The Ordination of the Revd. Peter Nissen as Priest will be conducted by Bishop Gregory at All Saints’ Church, Gresford on Friday 29 September at 1900hr. The Ordination preacher will be Canon Dr Mark Clavier, Canon Residentiary, Brecon Cathedral. As with all ordinations, all clergy and readers are warmly invited and encouraged to attend, robe and process. Robing (alb or surplice and white stole) will take place in Church House, Gresford. Please hold Peter in your prayers as he approaches this next step in answering God’s vocation in his ministry.

Licensed Lay Ministers Day (Formally Readers Day) – 30th September at All Saints Church, Gresford beginning at 11am at which new Readers and other Licensed Lay Ministers will receive their licence. Readers are to present themselves on the day to be photographed for their ID Badges in line with Diocesan Policy.

This week

North Wales International Music Festival until 30th September 2017 in St Asaph Cathedral. Please visit www.nwimf.com for details.

St Mary’s Church Rhuddlan, Open doors weekend, 23 September, 10am-4pm and 24 September 10.30am-4pm. Maps, photos & memorabilia from The Rhuddlan Local History Society Archives, Church Records, Old farming implements, machinery & vintage tractors, quiz, display by local craft groups. Plus, historic tours, great refreshments and an Artisans Fair (Saturday only 10am – 3pm). Details on the attached poster.

St John’s Coffee Morning, (St Catherine’s & St John’s) Station Road Old Colwyn on 23rd Sept 10am - 11-30. Profits will go to Christian Aid and the Church and includes the Christian Aid colouring competition with prizes for all ages. Poster attached previously.

Harvest craft and Stories - Criw Grwst at St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst Saturday 23 September 2 - 4pm. Activities suitable for children of all ages and will Finish with a short service at 3.30. Mams, Dad's, Nains and Taids all welcome.

RSCM North Wales Area Come and Sing Event– “Music for the Christmas Season” - Saturday 23rd September at 2pm in St. David’s RC. Primary School, Mold,
CH7 1LH. Mervyn Cousins, Deputy Chief Examiner ABRSM and Former Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan R.C. Cathedral will lead a choral workshop exploring repertoire choices for Christmas, with technical advice for both singers and choir trainers. Music copies will be available at the workshop. To register your place or for further information please contact: Alan McGuinness, RSCM North Wales Area Chair, Cathedral Organist and Director of Music, Cathedral Song School, St. Asaph Cathedral, High Street, St. Asaph, LL17 0RD. Tel: (01745) 584053 - email: organist@stasaphcathedral.org.uk or RSCM North Wales Secretary, Irene Lewis - Tel: (07975) 818106 - email: lewirene@gmail.com flyer and booking form circulated previously.

The annual pet service will be held at St Cystennin's church Mochdre on 24 September, 9.30am. All pets are invited to the service being accompanied by their human friends, also any person who does not have an animal friend will be made very welcome. All who do attend will be made very welcome.

On Sunday 24 September at 2pm members who attend St Cystennin's Welsh services will be joining with the congregation of St Ffraids Glan Conw for their Welsh service. This is a joint venture with services alternating between St Cystennin's and St Ffraids every other month. Diary date for service at St Cystennin's - 29th October at 2pm. All are welcome to attend either welsh speakers or non welsh speakers.

Information session on Church and Community Night Shelters from Housing for Justice.  27th September 1.30-3.30pm in St Margaret’s Church and Community Hall, Chester Road, Wrexham LL11 2SH. Church and Community night shelters seek to meet the needs of those who are homeless on the coldest months of the year. By working in partnership churches can provide hospitality to those who are homeless, providing support and understanding to help people to rebuild their lives and move away from homelessness. For more information or to book on this free session contact Sarah Wheat – Engagement Officer. sarahwheat@churchinwales.org.uk 01745 532596. See poster (previously attached).

Diocesan Conference - St Joseph’s Catholic and Anglican High School, Wrexham on Sat 7th October.

Calling ALL TREASURERS - It is time to send your cheques to Diocesan Office for this year’s Diocesan Offering.  Please remember that we really want to reach our £8000 target for the Ty Croeso - Dawn Elizabeth House - a very worthwhile charity, which caters for people from all over Wales, the northern half of Wales, including all of our Diocese.  These special children are our future and we need to help their families when they are admitted to hospital for specialised treatment. Any information or queries to Ros Crawford at ros1943@hotmail.co.uk.
Lectionaries at the Diocesan Conference - Manna Christian Bookshop will have a bookstall at the conference and will be selling the Church in Wales Lectionaries. As last year, Lectionaries are available in Welsh £6, English £6 or Bilingual £7.50, Manna Bookshop is pleased to offer a 15% discount on any pre-orders submitted by Sat 30th September. Please place your order with Manna by emailing manna@emw.org.uk In the email please include your "Name", "Church Name or Area", "Contact Phone No" and "Number of Welsh, English or Bilingual Lectionaries", you will then receive an email confirming your order and the cost. (If you don’t get a reply, within a day or so, please phone the bookshop on 01978 364405). The Lectionaries will be available for you to collect and pay for at the conference. Manna Bookshop can accept Cash, Cheques (Payable to EMW) or Card payments.

Fair Trade Stall at the Diocesan Conference - Lis Perkins and Jean Audrey will have a whole range of Fair Trade products on offer including some Christmas goodies. Once again there’s a choice of 2 Fair Trade Chocolate Advent Calendars: the Real Chocolate Company’s version (the people who produce the “Real” Easter Egg) and Divine’s version. Each retails at £3.99. No minimum quantities apply but please contact me lis@justshopping.co.uk or 01248 712389 by 30 September at the latest to guarantee delivery on 7th. There’s also an offer of 10% off Fairtrade catering tea, coffee and sugar ordered beforehand & delivered to you on the day. Ideal for churches, schools and community groups. See leaflet (attached previously) for further details or contact Lis.

Coming up

Flower Festival - Llanasa Church— 28 September - 1 October, 11am – 7pm (Sun 1 October, 1pm – 4pm) Admission: £3 including programme. (No charge during Church Service.) Tea or Coffee and a Homemade Cake to purchase £2. All Welcome.

St Andrew’s Community Hub, Garden City will be hosting a Coffee Morning, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, on Friday 29 September 10 30am – 1pm. With a raffle, games and entertainment, and of course plenty of coffee and cake, it promises to be a fun morning! All Welcome.

A concert by Côr Canwy will take place in All Saints Church, Deganwy on Friday, 29 September at 7.30pm. The concert will raise money for All Saints and the Mayor of Conwy’s charity, Citizen’s Advice Conwy. Tickets £7 from 01492 583420. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bydd Cyngerdd gan Gôr Canwy yn digwydd yn Eglwys yr Holl Saint, Deganwy ar ddydd Gwener, 29ain Fedi am 7:30yh. Bydd y gyngerdd yn codi arian ar gyfer yr eglwys ag elusen Maer Conwy, Canolfan Cynghori Conwy. Tocynnau £ 7 o 01492 583420. Archebwch yn gynnar i osgoi cael eich siomi.
St. Martin’s Church, Eglwysbach is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 30th September, 10am - 4pm when Church Records will be available for inspection. There will also be a Produce Table full of delicious homemade items for sale.

St John’s Church, Old Colwyn on Saturday 30 September at 7.15pm for our fifth Gathering of God's People as we come together for a time of worship and praise singing tremendous hymns and choruses from Redemption Hymnal and Elim Choruses. Our theme on this occasion is "POWER FROM ON HIGH". With Pete Fawcett (Piano) and Quentin Bellamy (Hammond organ) plus our special guests. Come along expecting a blessing and a time of encouragement. See the poster attached.

An evening of big band sound from Chester based The Little Big Band and Welsh Choral music from local mixed choir, Cor Ger Y Ffin at All Saints Church, Gresford. 6th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (children free). Call 07766881203 for tickets to purchase or pay on the door. All proceeds to All Saints Church.

Community Open Day - St Paul's Church Gorsedd, 7 October, 11am - 3pm. Church Records on display in the Church, together with Bibles dating from 1853. Stalls and refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

A joint Autumn Fair for All Saints and Citizens Advice Conwy will take place in All Saints Church, Deganwy on Saturday, 7 October from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Stalls and raffles. Please come along and support two very good causes.

Llanelian Church is having a SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR PETS on Sunday 8 October at 3pm. Rev David Lewis (Vicar of Rhos-on-Sea) will be our Guest Speaker. All pets (and their owners) are welcome and we hope that we’ll have a great time as we gather to thank God for our VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS! See attached a poster.

On Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm at St. Asaph Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir will give a concert in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral Choir Association. Directed by Alan McGuinness - Admission: £10 (£8: Choir Association Members) - For further information contact the Cathedral Song School: 01745 584053 - all are welcome. See poster attached.

Open meeting hosted by EFCW (Evangelical Fellowship of the Church in Wales) 11am – 3pm Tuesday 17 October, at All Saints Southsea. All welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, encouragement & teaching. Our speaker Jill Duff (tutor at St. Mellitus) will be preaching for us on Matt 9.37-10.15 and her main talk in the afternoon will be on the topic of 'Waking up'. Cost: £5.00, including refreshments on arrival and hot lunch For catering numbers, please RSVP to martinsnellgrove@hotmail.com (including any dietary requirements).
An exhibition recalling the Boer War (1899-1902) at St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden, CH5 3LT, Saturday 14 October, 10am – 4pm. Donations to St Deiniol’s Church and SSAFA. Refreshments in the Tithe Barn.

Coming out of the Shadows: An evening celebrating and reflecting on 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality – St Asaph Cathedral – 19 October, 7pm for 7.30pm. See the poster attached previously.

Cursillo St Asaph Weekend 24 - The next training weekend for the Cursillo method will take place on 26th-29th October 2017 -in Pantasaph. Anyone who has been considering applying for a place should get their application in as soon as possible - (application forms can be obtained from the Lay Director Helen Taubman - helentaubman@hotmail.com - 07780706726) All are welcome to attend the closing ceremony to be held on Sunday afternoon in Halkyn St Mary church at 3.30 pm. Cursillo offers an experience to deepen your relationship with God and a method to support your faith in a truly meaningful way.

Craft Fair at St Giles’ Parish Church, Wrexham LL13 8LS. Saturday 14th October 2017, 10am-3pm. Cost £10 per table if booked/paid in advance £15 on the day If you would like to take part please email management.stgiles@gmail.com or phone/text 07714650792 leaving name/number/email.

Modern Slavery Awareness event 28th October 2017, 12-5pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Open to all. Please come along if you want to be informed about the efforts to fight modern slavery and human trafficking in North Wales. To book follow this link to the Eventbrite website: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-slavery-awareness-event-tickets-35385078723 or contact sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk / 01745 532582.

Training

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.

- 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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Need Funding for your church? Do you have a heritage project? How does Heritage Lottery Funding work?
Heritage Lottery will be putting on a workshop and presentation regarding the re-launch of their programmes. St Margaret’s Church Hall and Community Centre, Chester Road Wrexham LL11 2SH between **11.30am and 3.30pm on Thursday 12 October 2017**. Lunch will be provided. There is a limited number of spaces available and will be of interest to Building/property sub-committee members, those planning a heritage project and Mission area/church wardens.

To find out more or register your interest please contact Martyn Schlangen martynschlangen@churchinwales.org.uk 01745582245

**ACAT Foundation Course for Church Treasurers.** This course is primarily for Treasurers of churches whose annual income is under £250k. Both members and non-members of ACAT are invited to enroll for these courses:

- St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, MANCHESTER M12 6FZ on Saturday 28 October 2017
- All Saints Church Centre, Vicarage Road, Hoole, CHESTER CH2 3HZ on Saturday 4 November 2017

Further details and booking form attached.

**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.

**2018 Leading your Church into Growth Residential** - 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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Information and Marketplace**

**JOB VACANCY – Administrator for Borderlands Mission Area**
We are looking to recruit an Administrator to support the work of the Mission Area Conference. 12½ hours per week. Salary: In the range of £8.75 - £10 per hour (depending on experience). See Job Advert previously attached for details.

**Free to any church youth group: small (70x140cm) snooker table with cues and balls.** Good order. Free standing but legs remove for transport. Located Montgomery. 01696 668545 or smhjh@yahoo.co.uk

**Reminders**

**D3 with the Honeypot Charity** - The D3 Project is putting together a book of Poems and publishing them with all proceeds going to The Honeypot Charity which sends young Carers on holiday. If you are a Poet and would like to donate one of your poems to the book, please send the poem with a bit about you and a pic if poss! Email or call George for more details/to send poems on 01873 561310 / gbearwood@gmail.com.

**What’s on**

**Llanasa Parish Church is holding a Flower Festival** 28 September to 1 October 2017 with the theme of Harvest Festival in aid of Church funds. Please see poster (circulated previously) for all details. Opening times will be 11am to 7pm and 1pm to 4pm on the Sunday. The admission charge will be £3 and refreshments available for £2.

**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 28th September.

**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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk with ‘Subscribe to StAR’ in the subject line and we’ll do the rest.

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