The Ordination of the Revd. Peter Nissen as Priest will be conducted by Bishop Gregory at All Saints’ Church, Gresford on Friday 29 September at 7pm. The Ordination preacher will be Canon Dr Mark Clavier, Canon Residentiary, Brecon Cathedral. As with all ordinations, all clergy and readers are warmly invited and encouraged to attend, robe and process. Robing (alb or surplice and white stole) will take place in Church House, Gresford. Please hold Peter in your prayers as he approaches this next step in answering God’s vocation in his ministry.

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.

The new look Teulu Asaph will be out in churches this weekend. Please pick up a copy and ensure they are distributed to your congregation and local community. You can read it online too at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/teuluasaph/

This week

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

Flower Festival - Llanasa Church – 28 September - 1 October, 11am – 7pm (Sun 1 October, 1pm – 4pm) Admission: £3 including programme. (No charge during Church Service.) Tea or Coffee and a Homemade Cake to purchase £2. All Welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Melangell Centre, Pennant Mellangell – Friday 29th September at 10.30am. Raffle and table top sale. Donations for these or contributions of cakes and biscuits will be welcomed. For further information contact St Melangell Centre on 01691 860408 or email: saintmelangell@tiscali.co.uk

St Andrew’s Community Hub, Garden City will be hosting a Coffee Morning, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, on Friday 29 September 10 30am – 1pm. With a raffle, games and entertainment, and of course plenty of coffee and cake, it promises to be a fun morning! All Welcome.
A concert by Côr Canwy will take place in All Saints Church, Deganwy on Friday, 29 September at 7.30pm. The concert will raise money for All Saints and the Mayor of Conwy’s charity, Citizen’s Advice Conwy. Tickets £7 from 01492 583420. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bydd cyngerdd gan Gôr Canwy yn digwydd yn Eglwys yr Holl Saint, Deganwy ar ddydd Gwener, 29ain Fedi am 7:30yh. Bydd y cyngerdd yn codi arian ar gyfer yr eglwys ag elusen Maer Conwy, Canolfan Cynghori Conwy. Tocynnau £ 7 o 01492 583420. Archebwch yn gynnar i osgoi cael eich siomi.

St. Martin's Church, Eglwysbach is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 30th September, 10am - 4pm when Church Records will be available for inspection. There will also be a Produce Table full of delicious homemade items for sale.

St John's Church, Old Colwyn on Saturday 30 September at 7.15pm for our fifth Gathering of God's People as we come together for a time of worship and praise singing tremendous hymns and choruses from Redemption Hymnal and Elim Choruses. Our theme on this occasion is "POWER FROM ON HIGH". With Pete Fawcett (Piano) and Quentin Bellamy (Hammond organ) plus our special guests. Come along expecting a blessing and a time of encouragement. See the poster attached.


Diocesan Conference - St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School, Wrexham on Sat 7th October.

Calling ALL TREASURERS - It is time to send your cheques to Diocesan Office for this year’s Diocesan Offering. Please remember that we really want to reach our £8000 target for the Ty Croeso - Dawn Elizabeth House - a very worthwhile charity, which caters for people from all over Wales, the northern half of Wales, including all of our Diocese. These special children are our future and we need to help their families when they are admitted to hospital for specialised treatment. Any information or queries to Ros Crawford at ros1943@hotmail.co.uk.

Lectionaries at the Diocesan Conference - Manna Christian Bookshop will have a bookstall at the conference 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 will 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 leaflet (attached previously) for further details or contact Lis.

**Coming up**

**A joint Autumn Fair for All Saints, Deganwy and Citizens Advice Conwy** will take place in All Saints Church on Saturday, 7th October from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Stalls and raffles. Please come along and support two very good causes.

**Stop, Look & Listen Day at Foxhill House and Woodlands - 9th October Led by Molly Dow** these mini retreats are a chance to step back from your busyness, and listen to what God is saying to you. Each day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £21 per person- includes lunch and refreshments. For further details and bookings please contact Foxhill; Telephone: 01928 733777 Email: Foxhill@chester.anglican.org

**Join us at #Resource Church** on 15th October, 3-4.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Poster Attached.

A ‘**Deeside Heritage Exhibition**’ is to be held at **St David’s Church, Connah’s Quay** 19 – 21 October. The exhibition will feature Pictures and Artefacts from around Deeside. Admission is free. Why not take refreshments in the Exhibition Café. Enjoy a few hours discovering Deeside’s past and its people. Further information may be obtained from John Coppack 01244 811048 or coppackjohn@gmail.com Poster attached.

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.
Yn dilyn trafodaethau rhwng Eglwysi Sant Cystennin Mochdre ac Eglws Sant Ffraid Glan Conwy mae’r ddwy eglwys wedi cytuno i gynnal wasanaethau Cymraeg bob mis gyda’r man cyfarfod yn newid yr fisol. Fe gynhelir y gwasanaeth yr Eglwys Sant Cystennin at Ddydd Sul 29ain o fis 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 I fynychu gan gynnwys rhai sy’n dysgu’r Gymraeg a rhai di-gymraeg; ymestynnir y gwahoddiad hwni’r holl gynulleidfaoedd o fewn ardalo Cenhadaeth Aberconwy

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

Training

Last Chance to book - 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.

- 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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Need Funding for your church? Do you have a heritage project? How does Heritage Lottery Funding work?
Heritage Lottery will be putting on a workshop and presentation regarding the re-launch of their programmes. St Margaret’s Church Hall and Community Centre, Chester Road
Wrexham LL11 2SH between **11.30am and 3.30pm on Thursday 12 October 2017**. Lunch will be provided.

There is a limited number of spaces available and will be of interest to Building/property sub-committee members, those planning a heritage project and Mission area/church wardens.

To find out more or register your interest please contact Martyn Schlangen martynschlangen@churchinwales.org.uk 01745582245

**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 attached.

**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 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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**Information and Marketplace**

**Nantglyn Yew Tree – Tree of the Year**
The Pulpit Yew Tree at St James Church Nantglyn has been nominated for the Tree of the Year award. You can vote for the Nantglyn Pulpit Tree by visiting www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear
Voting closes on the 8th October.

**Reminders**

An evening of big band sound from Chester based **The Little Big Band and Welsh Choral music** from local mixed choir, Cor Ger Y Ffin at All Saints Church, Gresford. 6th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (children free). Call 07766881203 for tickets to purchase or pay on the door. All proceeds to All Saints Church.

**Community Open Day - St Paul’s Church Gorsedd,** 7 October, 11am - 3pm. Church Records on display in the Church, together with Bibles dating from 1853. Stalls and refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

A joint **Autumn Fair for All Saints and Citizens Advice Conwy** will take place in All Saints Church, Deganwy on Saturday, 7 October from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Stalls and raffles. Please come along and support two very good causes.

Llanelian Church is having a **SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR PETS** on Sunday 8 October at 3pm. Rev David Lewis (Vicar of Rhos-on-Sea) will be our Guest Speaker. All pets (and their owners) are welcome and we hope that we’ll have a great time as we gather to thank God for our VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS! See poster circulated previously.

On Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm at St. Asaph Cathedral, the **Cathedral Choir will give a concert in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the foundation of the Cathedral Choir Association.** Directed by Alan McGuinness - Admission: £10 (£8: Choir Association Members) - For further information contact the Cathedral Song School: 01745 584053 - all are welcome. See poster circulate previously.

**Open meeting hosted by EFCW (Evangelical Fellowship of the Church in Wales) 11am – 3pm Tuesday 17 October, at All Saints Southsea.**
All welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, encouragement & teaching. Our speaker Jill Duff (tutor at St. Melllitus) will be preaching for us on Matt 9.37-10.15 and her main talk in the afternoon will be on the topic of 'Waking up'.
Cost: £5.00, including refreshments on arrival and hot lunch For catering numbers, please RSVP to martinsnellgrove@hotmail.com (including any dietary requirements).

**An exhibition recalling the Boer War (1899-1902) at St Deiniol’s Church, Hawarden,** CH5 3LT, Saturday 14 October, 10am – 4pm. Donations to St Deiniol’s Church and SSAFA. Refreshments in the Tithe Barn.
**Coming out of the Shadows:** An evening celebrating and reflecting on 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality – St Asaph Cathedral – 19 October, 7pm for 7.30pm. See the poster attached previously.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**JOB VACANCY – Administrator for Borderlands Mission Area**
We are looking to recruit an Administrator to support the work of the Mission Area Conference. 12½ hours per week. Salary: In the range of £8.75 - £10 per hour (depending on experience). See Job Advert previously attached for details.

**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 5th October.

**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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk with ‘Subscribe to StAR’ in the subject line and we’ll do the rest.

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