Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Taking place this week

Christmas Closure - The Diocesan Office will be closed from 12noon on Friday 22 December until 9am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Details of Christmas Services across the Diocese are online at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/2017/12/christmas-services-across-the-diocese-of-st-asaph/ Links have been shared on facebook and twitter too.

New to StAR this week.

Y Gwasanaeth Plygain Blynyddol / The Annual Plygain service
The Annual Plygain service will be held at St Asaph Cathedral on Friday, 26 January at 7.15 pm.

Mi fydd y Gwasanaeth Plygain Blynyddol yn cael ei gynnal yn yr Eglwys Cadeiriol Llanelwy ar Ddydd Gwener, 26 Ionawr at 7.15 y.p.

The Plygain begins with a short service of Evensong, and then the evening is open to anyone or any group who wish to offer their musical gifts. The whole evening will be led by Ven. Bernard Thomas, retired Archdeacon of St. Asaph. There will be refreshments afterwards.

St Padarn’s Institute Vocations Roadshow – If you are going through the discernment process or exploring a call to ministry come and find out more about formation for licensed ministry with St Padarn’s. Please see the attached posters in English and Welsh.

Information and Marketplace

Denbighshire Welsh Church Act Fund 2017-18
Applications are invited to the fund from constituted Organisations. Grants of up to £300 are available for either capital or revenue purposes. In this round priority will be given to, projects:

1. Relating to or based in church run premises 
2. On the theme of dementia 
3. On the theme of loneliness and isolation 
4. Promotes wellbeing (being aware, connecting, exercising, learning, giving back) 
5. Supporting people with learning disabilities.

Awards will be decided by a panel of DVSC organisations, who will also set next year's priorities. Awards are payable in advance and subject to monitoring. 

**The application deadline is 15/01/18**

For more information please see the attached guidance and application forms.

**Forthcoming dates**

New Years’ Eve, at 10.30am: **The Facts about Christmas: How are we to Understand them? Presentation and Carols** at the Tanat Valley Joint Mission Area service at the Church of St Cedwyn Llangedwyn. The New Testament Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke were written in the first century to meet the needs of a world quite different from our own. So how should we understand them today?

17 January 2018, 6pm: **Professorial Lecture - A generation of change: Thirty years of women in the Church of England**
Inaugural Lecture by Professor Mandy Robbins, Wrexham Glyndwr University. For more information and to book a place please follow the link: [https://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Community/Publiclectures/](https://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Community/Publiclectures/)

**Multi parish group for clergy** – 6th March at Derwen college, Gobowen 11am - 1pm in the JRC meeting room above the Orangery restaurant. [https://www.derwen.ac.uk/](https://www.derwen.ac.uk/)
More information from Richard Carter: 01824 703867, reverendcarter@gmail.com

**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 4 January.
Check back on previous editions of StAR at [http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/](http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/)(also linked from the home page)

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