St Asaph Round-up: Dydd Iau, 5 Hydref 2017
Newyddion o Esgobaeth Llanelwy: Thursday 5 October 2017

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

**Admission of members to the order of St Asaph** - 9th October at 6pm (during Choral Evensong) in St Asaph Cathedral.

**This week**

**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.

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.

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.

**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.

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 the 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.
Stop, Look & Listen Day at Foxhill House and Woodlands - 9 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

Harvest Festival in St Garmon’s Pilgrimage Church, Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr – 10 October at 7pm followed by Harvest Supper in the Parish room. Further details from Mrs Fran Stocking 01691 780155.

Ordination

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

Coming up

The Meeting Place - provides the opportunity for a get together over a cup of tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a monthly gathering and takes place on the 2nd Thursday of every month through to and including December, in Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant Public Hall, 3-4.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. The next date is Thursday 12th October. Lifts can be organised for those who need them. For more info. call 01691 780139.

Community Event - St Dogfan’s Church, Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant
St Dogfan’s will be holding its Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Friday, 13th October, at 6.30 p.m. in church, where The Ven. Dr. Peter J Pike, Archdeacon of Montgomery will be Guest Preacher. After the service we are inviting the community to a Bring and Share supper in Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant Public Hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided and there will be a Raffle and a Bar. Everyone is welcome ........ please bring plated food to the Hall between 5 and 6 p.m. on the evening. Lifts can be organised for those who need them. For more info. call 01691 780139.

The Chronicles of Sealand Heritage Exhibition: St Bartholomew’s Church, Sealand: 13 - 15 Oct: A celebration of 150 years of worship in Sealand: Open: 10am - 4pm daily. Static displays and activities plus hot and cold refreshments on sale. Free Admission. See the attached poster for details.

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.

**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.

**Harvest Festival Celebration** – 15th October, 9.30am in St Cystennin’s Church, Mochdre.

**Join us at #Resource Church** on 15th October, 3-4.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. See the poster attached.

**Cynnal Conference**, the Churches’ Counselling Service, takes place this year in Bangor on Wednesday 18 October, with the theme Nurturing and Maintaining Spirituality. Please see the attached documents for further information about the event, which will provide an opportunity for all to listen, discuss, question and disagree – and contribute from their own personal experiences.

**SHARE - Supporting Homeless Assisting Refugees Everywhere** is hosting an important and interesting talk by two Refugee Support Greece workers, in the Share headquarters in Mold. 20th October, 7pm. Free entry (donation welcome). Refreshments available.

**Hireath Festival – 20-22 October.** An intimate arts festival that celebrates the creativity and spirit of Wales and beyond. Uptown venue: Providero, Upper Mostyn Street, Llandudno. Downtown venue: St Paul’s Church, Mostyn Broadway, Llandudno. Leaflet attached.

**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 attached.

“**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 attached poster for details.

**Please see the attached North Wales Theological Society 2017-18 Programme.** Featuring “The Future of Faith in Wales” with Professor Wayne Morris,
University of Chester (and Reader in this diocese) and “John a Gospel for Insiders or Outsiders?” with St Catrin H. Williams, University of Wales Trinity St Davids.

**Training**

**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.

**Information and Marketplace**

**St Mary's Community project (Llanfairtalhaiarn)** has been chosen at one of 3 good causes to receive a grant from Tesco Bags of Help scheme. Currently we have one of the 3 boxes in the entrance hall of the Tesco store in Abergele. During the
next month, until the end of October we would be really grateful if anyone shopping there could put the tokens they are given into our box. The money will be used to develop the churchyard as a heritage and nature area for everyone.

**Wippells clerical cloak free of charge** to anybody willing to collect from Llangollen. Ring 01978 869330.

**St. Martins, Eglwysbach are looking for** surplus Caneuon Ffydd Hymn books which, especially a copy with Hen Noddiant Music for use in our bi-lingual services. Collection would be possible from the North of the Diocese. Please contact roykenrick529@gmail.com or call 01492 650529.

**Reminders**

**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](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear) Voting closes on the 8th October.

**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. Mellitus) 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).

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 Eglwys Sant Ffraid Glan Conwy** mae’r ddwy eglwys wedi cytuno i gynnig 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 fis Hydref am 2 y pnawn a bydd hwn hefyd yn
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

What’s On

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 01745 532582.

**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 12th 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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