St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 17 Mai 2018
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday, 17 May 2018

New to StAR

**Book & Plant Fair** at St Dyfnog’s Church, Llanrhaeadr, 10:30am- 5pm Thursday & Friday, 10:30am- 2pm Saturday. Admission free, refreshments available.

"Do you dare to...abseil down St Asaph Cathedral’s tower on 26th May between 10am to 3.30pm, as part of St Asaph Spring Fair? Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk), or hard copies collected from St Asaph Library or the Parish Church. However, completed form should be returned to the Diocesan Offices next to the cathedral (full instructions on the form). Pre-registration is preferred, to be able to plan the day effectively.

There will be many more **Spring Fair** activities and stalls in and around St Asaph Parish Church – Nearly new, Bric-a-brac, plant, cake and book stalls, Model train display, motorbikes, environmental awareness, various voluntary groups Scarecrow judging, Best dressed bike. Children’s activities - table football, face painting, stone painting, owl making, flower arranging, Refreshments and barbecue. This event is jointly run with the Community Association and with Rotary. Proceeds to the Parish Church Re-ordering. Come and join us for great family fun!"

St Mary’s Church, Towyn are holding their Annual Spring Fayre on Saturday 26th May doors open 11.30am. There are many stalls and good fun to be had by all.

**Model Railway Exhibition and Plant Sale: St Bartholomew's Church, Sealand:** 26 - 27 May: Bedding plants, hanging baskets and shrubs on sale outside the church: Inside will be 5 working model railway layouts, stalls, children's corner and expert advice. Hot and cold refreshments on sale: Admission - Free to plant sale and the church: Model Railway Exhibition: £2 per adult (includes raffle ticket). Accompanied children - free: Open: 10 - 4pm daily

Make a date in your diary to **Come & Sing the Songs of Redemption** at our next gathering at St John’s Church, Station Road, Old Colwyn on Saturday 9 June 2018. The theme for the evening is “CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL”. On this
occasion we’re delighted to welcome the Rev John Dowber of the Presbyterian Church of Wales as our special guest speaker - and we can be assured that he’ll give us a great message of encouragement. Don't miss this one!

**Cherishing Church Gardens Week** 11th-14th June, St Mary’s, Towyn mainly for the children but parents are welcome on Thursday Morning. This will be followed on Friday 15th with the Great Village Bake-off and a social evening.

**St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst, Festival of Flowers 2018** – 29th, 30th June and 1st July. To coincide with Llanrwst’s entry in the Wales in Bloom 2018 competition, a regional element of the National Britain in Bloom Competition supported by the Royal Horticultural Society, St Grwst’s Church is holding a “Festival of Flowers”. The theme for this event will be “The Year of the Sea”. We would welcome you to join this event exhibiting a display either as an organization or as an individual in memory of a loved one. There is no charge for exhibiting but donations to St Grwst’s Church Reordering Fund will be gratefully received. For further information and to book a place please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com

Register and get your tickets for A Celebration of Dementia Ministries here: [https://celebrationofdementiaministries.eventbrite.com](https://celebrationofdementiaministries.eventbrite.com). Friday, July 6, 2018 9:45am – 3:30pm in St. Margaret’s Church Hall, Chester Road, Wrexham LL11 2SH. See the poster attached for details.

If you are interested in becoming a Burns by Your Side Volunteer recruitment and training sessions will be commencing in the winter of 2018. Burns by Your Side is a scheme aimed at children who could benefit from improved reading and communication skills. Using specially trained volunteers and their companion dogs, these very special animals come to the school to hear the children read. The scheme also supports children in nurturing or special provision units to help increase feelings of well-being through a therapy visit. Please follow the link for more information - [http://www.burnsbyyourside.org/](http://www.burnsbyyourside.org/)

**Coming up this week**

**Bangor on Dee and Wrexham Art Groups present an Art Exhibition in Bangor on Dee Church** 12-20 May. Open from 10am till 4pm each day. Come and support local artists. Many of the works on display will be for sale.

**Whit Walk:** Aled Mission Area welcomes everyone to its second Whit Walk, on 19 May. We will begin at 11am on the prom opposite Abergele Railway Station, and finish with a service at St Trillo’s Chapel on the prom at 4pm. Walkers are welcome to join in at any point; please see the map for times. We hope many more will join us for the service with Bishop Gregory. Details circulated previously.
**Mold & District Choral Society** will perform Handel's "Acis & Galatea" at the Church of St. Mary, Mold on Saturday 19th May at 7:30 p.m. Conductor: Trystan Lewis. Soloists: Soprano - Katie Hinchcliffe, Tenor - Rhodri Jones, Bass - Callum Speed. Tickets £10 available from choir members, Sue 01352 757195 or at the door.

**Pentecost Confirmation**, 20th May in St Asaph Cathedral, 3pm.

**Archdeacon’s Visitation** of Montgomery - 23rd May in St Beuno’s Church, Berriew at 7pm. Churchwardens may sign the declarations from 6.15pm onwards or after service.

**21-27 May this year is Dementia Action Week. Dementia Friends Information Sessions**

Come along to this informal session and learn about 5 key messages about dementia, what it’s like to live with the disease and how you can help create a dementia friendly community. Posters attached in Welsh and English.

- 21st May, 12-1pm in Penllyn Leisure Centre, Bala
- 25th May, 12-1pm in Bro Dysynni Leisure Centre, Tywyn.

**Dementia Friends Information Session on 22 May, 11am - 12pm in the Tea Rooms at the Cathedral.** This is for the public and for Cathedral volunteers. Come along and learn more about dementia and how to help. See the info sheet attached. Bob Friedrich, Dementia Support Officer, 07475 117077, bobfriedrich@churchinwales.org.uk.

**St. Asaph Mothers’ Union have arranged a QUIET DAY** on Thursday 24th May, at Pool Quay, Welshpool from 10am to 4pm, the cost will be £5. It will be led by The Revd Chancellor Alan Tiltman from Rhosymedre, Wrexham on the theme ‘MUSIC’. If you have a piece of music that’s special to you then do please bring it along on the day. Tea and coffee etc will be provided, and you will need to bring lunch with you. Booking forms are available from Mrs Carol Lloyd, 01824703357, or by email carol.ann.lloyd3@outlook.com.

**Forest Church Eco-Retreat** – 25-28 May; Cae Mabon Fachwen, Llanberis. Full details on the poster circulated previously. A weekend of Forest Church is an exploration of what it means to be connected to the whole of nature. Incorporating sessions on How to run Forest Church, the weekend will provide time to connect intentionally and playfully with the spirit of God that is present within all things, that is the Eternal Christ, first born of all creation, ‘the first thought in the mind of God’.

**Marketplace and information**

#therebuthnotthere – Find out how your church or community organisation can host the haunting art installation, There But Not There, to commemorate those
from your community who fell in World War 1. Details at:
https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/taking-part/armed-forces-covenant-fund-trust/

The Theology for Life Course (formerly Exploring Faith) - Would you like to study theology? Are you interested in exploring your vocation, training for a ministry or just want to find out more about how the insights of academic theology and lived-out faith might inform each other? Fancy beginning a certificate, diploma or degree programme, or want to take your existing learning to the next level? Theology for Life programme might be for you. We are setting up new small study groups for Sept 2019 and there will be groups you can join spread across the Diocese. Or why not set up your own group together in your church or Mission Area? We have an introductory morning at 10am-12:30pm at All Saints Church Southsea, Wrexham, LL11 5PG on Saturday 9th June where you can find out more about the course.

You may like to watch the short videos on this site to get more of a sense of the course - http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/?page_id=49, and there is further information circulated previously.

Please see the following message from Revd Canon Dr Manon James – “Mapping pioneering work and fresh expressions
In the diocese we are looking to map the pioneering work and the ‘fresh expressions’ of church that are happening in our mission areas. These can be projects or services and although definitions vary, we would like to map everything that we are doing, be it a project, service or anything else which seeks to attract new people to church by using new and creative methods. They can be based inside or outside the church walls. We’d love to hear from you so please do let us know via Jackie Feak, the ministry support officer on ministry.stasaph@churchinwales.org.uk (or 01745 582245 Monday and Tuesday). We will then use the information to encourage one another across the diocese with ideas, and to provide support, as well as get a more accurate picture of what is happening. It may even be useful to set up a network.

Gill Stanning, our officer for pioneer ministry. If you’d like help with this area of church life, then Gill’s contact details are:

Gill Stanning:
Phone number: 01244 541420
Email address: gill.pioneerpriest@gmail.com

Please also remember that our Church Army Centre for Mission can also help, and are a resource available for all of us:
Centre for Mission, Wrexham
Captain Chris Lawton 07974 417052
clawton106@btinternet.com

If you have pictures of activities then this would also be a great help. Many thanks manoncjames@churchinwales.org.uk."

**Forthcoming dates**

**Change of date -** Come and enjoy an evening of Midsummer music at Corpus Christi Church Tremeirchion will now take place on 2nd June at 7.30pm with The Oriana Singers from Bangor conducted by Lorna Todd - an evening not to be missed.

**A Hope and a Future – Transforming churches and Communities**
A one day event open to everyone who is interested in helping their church be relevant to their community. Come and hear stories about how churches and communities are working together to improve lives. There will also be practical workshops as detailed below:

- Bringing the Bible to life through drama
- Bringing the Bible to life through films
- How to plan a project using simple planning tools
- How to help your church respond to mental health issues

The day will be interactive and will give you tools and resources to take back to your churches and communities.

**Date**  6th June  
**Time**  9am – 4pm  
**Venue**  Llangollen Pavilion, Llangollen

To book your place please email siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Rural Mission Sunday** has been promoted over the last few years by Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre based at Stoneleigh in England. It is essentially an initiative encouraging us to acknowledge and celebrate all that churches in rural communities are, do and contribute to the local community/world. It is celebrated in July - this year July 15th is the day that’s being promoted, but you can mark it on a different day - for example in Vyrnwy MA we’ll be celebrating on July 29th when we have a fifth Sunday MA Eucharist. Germinate produce resources which you can access (and find out more about RMS generally) at www.germinate.net/rural-mission-sunday
**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 17 May.

**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 Church Secretary, Wardens or Mission Area Communications Officer to send an e-mail to siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk with ‘Subscribe to StAR’ in the subject line and we’ll do the rest.

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