More volunteers are needed for the Church and Community Night Shelter Project in Wrexham. If you would like to help, there’s volunteer training on Monday 19 March at 6.30pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wrexham. Detail on the poster attached.

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. Flyer with more details circulated previously.

New to StAR this week

Easter-themed craft day 17th March at St Paul’s Church in Craig y Don from 10am - 1pm. Cost for the session is £5 including materials and refreshments, and you get to take your work home. Activities to include making a solid Easter egg out of strands of wool, making the Easter bunny out of a sock, and making Easter egg baskets out of paper and card.

The future shape of the Retired Clergy Association is very much in the hands of its members and to that end I am extending a warm invitation to the retired clergy and spouses and widows living in the diocese to join me for afternoon tea during which there will be an opportunity to discuss how the Association can best meet the needs of retired clergy and provide appropriate fellowship and support. An afternoon event will be held in each of the archdeaconries on the following dates and I look forward to welcoming retired clergy then:

- St Asaph Archdeaconry: March 21st at The Oriel House Hotel, St Asaph, 1500hr
- Wrexham Archdeaconry: April 24th at The Ramada Hotel, Wrexham, 1500hr
- Montgomery Archdeaconry: May 1st at The Royal Oak, Welshpool, 1500hr

The University of Sheffield Gospel Choir in Concert 24/25 March and will be at St John’s Church, Station Road, Old Colwyn at 7.15pm on Saturday 24 March. The
following day they will be at Old Colwyn Methodist Church, Wynn Drive, Old Colwyn at 2.30pm with a repeat performance. All welcome – Free admission (retiring collection) with donations requested for Camfed (the Campaign for Female Education) and Children in Wales. Poster attached.

**Performance of J.S. Bach St. Matthew Passion at Corpus Christi Church, Tremeirchion.** Good Friday, 30th March. Tremeirchion Bach Choirs and Orchestra. Soloists - Eleanor Parsons, Stephen Newlove, Dominic Rose, Benjamin Williamson, Oliver Sammons, Malcolm Williams and Ben Ridler. Conductor Richard Adamson. The performance starts at 7.30pm, tickets £10. For further information please ring 01745 583543.

**The Reapers Gospel Choir will be performing at Sure Hope Church, 317 Abergele Road, Old Colwyn LL29 9YF Saturday 31st March at 5pm – doors open at 4pm – for enquiries tel 01492 514021 email info@surehopechurch.co.uk All welcome – Poster attached**

**Jazz Concert at St Asaph Cathedral on 14 April** at 7.30pm: Mart Rodger and his group playing Trad Jazz. Details on the poster attached.

Licensing of **Alexier Mayes**, St Mark’s Church, Connah’s Quay on 15 April at 1530hr. All welcome.

**Coming up this week**

“**Come and try the organ event**” in St. Asaph Cathedral on Saturday March 17th at 2pm. The event is organized by the Royal School of Church Music North Wales Area and led by Cathedral Director of Music: Alan McGuinness. Please contact Alan directly if you’d like to join the session. Poster circulated previously.

**Band y Braichmelyn – 17 March at All Saints church, Southsea, 7-10pm.** Adults £7.50, Children £3.50. Details on poster circulated previously.

USPG’s one day Conference ‘**Rethinking Mission: Living in a Religiously Diverse World**’ will be held on **Saturday 17th March 2018, 9.30am – 3pm, in Birmingham Cathedral.** Speakers from around the world will inspire, challenge and enthuse us as together we reflect on how we live and engage in mission in religiously diverse situations. Details on the poster attached, previously

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) Early intervention Forum** – 22 March, 10am-12pm at Northgate Church, Chester. A special forum event where we will be sharing more about TLG’s Early Intervention Programme and providing opportunities to explore what you can do to meet a huge need in our local schools.
Marketplace and information

Please see attached job vacancy for Trobwynt, a Scripture Union Associate Trust on the Llŷn Peninsula.

Bartisan Fudge, run by members of St Bartholomew’s Church, Sealand, has special offers for Easter. Have a look at their Facebook page to order: https://www.facebook.com/fudgeatstbarts/

Big Church Day Out – The Diocese of St Asaph has negotiated a special discounted group rate for the Big Church Day Out on 1-2 June: Two Days - Adult £36.50 and 4-16s £30.50. One day: Adult £31.50 and 4-16s £25.50. To take advantage of this discount, please book via: http://bcdo.group/2018/diocese-of-st-asaph

Looking for a job lot of New English Hymnal. Willing to take them off your hands. Please contact Sam Erlandson s.erlandson@hotmail.co.uk or 01978 513716.

Applications now open for the Archbishop Rice Jones Trust which has provided over 80 of our local schools with the tools for inspiring real growth of Collective Worship and Religious Education. Details and Grant Application forms (in English and Welsh) can be found at: https://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/steering-groups/nurturing/learning/schools-2/staff/archbpricejones/ The closing date for applications is Friday 8 June.

Forthcoming dates

New date for the launch of Women, Identity and Religion in Wales - A new book by Cathedral Canon and St Asaph’s Director of Ministry, Manon Ceridwen James will be launched at St Asaph Cathedral on Friday 23 March at 7pm. The book offers significant and original insights into women, Welsh identify and religion. Come and find out more. All are welcome. Details on the attached invitation. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance to Manon: manoncjames@churchinwales.org.uk.

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.
St Asaph Choral Society Concert Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Rossini Petite Messe Solonnelle Conductor - Graham Eccles, Piano - Tim Stuart, Organ - John Hosking. Tickets. £12. From choir members and Cathedral Frames, St Asaph High Street.

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

Modern Slavery/Human trafficking Awareness Free event. Spotting Signs and making a difference!
- 10th April, 2-4pm and 7.30-9.30pm in Conference Room, North Coast Church, 87 Gors Road, Towyn, LL22 9NR.
- 19th April, 10.30am-12.30pm and 7.30pm-9.30pm in SPYCE Building (next to Town Hall) Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay.

Please see the poster circulated previously for more details and how to book.

An introduction to Christian Meditation and the World Community for Christian Meditation 10am-1pm, 14th April 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. Poster available to download.

Dementia Friends Sunday Service – 15th April, 9.30-10.30am in St Peter’s Church, Holywell. Everyone welcome. Please see the poster circulated previously for details.

The St Asaph Cathedral Choir will visit St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst on Saturday 21st April. The Cathedral Choir will present a half hour recital from 4pm which will be followed by Choral Evensong. There is no admission charge, but donations will be gratefully received and will be shared between the Choir and St Grwst's Church Reordering Fund.

“Multi-parish ministry dynamics” 11am-1pm, 8th May at Derwen College, Gobowen, OSWESTRY SY11 3JA. For clergy who wish to enter into supportive conversation about the ins-and-outs of multiple foci ministry (e.g. a number of churches, a rural context). There is also the option of staying for lunch in the Orangery Restaurant afterwards. For further information please contact Richard Carter on telephone: 01824 703867 email: reverendcarter@gmail.com
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 March.

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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