St Johnstide Ordination on 24th June at 10am in the Cathedral. Please hold in your prayers our candidates for ordination:

*Our candidates for the Priesthood:*
- **Dorothi Evans**, serving in the Valle Crucis Mission Area, rooted in Corwen
- **Juliet Fraser**, serving in the Aber-Morfa Mission Area, rooted in Rhyl
- **Anne Hooper**, serving in Estuary & Mountain Mission Area, rooted in Halkyn
- **Yvonne Pryce**, serving in Alyn Mission Area, rooted in Gwersyllt

*Our candidates for the Diaconate:*
- **Rocky Bateman**, to serve in the Estuary & Mountain Mission Area, rooted in Holywell
- **Ann Chidgey**, to serve in the Cedewain Mission Area, rooted in the Kerry group of churches.
- **Alexis Smith**, to serve in the Pool Mission Area as a Pioneer Minister
- **Rebecca Sparey-Taylor**, to serve in the Mission Area of Wrexham
- **Jeanette Wilkes**, to serve in the Pool Mission Area, rooted in Welshpool

We look forward to welcoming Canon **Richard Lowndes**, Director of Ministry and Discipleship in the Diocese of Llandaff, as the ordination preacher.

All diocesan clergy attending are asked to robe in alb or surplice with white stole. Robing arrangements are:
- Readers and clergy - in the main hall at St Asaph VP School (located opposite the Cathedral car park).
- The Cathedral Chapter - in the Cathedral Song School.
- The ordination candidates and their nominated supporters – in the North Transept.

The Dean will appreciate notification of your attendance in order to plan appropriate seating for robed clergy. Please would you kindly inform the cathedral office of your intention to attend: **pamelathompson@churchinwales.org.uk**

As usual, overflow car parking has been arranged at Ysgol Glan Clwyd but due to construction work parking will be in the area further up the Upper Denbigh Road where a new entrance has been created.
St. Asaph Cathedral Choir will perform “Music for A Summer Evening” in St. Asaph Cathedral on Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm. Directed by Alan McGuinness, the concert will include choral classics by Ireland, John Rutter and Bob Chilcott. Admission: £10 - (£8 for Choir Association Members) - all are welcome, refreshments will be served. For further information contact the Cathedral Song School: 01745 584053. Poster attached.

This week

Open Table - 22nd June, 7pm at St Peter’s, Holywell. We gather together for worship followed by time for a chat. If you are a member of the LGBT+ community, a friend or supporter and are interested in the Christian faith please feel free to come along and join us. For further information regrading the Chaplaincy please contact Rev’d Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032 / revsarah3005@btinternet.com

For Refugees Week (19-25th June), colleagues in the Church Engagement Team at The Children’s Society have produced resources for churches to use in welcoming refugees. Please visit their website by following this link.

The Chronicles of Sealand Heritage Exhibition: at St Bartholomew's Church, Sealand, 22 - 25 June. A four-day celebration of 150 years of worship in Sealand. Open 10am - 4pm daily. Details on poster circulated previously. Hot and cold refreshments on sale. Free Admission. Event ends with Mission Area Songs of Praise on Sun 25 Jun at 4pm.

Summer Music Extravaganza - Ever fancied dancing in the aisles at St Giles?! You can, when Elvis Cymraeg joins TCC as part of TCC Week 2017! There'll also be great music from St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School and the ace Singing Squad from St Mary's Catholic Primary. Friday June 23rd, 7pm, at St. Giles' Parish Church, Wrexham. Tickets £10 from TCC. For more information or to buy tickets please contact TCC on 01978 262 588 or office@tcc-wales.org.uk

Bangor’s Year of Music continues with a concert by The Time Bandits, Jon Turton & Jennie Nolan. 23rd June in Bangor On Dee Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 available from J Johnson and Son Basket Shop, Station Road, Bangor on Dee, or call Sue Huyton on 01978 780608.

Cefn Village Fete – Neuadd Owen Village Hall and field on 24th June at 1pm. Attractions including vintage cars and tractors; Tractor rides for children; stalls of Cakes, Books etc; BBQ; Brass band and much more. The proceeds from the event will
go towards the upkeep of the two churches, St Mary’s, Cefn and All Saints, Sinan and two charities, St Kentigern’s Hospice and Kanzi Kibera friends. More information on the event can be found by clicking onto the Sinan church website link:  
http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/a015-1040/2017/04/17/cefn-village-fete/

**Midsummer Strawberry Tea** at Hartsheath, Pontblyddyn, CH7 4HP, 2-4pm on Saturday, 24th June. £5 to include strawberries and cream and a scone/slice of cake (Children under 12 £1). Cake Stall, Treasure Hunt, ping pong and croquet. Proceeds to Christ Church, Pontblyddyn.

**Betws yn Rhos Fun day** - Saturday 24th June. Fan Zone for British Lions tour, sports from 2pm and BBQ from 5pm - more details to follow nearer the time.

**The Greater Manchester Police Male Voice Choir together with The Flint Ladies Choir, in Concert** at St. Matthews Church, Buckley on Saturday 24th June at 7p.m. Tickets £5 available at the Church or at the door.

**Open Gardens at St George, nr Abergele** - There will be 10 gardens open in St George, Bodtegwel and Tan y Fron Road on Sunday 25th June, 1-5 pm. Admission is £5, Children free. Teas will be served in the Village Hall, St George. Plant Stalls & Raffle, all proceeds to St George Village Amenities. Please see poster circulated previously.

**The Bells of St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden 275 Years Celebration** (1742 – 2017) Sunday 25 June. Free tower tours from 2 – 4pm (children must be accompanied). Photographs and exhibits and light refreshments in the Tithe Barn CH5 3LT. There is a spiral staircase to the tower with 46 uneven steps.

Following her ordination on Saturday **Rev Juliet Fraser is going to celebrate her first communion service** in St Ann’s Church, Rhyl. The service will be at 7pm on Tuesday 27th June. It will also be the first service in the St Ann’s following its recent refurbishment. All welcome, please come and share the evening. They hope to provide a light supper after the service.

**An evening of storytelling** along with berries and bubbly at the beautiful Trevor Hall. Tuesday, 27th June, 7pm at Trevor Hall, Llangollen. Tickets £12 from TCC. For more information or to buy tickets please contact TCC on 01978 262 588 or office@tcc-wales.org.uk

**Services and Installations**
The Licensing of Andrea Jones as Rector of Hawarden and Vicar of Sandycroft, at St Deiniols Church, Hawarden on 30th July. Time tbc.

Coming up

Multi-parish dynamics at Derwen College on 29th June, 11am-1pm. Open and supportive discussion amongst clergy colleagues on the subject of living the reality of multi-focus ministry; with the option of lunch afterwards. Meeting in the Retail Meeting Room at Derwen College, Gobowen, Oswestry postcode SY11 3JA. Any enquiries ask Richard Carter tel.01824 703867.

The Internationally Renowned Rhos Orpheus Male Choir will give a Concert in St. Martin's Church, Eglwysbach on Saturday 1st July starting at 7pm. They will be supported by the Colwyn Bay Ukulele Band. Tickets are £8, and you can pay at the door. The Post Code for Satnav is LL28 5UD. This will be a wonderful evening of song in Welsh and English, traditional and modern, with favourites old and new.

Music for a Summer Evening by Cantamus Chamber Choir with Recorder Consort. 5th July at 7 pm in St Cystennin’s Church, Llangystennin. Strawberries and bubbly. Raffle. Admission: Please give generously to this fundraising event for St Cystennin’s Church.

John Hosking (organ), Olivia Hunt (soprano) and Xander Croft (violin) perform a programme of German romantic music in St. Asaph Cathedral. Wednesday 5th July, 7.30pm Admission is £6 and includes a glass of wine. Sonata no. 2 - Mendelssohn; Nun ruhen all Wälder - Karg-Elert; Ad nos, ad salutarem undam - Liszt

Olivia Hunt (soprano), John Hosking (organ) and Xander Croft (violin) will perform a programme of music spanning the centuries at St. Werburgh’s Church, Chester Friday 7th July, 7.30pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Strawberry Fayre at St Catherine & St John the Baptist Church, Old Colwyn. 15th July at 3pm. Many Stalls including Strawberry Tea. Admission: Adults £5, Children £2. Poster attached.

'Summer Selection” concert given by The London Welsh Chorale at Gresford All Saints’ Church, Church Green, Gresford LL12 8RG on Saturday 15th July at 7pm. Complementary wine and nibbles are included in the ticket price of £10, (concessions £8). All proceeds are for Church Funds. Tickets are available from Church by calling 07766881203 or on line from www.londonwelshchorale.org.uk

Information and Marketplace
Revd Sarah Errington will be riding from Lands End to John O’Groats on this July raising funds for St John Rhosnesni, St James Rhosddu and the Cae Canol Centre. If you would like to see how Sarah, Nathan and Joel are getting on Sarah has set up a blog which she hopes to update each day of the ride: https://lejogbikeride2017.blogspot.co.uk/ You can also sponsor them by visiting the following just giving page. https://my.give.net/ErringtonsLeJoG

Do you have an interest in helping to develop the strategic vision of the Diocese by supporting the work of the Nurturing Steering Group?

- Do you want to see more children and young people flourish and grow in faith?
- Have you had experience of strategy development or organisational thinking or feel you have the right transferable skills?
- Are you energetic, visionary and enthusiastic?
- Would you like to help the people of the Diocese of St. Asaph discover and develop their God given gifts?
- Do you have a vision of how our we might encourage and support people of all ages in unlocking their potential to grow and develop in their Christian journey into 2020 and beyond...?

IF you have answered ‘YES!’ to any of the above questions then please consider joining the Nurturing Steering Group which is looking for people of all ages and experiences to help us plan for the best way to support the Teulu Asaph to grow in their journey of faith.

If you would be willing to contribute your expertise and ideas to a regular 3 monthly meeting [full travel expenses reimbursed] please contact the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, rosalindwilliams@churchinwales.org.uk for more details of the application process.

Tell me what you think about Teulu Asaph – the June/July edition of Teulu Asaph is now out. Please pick up a copy which includes a questionnaire, asking for your feedback on the magazine. You can also complete the same questionnaire online at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7WVPBHH / or in Welsh at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TC2BWPV. All completed questionnaires will be entered for a prize draw for £30 worth of book tokens, garden vouchers or Fairtrade products (the winner can decide!). All questionnaires should reach us by Monday 17 July 2017. Teulu Asaph is available on line at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/teuluasaph/

Training
“Creative Collective Worship” – Trainer Revd Dr Manon C James
In this session Manon will be helping us look at the different ways of engaging children creatively during collective worship through a variety of practical methods, particularly through the talk. **26 June, 3.45-5pm in Ysgol Esgob Morgan VC, St Asaph.** Cost: Free. **Booking is essential.**
Following the training session there will be a **Service of Thanksgiving of Church Schools** held in St Asaph Cathedral at 6pm. Preceded by refreshments 5.15-5.45pm in the South Transept. If you would like to attend either the training sessions, the service or both, please contact sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk

**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.

- **27th June,** 6-9pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, High Street, Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool, SY21 0QS.
- **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 dates for “Safe Church”** – Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk. This training aims to enable members of the laity to develop awareness and understanding of abuse, safeguarding processes and how these relate to your role and responsibilities within the Church in Wales’ Safeguarding policy and procedures.
**11th July,** 6-9pm in the St Asaph Diocesan Office, LL17 0RD
**13th July,** 6-9pm in St John’s Church, Pool Quay, SY21 9LA
**6th September,** 6-9pm in Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn LL22 7RG

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

“Welcome to the Diocese” – In this day you will be introduced to all the diocesan office staff and how they can help you in your role or ministry. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and gain information about all the areas of diocesan life such as training, finance, the Cathedral and help with buildings. Open to all but is particularly aimed at those who are new to the diocese or new in role or ministry. All fist year curates are expected to attend one of these sessions. **11th July, 10am-4pm**
in the Diocesan Office, St Asaph. Cost: Free. Booking is essential, please contact Jackie Feak: ministry.stasaph@churchinwales.org.uk Refreshments and a light lunch provided.

“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.

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:

Monthly Tower Climbs at St Giles Parish Church, Wrexham. Climb 135ft to the top of one of the 'Seven Wonders of Wales' to view amazing panoramic views of Wrexham and see as far as the Berwyn Hills, the Mersey Estuary and the Cheshire Plains. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Some climbs may be postponed due to Church services. Climbers must be suitably fit and able to climb and descend. Climbs take place on the last Saturday of every month, the same day as town centre Street Festivals. Cost £4 per person. Call the Wrexham Tourist Information Centre (TIC) on 01978 292015 or email tic@wrexham.gov.uk to book and check availability.

North Wales International Music Festival Launch Concert – 28th June, 7.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Tickets £10. For more information and ticket booking please see the poster circulated previously.

"OPERA THROUGH THE AGES" at 7.30 P.M. 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 01754 590683, 07583 480807, 07977 401204.
Family Fun Day at All Saints Church in Southsea on Saturday 1st July from 12-4pm. Admission: Free. All Welcome. Barbecue, licensed bar, games, raffle prizes, stalls and more.

An informal and light hearted afternoon of music and entertainment at St Margaret’s Church, Bodelwyddan 2nd July at 3pm. Featuring a variety of performances including “Marble Church hand bell ringers”. Admission free. Refreshments available.

Free Breakfast meeting for Clergy and courses for all on Reconciliation and Listening from Acorn Christian Healing Foundation on July 11th. Please see the information circulated previously.

An Inclusive Church in Wales by 2020? The St. Asaph Diocesan Group of Changing Attitude Cymru invites you to an evening with Hannah Blythin AM. Join the discussion about how we can change the Church in Wales’ opt-outs of the Equality and Marriage Acts. Friday 14th July at 7pm in St. Peter's Church, Rose Hill, Holywell CH8 7TL. A buffet and drinks will be provided. Please let us know if you intend to come for catering purposes e-mail Mike: catac@ashborn.force9.co.uk or phone Aidan 01352 710010

SW Tanganyika Request sponsorship request – Please see the sponsorship request (circulated previously) from Revd Mike and Roz Harrison for two students in South West Tanganyika.

St Asaph Cathedral Annual Charity Event: Each year, one charity is given free use of the Cathedral to hold a concert or event. Applications for the 2018 Annual Charity Event are now being accepted. Further information and an application form circulated previously. The closing date for applications is 15 September 2017.

Exploring Faith: Theology for Life - We are setting up new small study groups for Sept 2018 and there will be groups you can join spread across the Diocese. Or why not set up your own group together in your church or Mission Area? We have an introductory morning at 10am-12.30pm at Glyndwr University on Saturday 29th July where you can find out more about the course (meet outside the entrance to the William Aston Hall). You may like to watch this short video to get more of a sense of the course - http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/?page_id=49 Contact Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth richard.hainsworth@stpadarns.ac.uk 01352 840842
What’s on

Flower Festival 2017 at St Grwst’s Church, Llanrwst. 30 June, July 1st and 2nd. 10am - 4pm. Floral Displays and Musical Presentation. Free admission but donations will be gratefully received. Refreshments served each day. There are a few spaces available for floral displays - contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 for details.

Summer Sunday afternoon "Open Days" On Sunday 2nd July at 3pm Tregynon’s “Open Church and Churchyard ” with a Short Service followed by Tea. Post Code SY16 3EH and on Sunday 16th July at 3pm Llanwyddelan “Open Church and Churchyard” with a Short Service followed by Tea. Post Code SY16 3BT and all are welcome to come and visit these wonderful country churches!

A talk by Rev. Carol Farrer about the Leprosy Mission in the Church Institute in Henllan on Tuesday 4 July. Come and join us for a soup and pud lunch at 12pm, or come later at 1p.m. for the illustrated talk. Donations for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Everyone welcome.
Also there is a Coffee Morning in Eirianfa, Denbigh on Saturday 24 June organised by Capel Mawr for the same charity.

"AMNESTY EVENT": ST. ASAPH CATHEDRAL: 7th JULY 2017: The Colwyn Bay Group of Amnesty International UK is holding an evening of poetry, music and personal stories entitled: REFUGEES: REFLECTIONS IN WORDS AND MUSIC. Speakers include Bishop Gregory, the Amnesty UK Director, Kate Allen and the testimonies of two refugees. We shall hear music from, amongst others, local schools, and a professional Harpist and Violinist. There will also be poetry readings from Mererid Hopwood. Entrance is free. Donations will be welcome. Poster circulated previously.

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

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 29th June.

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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