St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 19 Ebrill 2018
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday, 19 April 2018

The Commissioning of Revd David Lewis as Mission Area Leader of Aled – 22nd April, 3pm in St John’s, Old Colwyn. All welcome.

A Hope and a Future – Transforming Churches and Communities
Wednesday 6 June: Llangollen Pavilion. A free one-day event for anyone interested in helping their church to be relevant to their local community. To book contact Siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk. More information at https://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/steering-groups/engaging/hope-and-a-future/a-hope-and-a-future-transforming-churches-and-communities/

New to STaR

How Does God Answer Prayer in a Scientific World? The Max Planck Lecture Series on Science and Faith at Chester Cathedral.
Tuesday 1st May, 7:30pm at The Refectory, Chester Cathedral, with the Revd Professor David Wilkinson (St John’s College, University of Durham)
Many people see the work of God in the regularity and beauty of the scientific laws. Yet the success of science has left a theological legacy: does God have to break those laws in responding to intercessory prayer? Or might the world of quantum theory and chaos open up a new kind of thinking about how God works? Admission Free – Refreshments Available – Retiring Collection.

Betws yn Rhos Village Plant & Cake Sale in the Village Hall - Saturday 12th May, 10am-12pm. All welcome, teas, coffee & cake.

Living Church Weekend / Penwythnos Eglwys Fyw: 12/13 May – St Peter’s Church, Ruthin. Details on the attached posters.

Forest Church Eco-Retreat – 25-28 May: Cae Mabon Fachwen, Llanberis. Full details on the attached poster.

Care for the Family is running Confident Parenting in a Digital Age: 12 June, 7:30pm - 10:00pm Chester:
In a society that is predominantly digital, our children are growing up with a world of online possibility at their fingertips. How can we ensure that our kids are safe without
preventing them from accessing the many advantages? Power up your parenting for the online generation with Katharine and Philip at Connected – Confident Parenting in a Digital Age.

Venue: Audacious Church, Chester, CH1 4QJ
Further information at https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/

**Coming up this week**

**TONIGHT - Modern Slavery/Human trafficking Awareness Free event.** Spotting Signs and making a difference! 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.

**Spring Organ Concert,** featuring the new organ at the St Margaret’s (Marble Church), Bodelwyddan. Friday 20 April, 7.30pm. Details on poster (circulated previously).

Amnesty Colwyn Bay presents the film: *Syria’s Disappeared the case against Assad.* The documentary film will be shown in Theatre Colwyn on 26 Apr 2018, at 7:30 pm. Following the screening there will be a discussion lead by Amnesty International’s Syria coordinator. Details on the poster circulated previously. Tickets are available from Theatre Colwyn.

**Marketplace and information**

**St Padarn’s Institute is re-launching Living and Learning in April 2018** with a variety of bi-lingual modules. Living and Learning is designed for Christians who want to come together in small facilitated local learning groups to explore their faith and deepen their life of prayer and service. More information at https://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/steering-groups/developing/living-and-learning/ or the St Padarns website: wwwstpadarns.ac.uk

**Summer Play-scheme funding opportunities – deadline 1 June.**
The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants to projects both in the UK and in developing countries, primarily supporting work to address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. Each year the Fund allocates a small budget to help community groups run summer play schemes for the benefit of disadvantaged children aged five to 18 years. Grants are available for between £500 to £1,500. The next deadline for applications is 1 June 2018 and full details are available at www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk For more information contact martynschlangen@churchinwales.org.uk

**Calor Rural Community Fund** - Rural communities with projects off the mains gas grid are eligible to apply for funding. Projects that have successful applications will be published on their website for people to vote on and projects that receive the most
votes in their funding category will become finalists. Finalists will be reviewed by a panel of impartial judges who will score each project and select the winners. The 2018 Calor Rural Community Fund will open for applications on 20th March until 30th April 2018. Public voting will start on 4th May until 11th June 2018. 
https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund/about-the-fund/

Forthcoming dates

Spiritual Formation – Festival of Prayer. Building on Mark Yaconelli’s work with the Diocese, the Festival will consist of workshops focusing on group spiritual formation and prayer activity, encouraging you to listen to God and to one another. 28th April, 10am-4pm in Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, Newtown. Booking is essential. Please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk
Open to all, especially those involved in Mission Area Conferences and other church groups in the southern half of the diocese.

"History and Heritage" exhibition in St. Peter's Llanbedr DC following the roof restoration project, which was supported with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The exhibition covers local history, paintings and photographs over the last 200 years of the medieval Old St. Peter's Church which is a 13th Century ruined Parish Church replaced by the existing St. Peter's in 1864. The exhibition will be at the back of the Church until the end of May. Please see the attached poster for details of “Coster Llanbedr” 7th May in Llanbedr Village Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Dates of the 2018 Archdeacon’s Visitations:

- Archdeaconry of Wrexham - 13th May in St Giles’ Church, Wrexham at 4pm. Churchwardens can sign the required declarations from 3.15pm onwards and following the service.

- Archdeaconry of St. Asaph - 17th May in St Margaret’s Church, Bodelwyddan at 7pm. Churchwardens can sign declarations from 6.15pm.

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

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.
Forthcoming RSCM North Wales Area Choral Festival Service at St. Asaph Cathedral on Sunday 10th June. We are delighted to welcome back Mervyn Cousins – former Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan RC Cathedral - to conduct the Festival Choir. If you require any further details or would like to order Festival books please contact Alan McGuinness - (Cathedral Organist and RSCM North Wales Area Chair): 01745 584053 or organist@stasaphcathedral.org.uk poster circulated previously.

“We are many, we are one” Lay Licensed Ministers Conference at MedRus Conference Centre, Aberystwyth University. 6-8th July 2018. A gathering for all licensed lay ministers in the Church in Wales – including Lay Readers, Pastors, Pioneers, Evangelists and Children/Youth/Family Ministers. We aim to celebrate our unity in Christ and to encourage one another as ministers of the Gospel. Additional information and booking form available to download in English and Welsh from https://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/.

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 26 April.

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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