New on StAR this week:

A concert to celebrate St Cecilia’s Day and 125 year of St Cecilia’s church, Mynydd Isa featuring Cor Glyndwr programme to include St Cecilia Mass by Gounod. Saturday 18th November, 7pm in Emmanuel Church, Bistre, CH7 2NH. Tickets: Adults £10 8-16yrs: £5 available on the door

Borderlands Mission Area “Let’s talk about Advent” 22nd Nov-20th Dec, Wednesdays 7.30-9pm. St Francis Church Hall, Sandycroft, CH5 2PQ. Join us as we explore the biblical figures of the Christmas story; with the very first people to experience the presence of Jesus. An opportunity for seasonal though, prayer and discussion. Open to all across the MA.

The diocesan website is in need of a major re-vamp and we’d like your input on how we can ensure the new look works for everyone.
- 27th November, 6-8pm in the St Asaph Diocesan Office.
- 28th November, 10am-12pm in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham
- 28th November, 2.30-4.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Llanfair Caereinion

This is an open invitation to everyone, so please share this with friends, neighbours, colleagues, churchgoers and non-churchgoers, alike. The more input and feedback the better. To book a place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

St Cynfran’s Church Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 25th November in the Village Hall 10am-12noon. Refreshments, Stalls and entertainment by Ysgol Cynfran Choir and the Ukelele band.

Christmas Craft Fair 25th Nov, 10am-1pm, Bangor on Dee Church. £5 per table. To book phone 01978 780608
The Clwyd Clippers (Mold Barbershop Chorus) and International Musical Theatre Young Singer of the Year 2017 at Llangollen Eisteddfod, Megan-Hollie Robertson in Concert Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm at Bangor on Dee Church. Tickets £6.

Advent Group Study Course in The St Melangell Centre. Starts 28th November, 2.30-4pm each Tuesday for 4 weeks. Poster attached.

Christmas Tree Festival at All Saint’s Church, Gresford. 29th Nov-3rd Dec. Advent Carol Service at 6 pm on 3rd Dec. Poster attached.

AVOW Christmas Reception 2017 https://avow2017christmasreception.eventbrite.co.uk AVOW Christmas Reception On Friday 16th December 2017 12 noon - 2pm At Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndŵr University, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AW AVOW trustees, staff and other colleagues from the voluntary/community sector will be present. An ideal opportunity for networking (Light refreshments will be provided)

St Asaph Youth Pilgrimage 2018 – Booking now open. 22nd – 27th of July 2018. The Pilgrimage is a time for young people make new friends, learn about themselves and their faith and have the best fun. Ages 11-17. For more information or to book a place please contact Tim Feak on timfeak@churchinwales.org.uk

National Churches Trust – Maintenance Grants
Grants are available for small, urgent maintenance issues or repairs which reduce the need for longer-term costs of building repairs to listed churches. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to applicants with repair or maintenance projects costing between £1,000 and £10,000. Match funding of at least 50% of the total project cost is required. Closing dates for applications are 24/1/18, 23/5/18, 26/9/18. For more information, application forms and guidance notes visit their website https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Vacancy - Please see the attached advertisement and person specification for “Director of Faith, Order and Unity for the Church in Wales.”

Bridge Builders November newsletter attached.

Taking place this week

Celtic Harp Concert by international player, Harriet Earis - 17th November in St Silin's Church, Llansilin at 7.30pm. Refreshments. The Church is in the centre of the village SY107QB and is fully accessible.
Cyngerdd – Côr Meibion Llangwm i ddathlu 10 mlynedd ers atgyweirio Eglwys Crist - 17 fed Tachwedd, 7.30pm, Eglwys Crist Y Bala. Unawedd – Ellis Jones, Llywydd – Nia Wyn Morris. Mynediad £8 Tocynnau - Awen Meirion neu wrth y drws -

Concert To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the re-ordering of Christ Church. November 17th, 7.30pm Christ Church Bala. £8 Admission. Tickets from Awen Meirion or on the door.

Leading you Church into Growth (LyCiG) Refresher Day – Join us on 18th November, 10am-3.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. LyCiG is about growing:
• The number of people in our churches
• The impact we have in our communities
• The depth and impact of God in our own lives.
To book a place please email: siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk. Invitation circulated previously.

“Come and Sing the Songs of Redemption” – Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement with hymns and songs from Redemption Hymnal and Elim Choruses. 18 November at 7.15pm in Trinity Methodist Church, Prestatyn. Please see the previously attached poster for details.

Choral Evensong (according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer) sung by Laudes Choir and the Church Choir on Sunday 19th November at 5.30pm in St Mary the Virgin, Mold. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. A warm welcome awaits all who are able to join us.

The renowned boys choir, ONLY BOYS ALOUD, under their Choral Director Tim Rhys-Evans, will be performing in St Paul’s Church, Colwyn Bay on Sunday 19th November at 5pm.

ST. DIGAIN’S DAY CONCERT AND FEAST Sunday 19 November. Concert at St. Digain's Church, Llangernyw with Fay Adamson at 5pm. Retiring collection in aid of the organ fund. St. Digain’s Day Feast at 6.30pm, £7.50. Tickets for either or both from the Revd Gwenda Cooper, 01745 860349, brondigain@googlemail.com; or Mary Hindley, 01745 860314.

Inaugural Lecture of the North Wales Theological Society “The Future of Faith in Wales with Professor Wayne Morris, University of Chester. Tue 21 November 2017, 7–9pm in Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham Glyndwr University. Religion, faith and spirituality have, for millennia, been a part of the fabric and landscape of Wales. While that has been predominantly Christian for the last 2000 years, other faith perspectives and forms of
spiritual expression have nevertheless always been present. The place and role of religion in the twentyfirst century is changing rapidly and, in Wales, there are characteristics of this transformation that are particular to the Welsh context. This paper, presented from the perspective of a Christian theologian, explores the future of religion, faith and spirituality in Wales, the possibilities and challenges for dialogue and collaboration between people of different faith perspectives and none, and considers what a particularly Christian contribution to that might look like.

The Lecture and Questions will be in English. Register on Eventbite at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-future-of-faith-in-wales-tickets-37422401410

**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 23 November.

**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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