**“Spiritual Formation: Mark Yaconelli’s Method for Meetings”** 24th February, 10am-12pm in Church House, Gresford. Have you been to too many meetings? Mark Yaconelli, the internationally renowned speaker and teacher introduced us to a creative and inspirational way to conduct meetings. Come and experience Mark’s method. Meetings will never be the same again! **To book please contact** siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open
to all but this would be especially relevant for anyone who chairs a meeting or is a member of their Mission Area conference.

“Digital Communications – Getting your church on social media” – 6th March, 7-9pm in St Andrew’s Community Hub, Wrexham. This hands-on session is designed for people new to social media who have never accessed Facebook but are keen to learn. Places are limited to 10, to book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open to anyone keen to engage in digital communications for their church of Mission Area. Please ensure you bring your own laptop of tablet as one will not be provided.

Church in Wales “Keeping People Safe” – A health and safety training session to help churches meet their obligations in this area. Suitable for Health and Safety Officers, Church Wardens, Archdeacons and Clergy. The first session will take place on 10th March, in St Peter’s Church, Holywell. If you would like to attend the course or see the other dates offered please see the poster and booking form circulated previously.

“Mission Area Governance Training” This session covers all you need to know about how the Mission Area Conference operates to ensure that the needs of the Mission Area, the Constitution and Charity Law are met. MAC Members are required to attend this training.

- 12th March, 2-5pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, Chirk
- 13th March, 6-9pm in the Diocesan office, St Asaph

To book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open to all but is especially useful for MAC members, Sub-Committee members and Church Committee Members.

Coming up this week

Frugal Lunches at Holy Trinity Church, Esclusham during Lent Friday 16th Feb at 12pm in Church Side Rooms. Our frugal lunches will continue throughout Lent every Friday, and the proceeds will be given to local charities.

You are invited to a Mosque Open Day in Rhyl being held by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on Sunday 18th February. The purpose of this event is to build bridges and talk about the true and peaceful message of Islam. The mosque will be open to visitors from 11.30am-4pm. Please refer to the attached flyer for details.

St Grwst’s Church is changing. Our Heritage Lottery Fund project will transform the church and its role in the local community. It will repair and preserve our
medieval church and chapel for future generations, create a vibrant community hub and share our rich heritage with a wide audience. To find out more and to meet members of the project team, join us for our Open Day on Tuesday 20th February 4-7pm at The Eagles Hotel, Llanrwst. For more information contact: info@headlanddesign.co.uk Tel: 01829 271329.

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

Concert at St. Martin's Church, Eglwysbach in aid of church funds Saturday 24th February. Cor Meibion Maelgwn with Musical Director Mererid Mair. Also appearing Ysgol Gerdd Canwy, the children's/youths' choir directed by Trystan Lewis. Come and enjoy an evening of musical variety with traditional Welsh items, as well as songs from theatre and musicals. Tickets £8 (Children under 16 £4) at the door, available at The Bee Inn, or from Geoff Templeton 07769262687.

Forthcoming dates

Y CYMUN BENDIGAID i dathlu Gwyl Dewi Sant. 1 Mawrth at 7pm yn St John the Baptist, Penymynydd. Croeso i bawb / WELSH EUCHARIST to celebrate St David's Day. 1st March at 7pm in St John the Baptist, Penymynydd. All welcome.

Harp Concert by Lily Neil, famous international player with a very varied repertoire - 23rd March in St Silin’s Church, Llansilin at 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Available at the door. Refreshments. Fully accessible building, hearing loop. Location SY10 7QB.

Laudes Choir will sing at the Evensong Service on Palm Sunday, 25th March at 5.30 pm at St Michael’s Church, Caerwys.

St. Asaph mothers' Union Quiet Day Tuesday 13th March at St. Peter's Church Holywell, 10am - 4pm and the cost will be £5 per day. Led by The Revd Alan Tiltman on the theme 'MUSIC'. Tea and coffee etc will be provided and you will need to bring some lunch. Booking forms from carol.ann.lloyd3@outlook.com.

The Evolving Voice of Women’s Ministry – An evening of storytelling and music to celebrate 21 years of women’s ministry. 16th March, 7-9pm in the Tea Rooms at
St Asaph Cathedral. Entry is free but booking is essential. Flyer with more details circulated previously, please print and advertise in your churches.

**Easter Vigil and Confirmation**, 31st March at 7pm in St Asaph Cathedral.

**Fashion Show by MandCo**, Oswestry 6th April in St Silin’s Church, Llansilin. Clothes for all ages from toddlers and teenagers to ladies and gentlemen of all ages. To be followed by special refreshments. Make a note in your diary.

**Taize Service at the Cathedral** on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm. Further details will be published after Easter.

**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 22 February.

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

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