The format of StAR has changed to show the new events/activities/services at the top, making it easier to identify new information immediately. Forthcoming items, which have been on StAR for more than two weeks, will no longer be shown until the week they take place. This change anticipates a major overhaul of StAR as part of the website redesign, later this year/early next.

New on StAR this week:

Archdeaconry Quiet day – “Knowing that I am Loved: My identity in Christ.

- Last chance to book - 1st November, 10am-3pm in Gregynog Hall, Newtown
- 9th November, 10am-3pm in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham

Cost: free but booking is essential. To book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

All are welcome, but these days are particularly relevant for those in commissioned or licensed and lay ministries.

MAECymru – Merched a’r Eglwys; Ministry and Equality is holding its AGM on Saturday 4 November 2018 at Plas Dolerw in Newtwon. The meeting will start at 10.30am. The guest speaker is Norma Jarboe OBE and a warm welcome is extended to everyone. Please see the attached posters for more details.

The Annual Service of Thanksgiving, remembering those who have died, will take place at St Paul’s Church, Colwyn Bay at 3pm on Sunday 5 November. This is a sensitive service of music, hymns, poetry, readings and prayer. Those who have died will be remembered by the lighting of candles. All are welcome to attend.

“The Bible in a Day” Christian Aid Event, 9th November in Chester Cathedral Rectory. Schools and churches from Chester and Surrounding villages will be reading the bible in a day, using Trevor Dennis’ “The book of books: The Bible Retold” to raise money for Christian Aid. Please see the attached for details.
“Wrexham Speaks” 16 November from 5.15pm at Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham. Local members of Parliament, Ian Lucas and Susan Elan Jones and Assembly Member Lesley Griffiths are joining AVOW, TCC and Senedd Yr Ifanc Wrexham to explore Wales in Westminster. For more information and to book please follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wrexham-speaks-wrecsam-yn-lleisiou-barn-tickets-38431961030

Choral Evensong (according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer) sung by Laudes Choir and the Church Choir on Sunday 19th November at 5.30pm in St Mary the Virgin, Mold. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. A warm welcome awaits all who are able to join us.

The renowned boys choir, ONLY BOYS ALOUD, under their Choral Director Tim Rhys-Evans, will be performing in St Paul’s Church, Colwyn Bay on Sunday 19th November at 5pm.

ST. DIGAIN’S DAY CONCERT AND FEAST Sunday 19 November. Concert at St. Digain's Church, Llangernyw with Fay Adamson at 5pm. Retiring collection in aid of the organ fund. St. Digain's Day Feast at 6.30pm. £7.50
Tickets for either or both from the Revd Gwenda Cooper, 01745 860349, brondigain@googlemail.com; or Mary Hindley, 01745 860314.

The Llansilin Plygain -1st December in St Silin’s Church, Llansilin 7.30pm All welcome. Croeso i bawb.

Exhibition of original art inspired by St Mary’s Church and grounds, Church Road, Minera LL11 3DA. Exhibition 2-3 December, 11am-3pm. Preview night 1st December at 7pm with festive refreshments. Proceeds to St Mary’s. Details on the attached poster.

St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst’s Christmas Tree Festival launches 9th December with Criw Grwst Advent event (art, craft storytelling and worship for children of all ages) and Soup Lunch. Businesses, clubs, societies, community organisations and individuals are welcome to join this event exhibiting a Christmas tree display. There is no charge for exhibiting but donations to the restoration of Gwydir Chapel and reordering of St Grwst’s Church will be gratefully received. For further information and to book a place please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com

Iona Trip 13-20 July 2019  We have 2 x double rooms and one single left for the 2019 trip to Iona. Please see attached.

Would you like for your church to have the “Working to Become Dementia Friendly Church” designation? You can contact Bob Friedrich, Dementia Support Officer, at bobfriedrich1@gmail.com. Would you like to have the Alzheimer’s Society Dementia Friend training? Contact Sarah Wheat, Engagement Officer, at sarahwheat@churchinwales.org.uk. Please read the leaflet attached.

Job Vacancy – Borderlands Mission Area Administrator. Borderlands Mission Area is looking to recruit an Administrator to support its work. This will involve working closely with the Mission Area Leader and Executive, managing the Mission Area Office and having responsibility for a wide range of administrative/secretarial and coordinating tasks. Closing date: 13th November. For details see the attached advert.

This week

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.

North Wales Ignite- a dynamic and creative event aimed at young people aged 11-16. We kick off at 6:45pm on Friday 27th October in the Scala Cinema Prestatyn, for an evening of worship music, testimonies, fun games and freebies! The price is £2.50 per person and a free snack is included. We would love to see you and your youth group there. For further information please contact Jon Andrews on 07737428096 or Esther Andrews on 07767871132. Poster circulated previously.

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 01745 532582.
Anne Dennis will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds towards the running of St Asaph Cathedral Voluntary Choir on Saturday, 28th October from 10am - 12noon, at 36, Clwydian Park Avenue, St Asaph, LL17 0BQ. Admission £2. The choir sing monthly Evensong, and other services as needed. Please come and support if you are able.

**Please note that this event has now been cancelled** - Yn dilyn trafodaeth rhwng Eglwysi Sant Cystennin Mochdre ac Eglwys Sant Ffraid Gian Conwy mae’r ddwy eglwys wedi cyntuno i gynnal gwasanaethau Cymraeg bob mis gyda’r man cyfarfod yn newid yn fisol. Fe gynhelir y gwasanaeth yn Eglwys Sant Cystennin at Ddydd Sul 29ain o fisc Hydref am 2 y pnawn a bydd hwn hefyd yn cynnwys Cymun Bendigaid dan arweiniad y Parch Dr Manon C James. Anogir a chroesewir pawb sy’n dymuno addoli trwy gyfwng y Gymraeg fynychu gan gynnwys rhai sy’n dysgu’r Gymraeg a rhai di-gymraeg; ymestynnir y gwahoddiad hwni’r holl gynulleidfaoedd o fewn ardal Cenhadaeth Aberconwy.

**STORIAU O’R GALON: CODI YSBRYD!**
7pm, Hydref 28 Caffi Gorwelion, Y Bala. Noson o storiau gwir gan bobl leol, gyda cherddoriaeth fyw. £3 ar y drws, yr elw i gyd at Ty Gobaith
An evening of true stories with live music to raise money for Hope House. This event is in Welsh but suitable for learners - all welcome.

**St Asaph Parish Church Festival of Light** - 31st October 5-7 pm. Everyone Welcome No Matter What Age. Fancy Dress. Story. Songs. Crafts. Chat & Refreshments. Please Come and Join us as we witness to the Light of Christ on this Night.

**Residential Retreat at Foxhill House and Woodlands - “Thriving Through Change”** 1st - 3rd November Led by Bishop Chris Edmondson. Many people find dealing with change difficult, whether at work, in personal circumstances, health or attitude- especially when it’s forced on us. Using a variety of means including Biblical reflection, discussion, prayer ministry and personal space, Bishop Chris will show how we cannot just survive change, but thrive and grow in and through the process. The retreat begins with lunch on Wednesday, and finishes after lunch on Friday. The cost of £145 includes all meals and refreshments.
For further details and bookings please contact Foxhill; Telephone: 01928 733777 Email: Foxhill@chester.anglican.org

**The Resurrection Choir from St Petersburg Concert** 2nd November at 7pm in St Giles’, Wrexham. Tickets £10. Poster circulated previously.
Coming up

Alexis Smith will be ordained on 26th November at 2.30pm in St Tyssil’s Church, Llandyssil.

**Indoor Car Boot Sale**, Saturday 11th November 2017, 9am-1pm. Church House, Watling Street, Llanrwst. £5 per stall. Refreshments available. Traders including craft and produce welcome. All proceeds to Restoration of Gwydir Chapel and Reordering of St Grwst’s Church. Advance bookings for stalls or to make a donation contact Olwen John on 07551 327509 or Janet Piece on 01492 640443.

A **“Concert of Celebration and Remembrance”** at St. Matthews Church, Buckley, on Sunday 12th November at 7:30pm, featuring Rhys Meirion, Elan and Erin Meirion with The Rhos Male Voice Choir. Tickets £10 (Concessions £8) available at Buckley Town Council or at the Church.

**“Parentalk”** - 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 Gods love in a practical way? Then this training is for you! Care for the Family warmly invite you to 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.

- 14th November 10am-12.30pm in St Margaret’s Church, Wrexham
- 15th November 7-9.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral.

To book your place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Celtic Harp Concert by international player, Harriet Earis** - 17th November in St Silin’s Church, Llansilin at 7.30pm. Refreshments The Church is in the centre of the village SY107QB and is fully accessible.

**Leading you Church into Growth (LyCiG) Refresher Day** – Join us on 18th November, 10am-3.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. LyCiG is about growing:
- The number of people in our churches
- The impact we have in our communities
- The depth and impact of God in our own lives.

To book a place please email: siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk. Invitation circulated previously.

“**Come and Sing the Songs of Redemption**” – Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement with hymns and songs from Redemption Hymnal and Elim
Choruses. 18 November at 7.15pm in Trinity Methodist Church, Prestatyn. Please see the previously attached poster for details.

**Forthcoming Training**

**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 circulated previously.

**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.

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