Five churches in the Diocese of St Asaph have been nominated as one of Wales’ favourite places of worship in the ‘Sacred Wales’ competition. They are:

- St Michael, Efenechtyd,
- St Asaph Cathedral,
- St Mellangell, Llangynog,
- St Dyfnog, Llanrhaeadr
- St John the Baptist, Penymynydd.

Please vote for your favourite at the Sacred Wales website:
http://www.sacredwales.org.uk/?contest=gallery

Do you know a business which would benefit from advertising in the St Asaph Directory? We’re looking for new advertisers for the 2018 Directory which is being launched at the Diocesan Conference in October. Please see the attached note for details.

This week

Annual Community Open Day at Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, South Parade, Pensarn LL22 7RG - Saturday 22nd July 12-4pm. Everyone is welcome, no entry charge. Lots of the groups that are based at the Centre will be at the Open Day and can tell you what kind of activities they offer. Also, there will be a bouncy castle, a barbecue, children's games, face painting, raffle, lots of various stalls and games, fun demonstrations, entertainment and lots more.

Holiday Club “The King’s Club” at St Michael’s Church, Abergele. Kids 5-11 welcome. 10am-12pm, 24-28 July. For more information go to: stmichaelschurch.holidayclub@gmail.com

Quiet Day at the St. Melangell Centre 25th July, 10.30am – 3pm: - St. James and the Camino, the pilgrim way through Spain to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostella, his reputed burial site. On St. James' feast day, this is an opportunity to consider the Camino and our own journey through life in the beautiful setting of this ancient pilgrim church and its surroundings. The cost is £10, including drinks - please bring your own lunch and register beforehand. Further details from Chris, the Guardian, on 01691 860408 or at saintmelangell@tiscali.co.uk.

'Open Table’ is happening across the Diocese this month. If you are a member of the LGBT+ Community or a friend and supporter please come along and join in with worship and fellowship. 27th July at St Peters, Holywell at 7pm.
If you would like any further info regarding Open Table or the LGBT+ Chaplaincy please contact: Rev'd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032 revsarah3005@btinternet.com

Services and Installations

The Licensing of Andrea Jones as Rector of Hawarden and Vicar of Sandycroft, at St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden on 30th July at 3pm.

A Service of Welcome for the Rev Gill Stanning the new Pioneer Priest in Borderlands Mission Area at 7pm in Emmanuel Church in Bistre on Thursday 31st August.

Coming up

Llanfair Talhaiarn Annual Village Sports Day – Aled Mission Area. 29th July, 12 – 5pm on the village sports field on 29th July. Lots of activities for children and grownups, especially games and den building to be organised by our mission area children’s activity co-ordinator, Laura Haig.

"Opera Through the Ages" at 7.30 pm in St. Asaph Cathedral, on 29th July 2017 - An evening of opera music and singing to delight the tastes of all music lovers. The principal soprano Helena Leonard will be accompanied by the locally acclaimed soprano Olivia Hunt, The St. Asaph Cathedral Voluntary Choir directed by John Hosking, and by Graham Eccles, organist. Proceeds to go towards the work of the "Guardians of St. Asaph & St. Kentigern" and "St. Kentigern Hospice." Tickets available £12.50 on the door, or in advance: Telephone 01745 590683, 07583 480807, 07977 401204.
An Evening Service to Remember “The Centenary of Passchendaele,” St Michael;s Church, Abergele, Monday 31 July at 5pm. To include poetry, The Gele Singers, members of the British Legion and civic officials and the naming of the individuals from Abergele who lost their lives during this battle.

"Mold in Flowers/"Yr Wyddgrug trwy Flodau” St. Mary's Church, Mold 16th-19th August 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission £3. Refreshments available.

Friends of the Cathedral Summer Lecture - Friday 18th August 2017 at 7.30 p.m. The Revd Canon Martin Snellgrove, "Welsh place-names with an emphasis on exonyms”. Admission £5 includes refreshments after the lecture. Proceeds towards The Friends’ Project to contribute funds towards kitchen facilities in the Cathedral.

A Charity Fundraiser evening in aid of Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham at St. John the Baptist Church, Penymynydd - Friday 1st September 7.30pm. Duets and trios from Haydn, Bruch, Mozart and Bizet featuring a group of very talented young music scholars playing violin, viola, clarinet, flute and piano. Tickets £5 to include a drink and nibbles available in advance by contacting: trigzd@gmail.com or tel. 01244 544409.

Gwasanaethau Cymraeg
Yn dilyn trafodaeth rhwng Eglwysi Sant Cystennin Mochdre ac Eglwys Sant Ffraid Glan Conwy mae'r ddwy eglwys wedi cytuno i gynnid gwasanaethau Cymraeg ar y cyd ar y pedwerydd Sul o bob mis, gyda'r man cyfarfod yn newid yn fisol. Fe gynhelir y gwasanaeth cyntaf yn Sant Ffraid yn dilyn ail agoriad yr eglwys, dyddiad ac amser y gwasanaeth fydd y 24ain Medi am 2 y pnawn; bydd hwn yn wasanaeth gyda Chymun Bendigaid dan arweiniad y Parch Ginny Burton. Dyddiad y gwasanaeth yn Sant Cystennin fydd y 29ain Hydref, eto am 2 a bydd hwn hefyd yn cynnwys Cymun Bendigaid ond ni wyddys y gweinydd ar hyn o bryd. Anogir a chroesewir pawb sy’n dymuno addoli trwy gyfwng y Gymraeg i fynychu gan gynnwys rhai sy’n dysgu’r Gymraeg a rhai di-gymraeg; ymestynnir y gwahoddiaid hwn i’r holl gynulleidfaoedd o fewn ardal Cenhadaeth Aberconwy.

Welsh services in Aberconwy Mission Area – all welcome
Following consultations between St Cystennin’s church Mochdre and St Ffraid’s church Glan Conwy both churches have agreed to hold joint welsh services on the fourth Sunday of each month with the venue changing every month. The first service will be held at St Ffraids following the reopening of the church, on 24th September at 2pm. This will be a service with Holy Eucharist, led by the Revd Ginny Burton. The next service will be at St Cystennin’s on 29th October, at 2pm. All who wish to worship through the medium of welsh are encouraged to attend and will be made very welcome as are welsh learners and none welsh speakers.
Nick Clegg comes to Gladstone’s Library!
The ex-leader of the Liberal Democrats discusses whether Gladstonian Liberalism is a relic of the past or a blueprint for the future: Monday 2 October. Tickets are priced at £15 and are extremely limited. To book, please call 01244 532350 or email enquiries@gladlib.org.

Training

Please note that the following session has now been cancelled – “Safe Church” 6th September, 6-9pm in Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn LL22 7RG

Mission Area Governance information sessions will be held to help the members of Mission Area Conferences (MACs) understand the legal framework of the MAC and the roles and responsibilities within the MAC. Anyone is welcome to attend one of these sessions if you would find it useful.

- 12th September, 6-9pm in Christ Church, Ffrydan Road, Bala, LL23 7RU
- 2nd October, 6.30-9.30pm in The Old School Room (next to St Garmon’s Church), Llanarmon yn Ial, Mold, CH7 4QE

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please book your place by contacting sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk.

“2017 Welcome to Wales Course” - A residential training course for Ministers of Religion who are transferring into Wales from other parts of the UK or further afield. Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th October 2017 at St Michael’s Centre, Llandaff in Cardiff. The registration form and more details can be located at: http://www.cytun.org.uk/croesoigymru_17.pdf
Please contact ministry.stasaph@churchinwales.org.uk if you would like to book onto the course, as the diocese may be able to assist with payment.

2018 Dates for Leading your Church into Growth Announced. The Diocese will once again be providing 55 places on a Diocesan Leading your Church into Growth course from 16 – 19 April 2018. It will take place at The Hayes Christian Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire and the costs of the course, and en-suite single rooms will be paid for – all you need to do is cover the cost of transport. Here’s what people said after the last course – “Inspirational”; “Full of information”; “It’s given me a lot of ideas and confidence”; “The booklet will be really useful”; “A positive experience and atmosphere”. To register your interest in attending the course, please email sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk
For more training events coming up this year please follow this link to the 2017 Training Prospectus or email sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk to request a hard copy.

Reminders:

Sunday, 03 September, 2017 – Commemoration of the sacrifice of Merchant Mariners in WWII.
Merchant Mariners understood the dangers of war-time shipping and displayed bravery and great commitment to duty, while knowing that they were prime enemy targets. Sunday 3 September is being kept as a special day of prayer to commemorate the men and women who lost their lives in the service of their countries in the Allied Merchant Navies during the Second World War. Bishop Gregory commends this prayer intention to the churches of the diocese.

'Lost in Art' - 6th-30th July, open every day from 10am. An exhibition at Llanelian Church of the art work done by members of the community at Llys Elian Day Centre, with the help of their art teacher, Gwenda Davies and Sian Hutchinson. ‘Lost in Art’ is a national project to highlight the art being accomplished by people with memory loss. Free entry.

Evening Organ Recitals 2017 at St Peter’s Church, Ruthin. 12th July-2nd August. All recitals start at 8pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Poster circulated previously.

Information and Marketplace

Vacancy - Bryn A Môr Mission Area Administrator. Would you like to work for our new Mission Area? A group of 10 Churches covering the communities of: Dyserth, Cwm, Trelawnyd, Meliden, Gwaenysgor, Prestatyn, Llanasa, Gronant and Ffynnongroyw and a few more!
The post of Administrator has been created to provide administrative support for the work of the Mission Area Leader & Mission Area Conference and will involve working closely with the Mission Area Leader and Mission Area Executive.
The Administrator will have responsibility for a range of administrative and coordinating tasks. Initially the successful applicant may need to be based in Gronant as we look to develop a suitable office within the Mission Area, hopefully in Prestatyn. The successful applicant would then be expected to work from the new office.
12 hours per week Salary: £9.40 per hour. For further information and or an application pack please contact Rev Dot Gosling (Mission Area Leader) Tel: 01745 888797 email: dotchka@me.com
Closing date: Friday 18th August 2017. Interviews: Thursday 24th Aug 2017
Self Help Africa's FREE Harvest Resources – Please see the attached information with resources for Harvest services

What's on

Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary The Virgin Church, Mold 16 - 20 August 2017. The theme will be "Mold in Flowers/Yr Wyddgrug Trwy Flodau". All denominations within Mold and other organisations will be displaying flower arrangements depicting the life of Mold. Admission £3. Further information may be obtained from Ann Jones 01352 755796 caenogmold222@btinternet.com

St Silin's Church, Llansilin Church Open Weekend - 26th, 27th and 28th August Visitors welcome each day - Exhibitions "Llansilin Past and Present" Refreshments. Fully accessible The historic Grade 1 church lies behind the trees on the main village street. SY10 7QB

The Holywell Community (a New Monastic Community in Abergavenny) is recruiting young people to join the Community from Mid-August 2017. “If you are wondering what to do after you leave University or College this Summer, are passionate about Jesus and looking to give a year to God or test your vocation to the Ordained or Religious life. We may be what you are looking for.”
In addition, they are seeking a young musician/composer to join the Holywell Community as Lay Concentor.
If you would like further information or are interested in joining the Community why not give, Canon Mark Soady a call on 07968 753978 to chat about it or email: vicar@stmarys-priory.org

StAR - If you want something including in the St Asaph Round up, please send it to sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk. The next StAR will be on Thursday 20th July.

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

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