Volunteers needed for the Wrexham Church + Community Cold Weather Shelter. **Free Training** on 27th February, 1.30-4pm or 7-9.30pm at St John's Church, Herbert Jennings Avenue, Wrexham, LL12 7YE. Please see the attached poster for more information.

**New to StAR this week**

**Pythefnos Masnach Deg Hapus! 25fed Chwefror - 10fed Fawrth**. Beth am drefnu digwyddiad arbennig i ddathlu’r pythefnos ac i ddysgu mwy? – cinio Gwyl Ddewi gyda chynhwysion lleol a Masnach Deg? – gwasanaeth arbennig? – gweddiau dros ffermwyr a gweithwyr sy’n elwa o brisiau a chyflogau teg? – a’r rhai nad ydym yn derbyn yr un cyfle oherwydd ein dewisiadau ni!

Mae newyddlen dwyieithiog Cymru Masnach Deg ar y linc yma [http://createsend.com/t/r-F54FE46FE13F2A322540EF23F30FEDED](http://createsend.com/t/r-F54FE46FE13F2A322540EF23F30FEDED)

Nid ar gyfer y pythefnos yn unig mae masnach deg!
- Gellwch archebu taflenni, cytliwniaidau a phosteri o’n [lyfrgell adnoddau](http://createsend.com/t/r-F54FE46FE13F2A322540EF23F30FEDED).
- Mae ffilmiau ac adnoddau ychwanegol arbennig yma hefyd

**Happy Fairtrade Fortnight! 25th Feb-10th March** - Why not hold a special event to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight? – a St David’s Day Supper using local and Fairtrade ingredients? – a special service? – prayers for farmers and workers who benefit from fair wages and prices – and for those who aren’t able to benefit because of the choices we make!

Fairtrade Wales’ newsletter is on this link [http://createsend.com/t/r-F54FE46FE13F2A322540EF23F30FEDED](http://createsend.com/t/r-F54FE46FE13F2A322540EF23F30FEDED)

But Fairtrade is not just for the fortnight!
• Order from our resources library. Leaflets, flyers, school packs and more (currently free of charge).
• Use our online resources. Presentations, films, schools resources

Praise and Worship Service, on Sunday 25th February at 6pm in St Chad's Church, Hanmer, with the Maelor Mission Area Music Group. All welcome to a lively and informal modern service.

'Rumours of The Cross' at Bistre Church 28th February, 7.30-8pm. Music, prayer and silence. This week...'A Rumour of Salvation' 7th March...'A Rumour of Mercy', 14th March...'A Rumour of Love' and 21st March...'A Rumour of Glory'.

Women, Identity and Religion in Wales - A new book by Cathedral Canon and St Asaph’s Director of Ministry, Manon Ceridwen James will be launched at St Asaph Cathedral on Friday 2 March at 7pm. The book offers significant and original insights into women, Welsh identity and religion. Come and find out more. All are welcome. Details on the attached invitation. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance to Manon: manoncjames@churchinwales.org.uk.

John: A Gospel for Insiders or Outsiders? Tuesday 6th March 2018, 7-9pm in Bangor Cathedral Cathedral Close, Bangor, LL57 1LH. All welcome. Please see the attached for details.

St Asaph Cathedral Choir Annual Sponsored Hymnathon - Saturday 10th March from 10am-4pm. All are welcome to come and hear the choir throughout the day. This year monies raised will go towards Cathedral Choir funds and to support a local chosen charity. To sponsor a hymn please sign the list at the back of the Cathedral, contact Director of Music Alan McGuinness at the Cathedral Song School – (01745 584053) or via email organist@stasaphcathedral.org.uk

Save the Date: Course on Spiritual Direction - The College of Spiritual Directors are working with Bangor diocese in order to deliver training based in Betws y Coed for new spiritual directors. If you would like more information or to register your interest in the course please contact Janet Fletcher, Bangor Diocesan Spirituality Officer on 01654 711792 or revjfletcher@btinternet.com and put the following dates in your diaries. Deadline for course applications is 28th April 2018

The dates of the Course for 2018/19 : Betws y Coed
2018 - 15th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December.
2019 – 12th January, 16th February, 23rd March, 11th May, 1st June, 20th July, 14th September, 12th October.
The Introduction Course includes topics such as discernment, developing listening skills, images of God, images of the self, good practice, unhealthy practice, and what is spiritual direction. We’ll look briefly at Julian of Norwich, Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross and others. There is no charge, and it is of course open to all whether in lay or ordained ministry, all that’s needed at this stage is a sense that God is calling you to a ministry of spiritual direction. All the dates have to be attended including the retreat. Once the group is together it may be that occasional dates are re-arranged with the agreement of the group.

In order to be admitted to the diocesan college of spiritual directors there will be further discernment as well as the completion of the course and two brief pieces of written work. For more information on the St Asaph College of Spiritual Directors please contact John Foxlee on johnfoxlee@outlook.com.

**Mold Parish Church’s annual Virgin Art exhibition 7th -12th May.** The work of artists whose exhibits have been voted the most popular by visitors to Mold Parish Church’s annual Virgin Art exhibition since its launch in 2009 will be a centrepiece at this year’s event in May. **The closing date for entries is Monday, 16th April** and full details are on the Virgin Art website. Virgin Art has become one of the largest art events in the region. All the exhibits are for sale to members of the public, with a percentage of the proceeds going to church funds. To date nearly £30,000 has been raised.

**Bettws Cedewain Celebrating 150 years since the Restoration 13 - 15 July 2018**

Choral Concert; Local History with a Talk on "The Nesfields, Father & Son" by Dr Shirley Rose Evans & Talk on "Mid-Victorian church restorations in Montgomeryshire" by local historian Edward Parry. Sunday afternoon Evensong in Victorian Costume. Bettws Cedewain is located two miles north west of Newtown, Powys. Come and celebrate with us! More information nearer the time. Contact: Rev Prebendary Norman Morris Team Vicar revnormmmorris@gmail.com

**Marketplace and information**

**Last chance to take part in the Diocesan Directory survey** – to help us ensure the layout of this year’s directory meets everyone’s needs, please complete this brief survey and let us know your feedback: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZRLBCTX](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZRLBCTX). The closing date for responses is 25 February. Thank you.
There has been recent publicity regarding the agreement between the Church in England and the Government regarding **Church spires being used to boost digital connectivity in rural areas.**

At present there is no similar agreement in Wales but there are no fundamental objections to a mobile phone operator erecting a mast on a building providing the criteria of the Policy and Guidance is complied with. The main points are:

- Get the approval of the church committee, the MAC and possibly the community
- Contact the RB property department Cardiff who will appoint an agent to handle the negotiations.
- You will require a faculty and if a listed building, listed building consent from the Local Authority (the operator will seek this)
- Once terms are agreed solicitors will be asked to draw up a lease
- If an operator wants an early agreement then this must be signed by the RB

For full information the attached guidance is provided or contact Martyn Schlangen at the Diocese Office martynschlangen@churchinwales.org.uk

**Training**

**Please note that this session has been cancelled** - “Spiritual Formation: Mark Yaconelli’s Method for Meetings” 24th February.

“Digital Communications – Getting your church on social media” – 6th March, 7-9pm in St Andrew’s Community Hub, Wrexham. This hands-on session is designed for people new to social media who have never accessed Facebook but are keen to learn. **Places are limited to 10, to book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582.** Open to anyone keen to engage in digital communications for their church of Mission Area. Please ensure you bring your own laptop or tablet as one will not be provided.

Church in Wales “Keeping People Safe” – A health and safety training session to help churches meet their obligations in this area. Suitable for Health and Safety Officers, Church Wardens, Archdeacons and Clergy. The first session will take place on 10th March, in St Peter’s Church, Holywell. If you would like to attend the course or see the other dates offered please see the poster and booking form circulated previously.

“Mission Area Governance Training” This session covers all you need to know about how the Mission Area Conference operates to ensure that the needs of
the Mission Area, the Constitution and Charity Law are met. **MAC Members are required to attend this training.**

- 12th March, 2-5pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, Chirk
- 13th March, 6-9pm in the Diocesan office, St Asaph

**To book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582.** Open to all but is especially useful for MAC members, Sub-Committee members and Church Committee Members.

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**Coming up this week**

**Ecumenical Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace: Friday 23 February**
Anglicans are being encouraged to respond to Pope Francis’ call for an ecumenical day of prayer and fasting for peace, with a particular focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, on Friday 23 February. It has been endorsed by the acting primate of the Anglican Church of South Sudan, the secretary general of the Anglican Communion, the Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, and the deputy director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. [More details here](#)

**Ruthin Town Churches “Butterfly Art Project”** Thinking about life changing moments. St Peter’s Church, Ruthin, 10am-3pm Everyday through Lent.

**Eglwysi Tref Rhuthun “Prosiect Celf Pili-Pala”** Meddwl am amseroedd sy’n newid Bywydaul. Eglwys St Pedr 10yb-3yh pob dydd.

A Buckley Ecumenical Initiative - **The Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda** Friday 23rd February 7pm at St Matthew’s Church Buckley. In this free concert the children share the love of Jesus, telling their stories of transformation & hope through a combination of music, dance, story & media. An offering for the work of Watoto villages will be taken. Admission by ticket (free): Jane and Anton Dowell - Tel 01244545758  [antonjaned12@btinternet.com](mailto:antonjaned12@btinternet.com) Shirley Whyte - Tel 01244544877 [shirley.whyte1@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.whyte1@btinternet.com)

**Concert at St. Martin’s Church, Eglwysbach** in aid of church funds Saturday 24th February. Cor Meibion Maelgwn with Musical Director Mererid Mair. Also appearing Ysgol Gerdd Canwy, the children's/young persons’ choir directed by Trystan Lewis. Come and enjoy an evening of musical variety with traditional Welsh items, as well as songs from theatre and musicals. Tickets £8 (Children under 16 £4) at the door, available at The Bee Inn, or from Geoff Templeton 07769262687.
Y CYMUN BENDIGAID i dathlu Gwyl Dewi Sant. 1 Mawrth at 7pm yn St John the Baptist, Penymynydd. Croeso i bawb / WELSH EUCHARIST to celebrate St David’s Day. 1st March at 7pm in St John the Baptist, Penymynydd. All welcome.

The Evolving Voice of Women’s Ministry – An evening of storytelling and music to celebrate 21 years of women’s ministry. 16th March, 7-9pm in the Tea Rooms at St Asaph Cathedral. Entry is free but booking is essential. Flyer with more details circulated previously, please print and advertise in your churches.

Forthcoming dates

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. 6th March in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham, 6pm. See the posters attached previously for details.

An introduction to Christian Meditation and the World Community for Christian Meditation 10am-1pm Saturday 3rd March at Efenechtyd (near Ruthin). This is an introduction suitable for anyone seeking to gain in understanding of Christian meditation and be guided in periods of silence. There will be two periods of silence, a shorter one of ten minutes long and a longer one of twenty minutes long. Participants are requested to bring their own lunch for a 12pm lunch break. Tea and coffee will be provided.

“Singing Songs of Praise” at St Matthew’s Church, Buckley in celebration of St David’s Day. 4th March at 3.30pm. Poster circulated previously.

Band y Braichmely – 17 March at All Saints church, Southsea, 7-10pm. Adults £7.50, Children £3.50. Details on poster circulated previously.

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 1 March.

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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