Easter Vigil and Confirmation – 31st March, 7pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Thirteen candidates are being presented for confirmation. Please come along to support them. All welcome.

New to STAR this week

Easter Monday: St Mary’s Church, Treuddyn will be open from 2-5pm to view the Easter Flowers. Music provided by Christopher Enston. Refreshments available.

There is to be a special celebration of the Eucharist to mark the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Asaph Cathedral on Monday 9th April at 6pm. A warm welcome to all!

Spring Organ Concert, featuring the new organ at the St Margaret’s (Marble Church), Bodelwyddan: Friday 20 April, 7.30pm. Please see the attached poster for details.

Amnesty Colwyn Bay presents the film: Syria’s Disappeared the case against Assad. The documentary film will be shown in Theatre Colwyn on 26 Apr 2018, at 7:30 pm. Following the screening there will be a discussion lead by Amnesty International’s Syria coordinator. Details on the attached poster. Tickets are available from Theatre Colwyn.

Eco Church Retreat at the lovely Cae Mabon (www.caemabon.co.uk) in the woods near Llanberis for 25th - 28th May. There will be a great programme including music, theatre, guided walks, and activities by Wild Elements. Part of the weekend is learning how to run a Forest Church by Bruce Stanley.

The weekend will also showcase the work of Jane Sutcliffe who has created a new piece of comedy theatre called “In the Psalm of her Hand” sponsored by the Gŵyl CODA Festival. (www.coda.cymru) Also playing - Cass Meurig, Welsh folk singer who will be launching her new album at Coda in July. Tickets and information from http://brogwydyr.cymru/eco-retreat/
Coming up this week

Mold and District Choral Society Concert “The Passion of Christ”. 30th March, 12pm in St Matthew’s Church, Buckley, CH7 3JN. Tickets £8. Available by calling 01352 757195, speaking to a Choir member or at the door.


The Reapers Gospel Choir will be performing at Sure Hope Church, 317 Abergele Road, Old Colwyn LL29 9YF Saturday 31st March at 5pm – doors open at 4pm – for enquiries tel: 01492 514021 email: info@surehopecurch.co.uk All welcome. Poster circulated previously.

St Asaph Cathedral Organ Recital Series - Alan McGuinness (Director of Music at St Asaph Cathedral) 4th April at 7.30pm. Admission £6 including programme. Poster circulated previously. For further information call the Cathedral Song School on 01745 584053.

Marketplace and information

More places available at Leading your Church into Growth! Demand for places at our LyCiG course has been high and we have now secured an additional 15 rooms. If you are interested in how to grow your church, please join us on this enjoyable journey through small things that can have a big impact both in the depth of discipleship and in numerical growth. The course takes place at The Hayes, Swanwick in Derbyshire and begins on the afternoon of 16th April and finishes at lunchtime of Thursday 19th April. An ensuite room is provided for each delegate and the course, accommodation and meals are provided at no cost to you. To book a place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.co.uk

Pristine "Hayes and Finch" organist's surplice size 50 for sale by St. Michael's Church, Caerwys. Also two white hooded servers' robes suitable for young teenagers. email sylvia.harris1@btopenworld.com

Forthcoming dates

St Mary the Virgin, Mold on Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm The Vale of Clwyd Singers - Director, Robert Sells, as one of their Lady Margaret Beaufort Churches Concerts, will sing a programme including Bach's Jesu Meine
Freude and other anthems. Tickets: £10 at the door or, to reserve a ticket, call 01745 710296.

**Jazz Concert at St Asaph Cathedral on 14th April** at 7.30pm: Mart Rodger and his group playing Trad Jazz. Details on the poster circulated previously.

Licensing of **Alexier Mayes**, St Mark’s Church, Connah’s Quay on 15 April at 3.30pm. All welcome.

The future shape of the **Retired Clergy Association** is very much in the hands of its members and to that end I am extending a warm invitation to the retired clergy and spouses and widows living in the diocese to join me 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. An afternoon event will be held in each of the archdeaconries on the following dates and I look forward to welcoming retired clergy then:

- **Wrexham Archdeaconry**: April 24th at The Ramada Hotel, Wrexham, 3pm
- **Montgomery Archdeaconry**: May 1st at The Royal Oak, Welshpool, 3pm

**Big Church Day Out** – The Diocese of St Asaph has negotiated a special discounted group rate for the Big Church Day Out on 1-2 June. To take advantage of this discount, please book via: [http://bcdo.group/2018/diocese-of-st-asaph](http://bcdo.group/2018/diocese-of-st-asaph)

**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 5 April.

**Check back** on previous editions of STAR at [http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/](http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/news/star/) (also linked from the home page)

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