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 sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk / 01745 532582.

"Opera Through the Ages" at 7.30 pm 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 01745 590683, 07583 480807, 07977 401204.

This week

Holiday Club “The King’s Club” at St Michael’s Church, Abergele. Kids 5-11 welcome. 10am-12pm, 24-28 July. For more information go to: stmichaelschurch.holidayclub@gmail.cpm

‘Open Table’ If you are a member of the LGBT+ Community or a friend and supporter please come along and join in with worship and fellowship. 27th July at St Peters, Holywell at 7pm.
If you would like any further info regarding Open Table or the LGBT+ Chaplaincy please contact: Rev’d Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032 revsarah3005@btinternet.com

St Paul's Church, Craig y Don, Llandudno, will be holding their Summer Fair on Saturday 29th July 10am - 12.30pm in St Paul's Church Hall. There will be a Cake Stall including jams and chutneys, tombola, bookstall, raffle and fancy goods Stall. All very welcome.
Llanfair Talhaiarn Annual Village Sports Day – Aled Mission Area. 29th July, 12 – 5pm on the village sports field on 29th July. Lots of activities for children and grownups, especially games and den building to be organised by our mission area children’s activity co-ordinator, Laura Haig.

Carrog Church Fete is taking place on Saturday 29th July at 2pm in the Village Hall and playing fields. Admission is £1 and children are free. The carnival queen will be crowned, followed by a bouncy castle, miniature steam rides, children’s games, face painting, glitter tattoos, popcorn, candy floss, hotdogs, coconut shy, tombola, tug o’war, and many other games and activities. The beautiful Church which over 400 years old, will also be open to visitors.

An Evening Service to Remember “The Centenary of Passchendaele” - St Michael’s Church, Abergele, Monday 31st July at 5pm. To include poetry, The Gele Singers, members of the British Legion and civic officials and the naming of the individuals from Abergele who lost their lives during this battle.

Exhibition and Sale of Artwork at St Peter’s Church, Ruthin. 1st – 8th August, 10am-4pm daily. Refreshments available.

Stay and Play Session, at St Paul’s, Colwyn Bay - 1st August, 12 – 2pm. Lots of children’s activities of different kinds, including sports, bubble explosions and water pistol painting.

“Sleeping Beauty: The Ugly Truth!” - Children’s Music and Drama Workshop, 7th -11th August, 9am to 3pm each day at St Paul’s Colwyn Bay. Participants will work all week towards a performance for friends and family on Friday 11th August at 5pm in St Paul’s. In addition to singing, dancing and drama there will be a variety of activities during the week including games, arts & crafts and scenery making. The whole week is completely free, including lunches. For more information please contact Elin Cutler on 07874 376692 or spycestpauls@gmail.com. Booking deadline 28th July. Please see attached forms.

Noah’s Ark Fun Day at St John’s Church, Old Colwyn, 12th August. A family fun day with a variety of activities including crafts, face painting, ark building and more. Bring a stuffed animal to parachute off the church tower!

Joseph and his Dreamcoat Stay and Play session at Bryn Cadno Community Centre, Bryn-y-maen. 18th August. This is an event for children taking place from 9.30am – 12pm. There will be costume making, face painting, drama and lots of messy fun, all linking to our theme of ‘Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat’.

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 attached.

Services and Installations

The Licensing of Andrea Jones as Rector of Hawarden and Vicar of Sandycroft, at St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden on 30th July at 3pm.

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

Coming up

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.

Information session on Church and Community Nigh 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 attached for circulation.

Llanasa Parish Church holding a Flower Festival 28 September to 1 October 2017 with the theme of Harvest Festival in aid of Church funds. Please see poster (circulated previously) for all details. Opening times will be 11am to 7pm and 1pm to 4pm on the Sunday. The admission charge will be £3 and refreshments available for £2.

Church...more than a preaching station? Oswestry, Shropshire - 14th October. This event explores whether, and how, we can proclaim the Gospel through pastoral care. It is intended for people involved in pastoral care, ordained clergy and pastors, as
well as regular members of the congregation. We will take a practical look through four workshops at how churches can structure pastoral care to respond appropriately to local needs within a rural context. The event costs just £15 including handouts and a light lunch. Bookings must be made in advance and we are able to accept card or cheque payments. A limited number of childcare places are available. Full details of the event and booking information can be found on our website [here](#) or on the [Facebook event page](#).

**Training**

**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.

- **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 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](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.

**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.

**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

**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:**

**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 Centre, 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

**Do you know a business which would benefit from advertising in the St Asaph Directory?** We’re looking for new advertisers for the 2018 Directory which is being launched at the Diocesan Conference in October. Please see the information circulated previously for details.

"Mold in Flowers/"Yr Wyddgrug trwy Flodau” St. Mary's Church, Mold 16th-19th August 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission £3. Refreshments available.

**Vacancy - Bryn A Môr Mission Area Administrator.** Would you like to work for our new Mission Area? A group of 10 Churches covering the communities of: Dyserth, Cwm, Trelawnyd, Meliden, Gwaenysgor, Prestatyn, Llanasa, Gronant and Ffynnongroyw and a few more!

The post of Administrator has been created to provide administrative support for the work of the Mission Area Leader & Mission Area Conference and will involve working closely with the Mission Area Leader and Mission Area Executive.

The Administrator will have responsibility for a range of administrative and coordinating tasks. Initially the successful applicant may need to be based in Gronant as we look to
develop a suitable office within the Mission Area, hopefully in Prestatyn. The successful applicant would then be expected to work from the new office.

12 hours per week  
Salary: £9.40 per hour. For further information and or an application pack please contact Rev Dot Gosling (Mission Area Leader) Tel: 01745 888797  email: dotchka@me.com  
Closing date: Friday 18th August 2017.  Interviews: Thursday 24th Aug 2017

**Friends of the Cathedral Summer Lecture - Friday 18th August 2017 at 7.30 p.m.** The Revd Canon Martin Snellgrove, ”Welsh place-names with an emphasis on exonyms”. Admission £5 includes refreshments after the lecture. Proceeds towards The Friends’ Project to contribute funds towards kitchen facilities in the Cathedral.

**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.

**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. Ddyddiad 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 gynulleidfa 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.

**Nick Clegg comes to Gladstone’s Library!**
The ex-leader of the Liberal Democrats discusses whether Gladstonian Liberalism is a relic of the past or a blueprint for the future: Monday 2 October. Tickets are priced at £15 and are extremely limited. To book, please call 01244 532350 or email enquiries@gladlib.org.

**Self Help Africa's FREE Harvest Resources** – Please see the attached information with resources for Harvest services

'Lost in Art' - 6th-30th July, open every day from 10am. An exhibition at Llanelian Church of the art work done by members of the community at Llys Elian Day Centre, with the help of their art teacher, Gwenda Davies and Sian Hutchinson. ‘Lost in Art’ is a national project to highlight the art being accomplished by people with memory loss. Free entry.

**Evening Organ Recitals 2017 at St Peter's Church, Ruthin.** 12th July-2nd August. All recitals start at 8pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Poster circulated previously.

**Information and Marketplace**

Sian Hatton-Jones, from Alyn Mission Area, will be abseiling down Liverpool Cathedral Tower to raise money for Parkinson’s UK on 5th August. If you would like to sponsor her please visit her Justgiving page: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sian-jones67](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sian-jones67)

**What’s on**

**Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary The Virgin Church, Mold** 16 - 20 August 2017. The theme will be "Mold in Flowers/Yr Wyddgrug Trwy Flodau". All denominations within Mold and other organisations will be displaying flower arrangements depicting the life of Mold. Admission £3. Further information may be obtained from Ann Jones 01352 755796 caenogmold222@btinternet.com

**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

**The Holywell Community (a New Monastic Community in Abergavenny)** is recruiting young people to join the Community from Mid-August 2017. “If you are wondering what to do after you leave University or College this Summer, are passionate about Jesus and looking to give a year to God or test your vocation to the Ordained or Religious life. We may be what you are looking for.”
In addition, they are seeking a young musician/composer to join the Holywell Community as Lay Concerantor.
If you would like further information or are interested in joining the Community why not give, Canon Mark Soady a call on 07968 753978 to chat about it or email: vicar@stmarys-priory.org

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 Trefnant Chapel 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.

**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.

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**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.prayerspacesinschools.com/dayconf17

**Craft Fair at St Giles Church, Wrexham** LL13 8LS - Saturday 14th October 2017, 10am - 3pm. Cost £10 per table. Would you like to take part? Please email: management.stgiles@gmail.com or phone/text 07714650792 leaving name/number/email

**Save the date: : Evangelical Fellowship of the Church in Wales (EFCW) meeting** - Tues 17th October, 11am – 3pm at All Saints Southsea, hot lunch provided. All welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, encouragement & teaching. Main speaker - Jill Duff. Further details to follow nearer the time (cost to cover expenses, details of Jill’s talks, etc). To register interest, please contact martinsneggrove@hotmail.com
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 15th September 2017.

Licensed Lay Ministers Day (Formally Readers Day) – 30th September at All Saints Church, Gresford beginning at 11am at which new Readers and other Licensed Lay Ministers will receive their licence. Readers are to present themselves on the day to be photographed for their ID Badges in line with Diocesan Policy.

National Shared Ministry Network Conference –“Bread, fish and Expectancy – Growing disciples, sharing ministry” 19-21 October 2017 in the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, DE55 1AU. What is the role of collaborative ministry in developing spiritually vibrant, mature and engaged disciples who in turn disciple others? How can we resource the growing of leaders through discipleship? For more information, costs and how to book please see the attached. If you would like to apply for the Training Bursary please follow this link. http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/steering-groups/training/

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 3rd 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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