North Wales International Music Festival 16th-30th September 2017 in St Asaph Cathedral. Please visit www.nwimf.com for details.

October/November edition of Teulu Asaph - the closing date for articles and high quality photos is 4th September. Please send items to KarenMaurice@churchinwales.org.uk To see the current issue, visit http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/teuluasaph/.

Diocesan Conference

Lectionaries at the Diocesan Conference - Manna Christian Bookshop will have a bookstall at the Diocesan Conference at St Joseph’s School, Wrexham on Sat 7th October 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 look forward to seeing everyone in Wrexham on 7 October. We'll 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 attachment for further details or contact Lis.
St Asaph Diocesan Conference, Saturday 7 October, St Joseph’s Catholic and Anglican High School, Wrexham: There are a limited number of ‘guest’ places available at this year’s Diocesan Conference. If you would like to join the day, please confirm your attendance by registering online at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/diocesan-conference-2017/attending-the-2017-conference/ by Monday 18th September. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

This week

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.

St James Church, Nantglyn is open to visitors every Saturday afternoon in August, 2.30-4.30pm. There will be an Exhibition of the History of the church in Church House (opposite the Church). Entry to Exhibition including Refreshments is £3. All proceeds to the upkeep of Nantglyn Church. A warm welcome to all.

Tower Climbs at St Giles Parish Church, Wrexham - You are invited to 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.

Open Air Service accompanied by the BEULAH BRASS BAND followed by B-B-Q at St David’s Church, Glan y Mor Road, Penrhyn Bay. Sunday 27th August at 11am. All welcome

"Tea Time in Llanfairtalhaiarn” 31st August, 2-5 pm - please come and join us for tea and delicious cakes in the Community Centre in the village. You will also be able to visit St Mary’s Church, currently awaiting the start of the HLF funded restoration project, as well as to explore the village - and the children could play in the river! Proceeds from the tea will go to the Church Restoration Fund, in particular for the Community Project which is developing our churchyard for everyone.

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

Coming up

St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst Open Doors Event. Saturday 9th September 10am – 4pm. Guided Tours. Musical presentations at 11am and 3pm. Refreshments available throughout the day. Free Admission. Donations will be gratefully received.

On 10th September St Deniol’s Hawarden will be celebrating their patronal festival with a special sung eucharist at 9.30am followed by tea and cake in the Tithe Barn.

St Cynon’s Church, Tregynon, near Newtown is organising a sponsored relay on wheels (Cycles, Prams, Buggies or mobility scooters!) on Saturday 16th September from 1pm. Covering the distance from Tregynon to St Asaph (approximately 80 Miles), not on the roads but on a “marshalled loop” of 2 miles around the village and Gregynog Hall grounds. The cost to join £5 per adult or £10 per family with the participation fee going to St Cynon’s Church, Tregynon. Registration on the day from 1–2.30pm at the Church and the event will conclude with refreshments at St Cynon’s. Contacts: Rev. Norman Morris 01938 810198 or Cathy Smith 01686 650362

Please note the change in date for the The Morriston Songsters, a Salvation Army Choir, concert at Tudfil’s Church, Coedpoeth. Previously advertised as 9th September it will now be taking place on Saturday 16th September at 7.15pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available by calling 01978 757469 or 262860, or by collection from the Salvation army charity shop, High St, Coedpoeth.

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.

Diwrnod Gyda Dr James Alison - 1af Tachwedd 2017, 10.30–4.30, Llyfrgell Gladstone, Penarlâg. Dan nawdd gwefan cristnogaeth21 sy’n trafod pynciau diwinyddol cyfoes yn Gymraeg, bydd y diwinydd ynodig Dr James Alison (awdur The Joy of Being Wrong, a Jesus, the Forgiving Victim ) yn rhoi dwy darlith. Mae’r manylion ar y daflen atodedig.

A Day with Dr James Alison – 1st November 2017, 10.30-4.30pm in Gladstone Library, Hawarden on. Cristnogaeth21 – a Welsh medium website which discusses current theological issues has invited the distinguished theologian Dr James Alison
(author of The Joy of Being Wrong and Jesus the Forgiving Victim) to lead a day of theological reflection in two lectures. Details are in the attached flier.

**Training**

“Parentalk” - 16th September, 10am-12.30pm in St Margaret’s Church hall, Chester Road, Wrexham, LL11 2SH. Are you serving parents in your community? Are you involved with Messy church, Parent and Toddler group, working with teenagers or Kids clubs? Or are you just enthusiastic to build friendships with parents, encourage and support families and show God’s love in a practical way? Then this training is for you! Care for the Family warmly invite you join us for training this Autumn to deliver Parentalk - a DVD based parenting course. The training session will equip you with everything you need to deliver a course for parents in your community. You’ll get free resources and ongoing support to make a difference in the lives of local families. To book your place please contact sianconnelly@churchiwales.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 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.

**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.

**Only a few places left now on 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 sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk

**Information and Marketplace**

Please note that Revd Toni Bennett has now changed her email address to tonibrev@gmail.com

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 Melangell Church, Pennant Melangell (previously listed as St Melangell, 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
Closing date 31st August 2017.

**Snowdon Five Challenge** – 7th-11th September – please support Adrian Murray of Christ Church, Bala as he raises money for our link diocese, South West Tanganyika. Please see the attached for details.

**Emynau’r Llan - 35 copies and Emynau’r Llan Ychwanegiad - 35copies.** These two sets of Welsh hymn books available at St Mary’s Llanfairtalhaiarn to anyone who would like to contact us - they need a home. Please contact Rev Sally Rogers 01745 720273 or sally.rogers@btinternet.com

**Reminders**

**Organist wanted** at St Mary's Church Nercwys, Nr Mold. Services are: First Sunday in the month. 10am family. 11.15am Eucharist All other Sundays 11.15am. Fees per service. If you are interested please contact Nancy Matthews on 01352 757328 or sendltonancy@gmail.com

**Available for collection** from St Mary’s Llanfairtalhaiarn - **4 Drawer Locking Filing Cabinet in Good Condition** - A small donation to our Restoration fund would be appreciated. It should fit in to a decent sized estate car.
What’s on

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.

Open Day at St Mary’s Church, Ruabon - 2nd September, 10am to 4pm with a Teddy Bears' picnic from 2pm and a teddy zip wire from the tower. Registers dating back to the 16th century will be on display. All welcome.

Ensemble 1677 & St. Asaph Choral Society will present a semi-staged production of Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas", the first British opera to be written! Saturday 2nd September at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Denbigh - We are still in need of chorus members and rehearse weekly on Mondays at St Asaph parish church from 7.30-9.30pm. If you would like to sing, please come along on a Monday night or e-mail ensemble1677@gmail.com for further details.

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.

Craft Fair at St David's Church, Mold Road, Connah’s Quay, CH5 4QL. Opening times - 7th September: 10.30am -7pm, Friday 8th: 10.30am-5pm and Saturday 9th: 10.30am -5pm. Various Craft Stalls. Craft Demonstrations. Refreshments. Free Admission.

‘An evening with the Harp & David Watkins’ – 8th September at 7pm in the Shrine Church of St Melangell, Pennant Melangell. Tickets £12. Early booking essential in view of limited seating. Revised poster attached.

Mold Mission Area Youth C.R.E.W. invite you to Afternoon Tea in aid of SHARE (Supporting Homeless Assisting Refugees Everywhere) in Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Saturday 9th September. They will be serving Afternoon Tea 12-3 p.m. Adults £4, Children £2. Do come and join us. For more information phone Mrs Mel Morgan 01978 762709. Poster circulated previously.
Ss Mael and Sulien, Cwm invites you to a Floral Afternoon Tea & Grand Raffle on Saturday 9th September from 2.30pm in the Old School next to the church and old vicarage. Admission £4.50 including: A short demonstration of floral art at about 3.15pm, delicious afternoon tea, chance to buy crafts. Our beautiful historic church will be open, come and visit, light a candle, say a prayer. A warm welcome to all - croeso i bawb. Please telephone 01745 570750 for further details.

Porthmyn Male Voice Choir in concert at St Peter's Church, Ruthin on Saturday 9th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, available from Ruthin Bookshop, 3 Upper Clwyd Street, or from Chris Simons on 01745 550555 or csimons55@btinternet.com All profits for repairs to the church roof.

Holy Cross Festival – Solemn Evensong and Benedicition in St Ethelwold’s, Shotton. 10th September at 6pm. All Welcome. Poster circulated previously.

R S Thomas Literary Festival and Open Poetry Competition: A Literary Festival commemorating the lives of R S Thomas and his wife, the artist, M E Eldridge is taking place at St Michael’s Church, Eglwysfach, Ceredigion from 15 - 17 September 2017. R S Thomas was Vicar of Eglwysfach from 1954-1967 and wrote some of his finest poetry at this time. Details on the leaflet and ticket form circulated previously or at http://www.eglwysfach.co.uk/. The closing date for the poetry competition has been extended to the end of August.

Prayer Spaces in Schools Day Conference 2017: 23rd September, St Mark’s Battersea, London or 30th September in St John University, York. Both events 10.30am-5pm. Tickets £20. For more information and to buy tickets please follow the link: http://www.prayerpacesinschools.com/dayconf17

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.

Gwasanaethau Cymraeg
Yn dilyn trafodaethau rhwng Eglwysi Sant Cystennin Mochdre ac Eglwys Sant Ffraid Glan Conwy mae’r ddwy eglwys wedi cytuno i gynnal 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 fyd 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 gwahoddiad hwn i'r holl gynulleidfaoedd o fewn ardal Cenhadaeth Aberconwy.

**Welsh services in Aberconwy Mission Area** - 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.

**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. Poster circulated previously.

**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 31st August.

**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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