The format of StAR has changed to show the new events/activities/services at the top, making it easier to identify new information immediately. Forthcoming items, which have been on StAR for more than two weeks, will no longer be shown until the week they take place. This change anticipates a major overhaul of StAR as part of the website redesign, later this year/early next.

New on StAR this week:

**Concert at St. Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan** to mark the inauguration of the new Allen Organ - Friday 15th December, 7.30pm. Organist - John Hosking; Soprano - Olivia Hunt. A wide range of music to show off the full range of the new instrument. Admission £10 with complimentary Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served afterwards. Poster attached.

**The St Asaph Retired Clergy Association** is meeting on Thursday 16th November at 11.30am at the Cathedral, with lunch to follow at the Oriel Hotel, St Asaph. Canon Quentin Bellamy (the coordinator) has sent out invitations to those on his list, but is always on the lookout for any who may not have received an invitation. If you know of anyone who has not been invited please contact him (urgently) on 01492 478659 or via email dgbellamy@yahoo.co.uk. The invitation is open to retired clergy and clergy widow(er)s.

**Cyngerdd – Côr Meibion Llangwm I ddathlu 10 mlynedd ers atgyweirio Eglwys Crist** - 17 fed Tachwedd, 7.30pm, Eglwys Crist Y Bala.
Unawedd – Ellis Jones, Llwydd - 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 - Awen Meirion or on the door.
MARCHNAD NADOLIG - EGLWYS CRIST Y BALA / CHRISTMAS MARKET - CHRIST CHURCH BALA, TACHWEDD 24\textsuperscript{th} / NOVEMBER 24\textsuperscript{th}, 4-8 pm
20+ o stondinau crefft a chynnyrch / 20+ crafters and producers

Bydd ein Caffi yn gweini Cŵn Poeth, Sudd Afal poeth gyda pherlysiau, Diodydd Meddal, Te a Choffi Marchnad Deg. / Our Café will be serving Hot Dogs, Mulled Apple, Soft Drinks, Fairtrade Tea and Coffee.

Cyfle i’r plant fwynhau gwaith crefft a gemau, ysgrifennu llythyr at Siôn Corn a’i bostio ym Mocs Postio arbennig Siôn Corn. / Children can enjoy games and crafts, write letters to Santa and post them in our special Santa’s Posting Box.

Cyfle i greu naws llawen drwy'r noson. / Live Musicians will help the festive atmosphere throughout the evening.
Fe dynnir y Raffl Fawr ar y noson / The Grand Raffle will be drawn during the evening

Prestatyn Parish Church – 12\textsuperscript{th} Festival of Christmas Trees
Prestatyn Parish Church will be transformed into a festive forest by local schools and organisations. Musical interludes, gift stall and refreshments are available throughout the week.

Open: Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} November – Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December
Weekdays 1 – 5pm
Late night Thursday until 7pm
Saturday 10.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: Adults £2, Children £1, Under 5 free, Family ticket £5
Come and join us for this wonderful event which heralds the Advent Season.

Limited places available on a special course designed by the Diocese of Bangor and Nant Gwrtheyrn Welsh language learning centre (in the Lleyn Peninsula, Gwynedd) for those who have limited or non-existent knowledge of Welsh. This is part of a scheme called ‘Cymraeg yn y Gweithle’ (‘Welsh in the Workplace’) and as a result is completely free for all participants in terms of both teaching and full board and lodging. This course will be held from Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January 2018. The Diocese of Bangor would be pleased to welcome any cleric or stipendiary lay-worker from the Diocese of St. Asaph who would like a place on this course. There is no cost for the course or accommodation at Nant Gwrtheyrn and more information can be found here http://nantgwrtheyrn.org/ or from the organiser Canon Robert Townsend 07789 625225 / 01286 650262  robert@townsend.cx.

If you would like a place please contact Revd Dr Manon Ceridwen James 01745 532599 or email manoncjames@churchinwales.org.uk as soon as possible as we need to let them know by Monday AT THE LATEST.
This week

The Resurrection Choir from St Petersburg Concert 2nd November at 7pm in St Giles’, Wrexham. Tickets £10. Poster circulated previously.

MAECymru – Merched a’r Eglwys; Ministry and Equality is holding its AGM on Saturday 4 November 2018 at Plas Dolerw in Newtown. The meeting will start at 10.30am. The guest speaker is Norma Jarboe OBE and a warm welcome is extended to everyone. Please see the attached posters for more details.

The Annual Service of Thanksgiving, remembering those who have died, will take place at St Paul’s Church, Colwyn Bay at 3pm on Sunday 5 November. This is a sensitive service of music, hymns, poetry, readings and prayer. Those who have died will be remembered by the lighting of candles. All are welcome to attend.

Last Chance to book - Archdeaconry Quiet day – “Knowing that I am Loved: My identity in Christ.
9th November, 10am-3pm in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham
Cost: free but booking is essential. To book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk
All are welcome, but these days are particularly relevant for those in commissioned or licensed and lay ministries.

“The Bible in a Day” Christian Aid Event, 9th November in Chester Cathedral Rectory. Schools and churches from Chester and Surrounding villages will be reading the bible in a day, using Trevor Dennis’ “The book of books: The Bible Retold” to raise money for Christian Aid. Details circulated previously.

Coming up

“Wrexham Speaks” 16 November from 5.15pm at Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham. Local members of Parliament, Ian Lucas and Susan Elan Jones and Assembly Member Lesley Griffiths are joining AVOW, TCC and Senedd Yr Ifanc Wrexham to explore Wales in Westminster. For more information and to book please follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wrexham-speaks-wrecsam-yn lleisiou-barn-tickets-38431961030

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.

The Llansilin Plygain -1st December in St Silin’s Church, Llansilin 7.30pm All welcome. Croeso i bawb.

Exhibition of original art inspired by St Mary’s Church and grounds, Church Road, Minera LL11 3DA. Exhibition 2-3 December, 11am-3pm. Preview night 1st December at 7pm with festive refreshments. Proceeds to St Mary’s. Details on the poster circulated previously.

St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst’s Christmas Tree Festival launches 9th December with Criw Grwst Advent event (art, craft storytelling and worship for children of all ages) and Soup Lunch. Businesses, clubs, societies, community organisations and individuals are welcome to join this event exhibiting a Christmas tree display. There is no charge for exhibiting but donations to the restoration of Gwydir Chapel and reordering of St Grwst’s Church 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


Iona Trip 13-20 July 2019 We have one double and one single room left for the 2019 trip to Iona. Details circulated previously.

Forthcoming Training

“Parentalk” - Are you serving parents in your community? Are you involved with Messy church, Parent and Toddler group, working with teenagers or Kids clubs? Or are you just enthusiastic to build friendships with parents, encourage and support families and show Gods love in a practical way? Then this training is for you! Care for the Family warmly invite you to join us for training this Autumn to deliver Parentalk- a DVD based parenting course. The training session will equip you with everything you need to deliver a course for parents in your community.
You’ll get free resources and ongoing support to make a difference in the lives of local families.

- 14th November 10am-12.30pm in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham
- 15th November 7-9.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral.
To book your place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Church administration training for clergy and administrators** - Training for curates will be taking place on 16th November 2017 at Gladstone’s Library 10am – 1pm on church administration with Archdeacon Peter Pike and Mr Llyr Williams, the diocesan registrar. If clergy (or parish administrators) would like to brush up on any aspect of administration, *especially weddings*, you are very welcome to come along as there will be spaces for around 15 people allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a place please contact Jackie Feak on ministry.stasaph@churchinwales.org.uk or 01745 582245. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**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 9th 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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