Information session on Church and Community Night 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. See poster attached.

This week

Snowdon Five Challenge – 7th-11th September – please support Adrian Murray of Christ Church, Bala as he raises money for our link diocese, South West Tanganyika. For details please see information circulated previously.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Friday 8th September. There will be a special Choral Eucharist at the Cathedral at 6pm on that day to which all are welcome.

Craft Fair at St David’s Church, Mold Road, Connah’s Quay, CH5 4QL.

‘An evening with the Harp & David Watkins’ – 8th September at 7pm in the Shrine Church of St Melangell, Pennant Melangell. Tickets £12. Early booking essential in view of limited seating. Revised poster circulated previously.

St Grwst’s Church Llanrwst Open Doors Event. Saturday 9th September 10am – 4pm. Guided Tours. Musical presentations at 11am and 3pm. Refreshments available throughout the day. Free Admission. Donations will be gratefully received.
Mold Mission Area Youth C.R.E.W. invite you to Afternoon Tea in aid of SHARE (Supporting Homeless Assisting Refugees Everywhere) in Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Saturday 9th September. They will be serving Afternoon Tea 12-3 p.m. Adults £4, Children £2. Do come and join us. For more information phone Mrs Mel Morgan 01978 762709. Poster circulated previously.

St Elidan's Church, Llanelidan, near Ruthin will be holding their Open Doors weekend on 9th and 10th September, including: Afternoon tea in the church from 2-5pm on Saturday 9th September while the gardens of Nantclwyd Hall are open for viewing. Then our popular Medieval Fair will take place on Sunday 10th September from 12-5pm. This will include craft stalls, medieval re-enactors, live music, teas and much more. For further information or to book a stall, please contact Beci on 01824 750193. Come along for a great day out!

Ss Mael and Sulien, Cwm invites you to a Floral Afternoon Tea & Grand Raffle on Saturday 9th September from 2.30pm in the Old School next to the church and old vicarage. Admission £4.50 including: A short demonstration of floral art at about 3.15pm, delicious afternoon tea, chance to buy crafts. Our beautiful historic church will be open, come and visit, light a candle, say a prayer. A warm welcome to all - croeso i bawb. Please telephone 01745 570750 for further details.

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.

On 10th September St Deniol’s Hawarden will be celebrating their patronal festival with a special sung eucharist at 9.30am followed by tea and cake in the Tithe Barn.

Holy Cross Festival – Solemn Evensong and Benedicition in St Ethelwold’s, Shotton. 10th September at 6pm. All Welcome. Poster circulated previously.

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

A message to all members: The closing date for submitting your selection form for your preferred group session at the Diocesan Conference is tomorrow Friday 8 September. A number of the sessions are proving to be very popular and available spaces are filling up fast. If you have not already done so, please return your selection form to the Diocesan Office by tomorrow to have a better chance of getting a place on your first or second choice of group session. If we don’t receive a response telling us which group you would like to join we will assume that you do not have a
preference. You can submit your selection form electronically by following the link on the Diocesan website: 

**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.

**St Asaph Diocesan Conference**: There are a limited number of ‘guest’ places available at this year’s Conference. If you would like to join the day, please confirm your attendance by registering online at http://stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk/life/diocesan-conference-2017/attending-the-2017-conference/ by Friday 8th September. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Coming up**

**R S Thomas Literary Festival and Open Poetry Competition**: A Literary Festival commemorating the lives of R S Thomas and his wife, the artist, M E Eldridge is taking place at St Michael’s Church, Eglwysfach, Ceredigion from 15 - 17 September 2017. R S Thomas was Vicar of Eglwysfach from 1954-1967 and wrote some of his finest poetry at this time. Details on the leaflet and ticket form circulated previously or at http://www.eglwysfach.co.uk/. The closing date for the poetry competition has been extended to the end of August.
**North Wales International Music Festival** 16th-30th September 2017 in St Asaph Cathedral. Please visit [www.nwimf.com](http://www.nwimf.com) for details.

**St Cynon’s Church, Tregynon, near Newtown is organiseing a sponsored relay on wheels** (Cycles, Prams, Buggies or mobility scooters!) on Saturday 16th September from 1pm. Covering the distance from Tregynon to St Asaph (approximately 80 miles), not on the roads but on a **“marshalled loop” of 2 miles** around the village and Gregynog Hall grounds. The cost to join £5 per adult or £10 per family with the participation fee going to St Cynon’s Church, Tregynon. Registration on the day from 1–2.30pm at the Church and the event will conclude with refreshments at St Cynon’s Church. **Contacts: Rev. Norman Morris 01938 810198 or Cathy Smith 01686 650362**

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.

**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.

Welsh national service of commemoration and commitment and related events for the **500th anniversary of the Reformation** on 31 October, 11am at St David’s Metropolitan Catholic Cathedral, 38 Charles Street, Cardiff, CF10 2SF. Details on the attached fliers in English and Welsh.

**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 siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

“Parentalk” – POSTPONED - this training session on 16th September in St Margaret’s Church hall, Wrexham has been postponed. A new date will be circulated.

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**

**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.

**Reminders**

**D3 with the Honeypot Charity** - The D3 Project is putting together a book of Poems and publishing them with all proceeds going to The Honeypot Charity which sends young Carers on holiday. If you are a Poet and would like to donate one of your poems to the book, please send the poem with a bit about you and a pic if poss! Email or call George for more details/to send poems on 01873 561310 / gbearwood@gmail.com.

**Please note the change in date for the The Morriston Songsters, a Salvation Army Choir, concert at Tudfil's Church, Coedpoeth.** Previously advertised as 9th September it will now be taking place on Saturday 16th September at 7.15pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available by calling 01978 757469 or 262860, or by collection from the Salvation army charity shop, High St, Coedpoeth.

**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 gyngerdd yn codi arian ar gyfer yr eglwys ag elusen Maer Conwy, Canolfan Cynghor Conwy. Tocynnau £ 7 o 01492 583420. Archebwch yn gynnar i osgoi cael eich siomi.

**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-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-slavery-awareness-).
event-tickets-35385078723 or contact sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk / 01745 532582.

What’s on

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

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 circulated previously.

Llanasa Parish Church is 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.

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.

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.

**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. To register interest, please contact martinsnellgrove@hotmail.com

**Change of name** – Please note that Miss Siân Connelly, Admin Assistant at the Diocesan Office’s name is now Mrs Siân Charlesworth. Her email address is now siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

**StAR** - If you want something including in the St Asaph Round up, please send it to karenmaurice@churchinwales.org.uk The next StAR will be on Thursday 14th September.

**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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