St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 26 Ebrill 2018
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday, 26 April 2018

A Hope and a Future – Transforming Churches and Communities
Wednesday 6 June: Llangollen Pavilion. A free one-day event for anyone interested in helping their church to be relevant to their local community. To book contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk. More information at https://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/steering-groups/engaging/hope-and-a-future/a-hope-and-a-future-transforming-churches-and-communities/

New to STAR

The Bishop of Bangor is asking for “good news stories from around the province showcasing good evangelism” with the idea of being included in a series of videos to be shot during the summer. The final edit will be available in the early autumn and shown as part of the evangelism presentations in Governing Body. It will also be available for churches and other venues. If you would like to suggest a good example of evangelism, please email Bishop Andy at bishop.bangor@churchinwales.org.uk

The churches of St Silin, St Cedwain, Rhiwlas and St Cadwaladr Service of Thanksgiving marking the retirement of Revd Richard Hughes Saturday 28th April at St Silin’s at 6.30 p.m.

The Cathedral is celebrating the Patronal Feast of the Diocese and the Cathedral on Sunday 6th May (Poster attached). A warm welcome to all to celebrate with us. Why not send a representative from your Church? If you are coming along please let Pam Vernon know at: pamelavernon@cinw.org.uk

Please see the attached article from Alzheimer’s Society Cymru.

Safe Church training – Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk. This training aims to develop an awareness and understanding of abuse, safeguarding processes and how these relate to your role and responsibilities. 10th May, 2-5pm in Christ Church, Bala. To book your place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk
Thy Kingdom Come - The ten days that lead up to Pentecost Sunday is traditionally a time when we particularly pray for the Holy Spirit’s power and gifts in the building up of the church, and for their use in our witness as we seek the coming of God’s Kingdom in all its fullness. As part of this period of prayer, the bishops are encouraging the faithful to join in the international ecumenical initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' between Ascension and Pentecost, 10-20 May 2018. More details and resources can be found at: https://www.thykingdomcome.global/

Introducing Mark Yaconelli’s “Experiments with God” – An introduction to the resources which Mark Yaconelli has developed which enable participants to explore and deepen their life with God. This day will include creative prayer, practical activities, time for rest and reflection. 12 May, 10am-4pm in St Margaret’s Church, Garden Village, Wrexham. Open to all. Booking is essential, please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Taize Service at St Asaph Cathedral on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for Pentecost. A warm welcome to all (Poster attached).

“Setting God’s people free: A theology of lay ministry” – In this day Prof Canon Elaine Graham (Grosvenor Research Professor of Practical Theology at the University of Chester) will help us to think through the theology of lay and shared ministry and how to put this commitment into practice in the life of our mission areas. 15th May, 10am-3.30pm in Gladstone’s Library, Hawarden. Open to all. Booking is essential, please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Whit Walk: Aled Mission Area welcomes everyone to our second Whit Walk, on 19 May. We will begin at 11am on the prom opposite Abergele Railway Station, and finish with a service at St Trillo’s Chapel on the prom at 4pm. Walkers are welcome to join in at any point: please see the map for times. We hope many more will join us for the service with Bishop Gregory. Details attached.

There will be a concert at the Beaumeris Festival (Anglesey) on Monday 28th May including a ‘work’ dedicated to Saint Melangell - "MELANGELL VARIATIONS". See the Hilary Tan Flyer attached.

Data Developments training – All Church Treasurers must be using the Data Developments software for this financial year. A newly designed basic training session is being run on:

8th June, 9.30am-4pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, Chirk or 9th June, 9.30am-4pm in St Peter’s Church, Holywell.

Places are limited so please book your place with siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk
All treasurers are welcome to attend whether they have attended previously or not.

Coming up this week
Last chance to book – deadline for booking 27th April. Spiritual Formation – Festival of Prayer. Building on Mark Yaconelli’s work with the Diocese, the Festival will consist of workshops focusing on group spiritual formation and prayer activity, encouraging you to listen to God and to one another. 28th April, 10am-4pm in Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, Newtown. Booking is essential. Please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Open to all, especially those involved in Mission Area Conferences and other church groups in the southern half of the diocese.

Course on Spiritual Direction - The College of Spiritual Directors is 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. Deadline for course applications is 28th April 2018

The future shape of the Retired Clergy Association is very much in the hands of its members. Retired clergy and spouses and widows living in the diocese are invited to join Bishop Gregory for afternoon tea during which there will be an opportunity to discuss how the Association can best meet the needs of retired clergy and provide appropriate fellowship and support. The final event takes place in Montgomery Archdeaconry: May 1st at The Royal Oak, Welshpool, 3pm.

Llandudno Keswick Bible Week ‘Overflowing Grace’ with John Risbridger’ 1st-4th May 2018 at the Lighthouse Community, Great Ormes Road, LL30 2EJ. Flyer circulated previously.

St Asaph Cathedral Organ Recital Series - Huw Morgan (Abergavenny) 2nd May at 7.30pm. Admission £6 including programme. Poster circulated previously. For further information call the Cathedral Song School on 01745 584053.

"Summer Brass" concerts take place at 7pm on the first Saturday of the month from April to October at St Paul’s Church, Craig y Don, LL30 1YT. Dates are 5th May. More information at www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls or www.stpaulsllandudno.co.uk

Marketplace and information

Highlights from the recent Governing Body meeting of the Church in Wales in Llandudno is now available. You can read it online at https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/news/2018/04/highlights-of-governing-body-2/

The World Mission Committee is seeking new members to help promote world mission to all our churches. If you have an interest in overseas aid, world mission or climate change matters, please contact Ros Crawford: 01691 870604 / ros1943@hotmail.co.uk

A reminder that Ecclesiastical’s Trust130 initiative will donate £130 to your church each time your church family (you, your clergy, church workers, volunteers or members of your congregation) take out a new home insurance policy with
Ecclesiastical. The deadline has been extended to 31 December 2018. Details on the attached poster.

St Mary’s Llanfairtalhaiarn is downsizing after a major HLF project and has a large numbers of church kneelers that they would like to dispose of. Some might need recovering. If you would like them, please contact Maryann Williams on 07881831468 or on maryannwilliams8@icloud.com.

**Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme 2018**

The scheme opens on 30 April 2018 with a closing date of July 2018. Eligibility applies to areas within a **five mile** radius of a landfill site and **five miles** around a waste transfer station, which send a minimum of 2,000 tonnes of waste to landfill each year (this expands the scheme significantly) **Please attached map to see if you could be eligible.**

There are two grants
Main grant £5,000 to £49,999 where you will have to meet one or more of the schemes 3 themes,
- Biodiversity
- Waste minimisation and diversion from landfill
- Environmental enhancements (including or improving community facilities)

There will be opportunities twice a year in Spring and Autumn with a one-stage application process
One off large grant for £50,000 to £250,000 which, has to meet two or more of the schemes three themes.

Detailed guidance and sources of support will be published on the LDT communities scheme fund website which will be run by the WCVA

If you wish to apply for a grant you will need to register with eTender Wales, the Welsh Government online application portal. The link below will direct you to the site

https://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/landfill-disposals-tax-communities-scheme/application-process

Also visit the Welsh Governments site (landfill disposal Tax communities scheme) where you can download more details.

For further information please contact martynschlangen@churchinwales.org.uk

**Forthcoming dates**

**How Does God Answer Prayer in a Scientific World? The Max Planck Lecture Series on Science and Faith at Chester Cathedral.**

Tuesday 1st May, 7:30pm at The Refectory, Chester Cathedral, with the Revd Professor David Wilkinson (St John’s College, University of Durham) Many people see
the work of God in the regularity and beauty of the scientific laws. Yet the success of science has left a theological legacy: does God have to break those laws in responding to intercessory prayer? Or might the world of quantum theory and chaos open up a new kind of thinking about how God works? Admission Free – Refreshments Available – Retiring Collection.

Betws yn Rhos Village Plant & Cake Sale in the Village Hall - Saturday 12th May, 10am-12pm. All welcome, teas, coffee & cake.

Living Church Weekend / Penwythnos Eglwys Fyw: 12/13 May – St Peter’s Church, Ruthin, 10am-4pm. Details on the posters circulated previously.

Archdeaconry of Wrexham Visitation – Sunday 13th May in St Giles’ Church, Wrexham at 4pm – there will be no roll call of Clerics and Readers this year but from 3.15pm all Clerics, Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers are asked to ‘sign in’ prior to the service and Churchwardens are asked to sign the required declaration at the relevant table where the Mission Area Leader will be situated.

Forest Church Eco-Retreat – 25-28 May: Cae Mabon Fachwen, Llanberis. Full details on the poster circulated previously. A weekend of Forest Church is an exploration of what it means to be connected to the whole of nature. Incorporating sessions on How to run Forest Church, the weekend will provide time to connect intentionally and playfully with the spirit of God that is present within all things, that is the Eternal Christ, first born of all creation, ‘the first thought in the mind of God.’

Care for the Family is running Confident Parenting in a Digital Age: 12 June, 7:30 - 10pm Chester: In a society that is predominantly digital, our children are growing up with a world of online possibility at their fingertips. How can we ensure that our kids are safe without preventing them from accessing the many advantages? Power up your parenting for the online generation with Katharine and Philip at Connected – Confident Parenting in a Digital Age.
Venue: Audacious Church, Chester, CH1 4QJ
Further information at https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/

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 3 May.

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 Church 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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