New to StAR this week

“Come and try the organ event” in St. Asaph Cathedral on Saturday March 17th at 2pm. The event is organized by the Royal School of Church Music North Wales Area and led by Cathedral Director of Music: Alan McGuinness. Please contact Alan directly if you’d like to join the session. Poster attached.

Please note the changed date: Cytûn event during Fair Trade Fortnight at St Paul's Church, Colwyn Bay on Saturday 10 March between 10am-12pm. There will be a cake stall, Fair Trade products will be available to purchase, and refreshments sourced from Fair Trade products. All are welcome to join us help make a difference to poor farmers across the world who produce the food we love.

North Wales Association of Church Bell Ringers AGM is to be held at St Aelhaarn’s, Guilsfield on Saturday 10th March. Service at 4pm to be followed by tea and meeting. Ringing earlier in the day at St Nicholas, Montgomery and St Mary’s, Welshpool. For further information please contact Peter Furniss peter@peterfurniss.com 01691 772586.

New date for the launch of Women, Identity and Religion in Wales - A new book by Cathedral Canon and St Asaph’s Director of Ministry, Manon Ceridwen James will be launched at St Asaph Cathedral on Friday 23 March at 7pm. The book offers significant and original insights into women, Welsh identity and religion. Come and find out more. All are welcome. Details on the attached invitation. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance to Manon: manoncjames@churchinwales.org.uk.

Modern Slavery/Human trafficking Awareness Free event. Spotting Signs and making a difference!
• 10th April, 2-4pm and 7.30-9.30pm in Conference Room, North Coast Church, 87 Gors Road, Towyn, LL22 9NR.
• 19th April, 10.30am-12.30pm and 7.30pm-9.30pm in SPYCE Building (next to Town Hall) Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay.

Please see the attached poster for more details and how to book.

An introduction to Christian Meditation and the World Community for Christian Meditation 10am-1pm, 14th April at Efenechtyd (near Ruthin).
This is an introduction suitable for anyone seeking to gain in understanding of Christian meditation and be guided in periods of silence. There will be two periods of silence, a shorter one of ten minutes long and a longer one of twenty minutes long. Participants are requested to bring their own lunch for a 12pm lunch break. Tea and coffee will be provided. Poster available to download.

Dementia Friends Sunday Service – 15th April, 9.30-10.30am in St Peter’s Church, Holywell. Everyone welcome. Please see the attached poster for details.

The St Asaph Cathedral Choir will visit St Grwst’s Church, Llanrwst on Saturday 21st April. The Cathedral Choir will present a half hour recital from 4pm which will be followed by Choral Evensong. There is no admission charge, but donations will be gratefully received and will be shared between the Choir and St Grwst’s Church Reordering Fund.

“Multi-parish ministry dynamics” 11am-1pm, 8th May at Derwen College, Gobowen, Oswestry SY11 3JA. For clergy who wish to enter into supportive conversation about the ins-and-outs of multiple foci ministry (e.g. a number of churches, a rural context). There is also the option of staying for lunch in the Orangery Restaurant afterwards. For further information please contact Richard Carter on telephone: 01824 703867 email: reverendcarter@gmail.com

Marketplace and information

Please follow this link to the “London Institute for Contemporary Christianity” (LICC) Who are committed to:
• Empowering Christians to make a difference for Christ in our Monday to Saturday lives
• Helping church leaders equip their church communities to do it, and
• Fuelling a movement to reach and renew our nation

https://www.licc.org.uk/resources/category/church/

Do you have a Toddler Group in your Mission Area or School?
Do you want to reach out to new parents? Have you heard about Tot-slot?
TotSlot Training is a brand new resource helping new parents understand attachment. How often have you noticed that a baby can be happy with a friend or relative while mum is absent for a short time, but as soon as she returns the baby will become tearful and reach out for mum to pick them back up! It can seem strange to us, but it’s actually all to do with attachment – the emotional bond between a parent and a child. The first two years of a child’s life is when the brain is developing at its fastest, and this time is key for developing attachment. Because we take attachment seriously, we have developed TotSlot.

TotSlot is a series of ten minute talks looking at the key principles of bonding and attachment, helping parents explore how to develop a close bond with their children. It is presented using flashcards in an A3 presentation folder and is ideal for running in a local setting such as a baby or toddler group.

Please click on the following link to find out more about TotSlot https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/training/totslot or contact Becky Miller: Becky.Millar@cff.org.uk

**Calor Rural Community Fund** - Rural communities with projects off the mains gas grid are eligible to apply for funding. Projects that have successful applications will be published on their website for people to vote on and projects that receive the most votes in their funding category will become finalists. Finalists will be reviewed by a panel of impartial judges who will score each project and select the winners. The 2018 Calor Rural Community Fund will open for applications on 20th March until 30th April 2018. Public voting will start on 4th May until 11th June 2018. https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund/about-the-fund/

**Training**

Please note that the Church in Wales “Keeping People Safe” course on 10th March, in St Peter’s Church, Holywell has been cancelled.

**“Mission Area Governance Training”** This session covers all you need to know about how the Mission Area Conference operates to ensure that the needs of the Mission Area, the Constitution and Charity Law are met. **MAC Members are required to attend this training.**

- **This session has been cancelled** - 12th March, 2-5pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, Chirk
- 13th March, 6-9pm in the Diocesan office, St Asaph

To book please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 532582. Open to all but is especially useful for MAC members, Sub-Committee members and Church Committee Members.

**Coming up this week**
“Forget me not Tea Party” 8th March, 2-4pm St Asaph Church. Everyone welcome. Please see the poster circulated previously for more information and future dates.

Volunteers needed for St Asaph Cathedral’s New Tearooms. If you are interested please come to the information sessions on 10th March in St Asaph Cathedral. Bilingual advert circulated previously.

St Asaph Cathedral Choir Annual Sponsored Hymnathon - Saturday 10th March from 10am-4pm. All are welcome to come and hear the choir throughout the day. This year monies raised will go towards Cathedral Choir funds and to support a local chosen charity. To sponsor a hymn please sign the list at the back of the Cathedral, contact Director of Music Alan McGuinness at the Cathedral Song School – (01745 584053) or via email organist@stasaphcathedral.org.uk

St. Asaph Mothers’ Union Quiet Day Tuesday 13th March at St. Peter's Church Holywell, 10am - 4pm and the cost will be £5 per day. Led by The Revd Alan Tiltman on the theme 'MUSIC'. Tea and coffee etc will be provided and you will need to bring some lunch. Booking forms from carol.ann.lloyd3@outlook.com.

The Evolving Voice of Women’s Ministry – An evening of storytelling and music to celebrate 21 years of women’s ministry. 16th March, 7-9pm in the Tea Rooms at St Asaph Cathedral. Entry is free. Flyer with more details circulated previously

Forthcoming dates

USPG’s one day Conference ‘Rethinking Mission: Living in a Religiously Diverse World’ will be held on Saturday 17th March 2018, 9.30am – 3pm, in Birmingham Cathedral. Speakers from around the world will inspire, challenge and enthuse us as together we reflect on how we live and engage in mission in religiously diverse situations. Details on the poster attached, previously.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) Early intervention Forum – 22 March, 10am-12pm at Northgate Church, Chester. A special forum event where we will be sharing more about TLG’s Early Intervention Programme and providing opportunities to explore what you can do to meet a huge need in our local schools.

Pilgrimage to Pennant Melangell - People from Alyn MA are walking down to Pennant Melangell on Wednesday March 28th (Wednesday of Holy Week) from Llangynog. We will be leaving cars at Llangynog at 10am and joining the midday service at St Melangell. If you are unable to walk you may drive down.
We can’t provide any transport. If you wish to join us at the New Inn, Llangynog first for breakfast please make your booking independently on 01691 860229. You don’t need to book unless want a cooked breakfast. Further details pampowell@microplusmail.co.uk


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 15 March.

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 Church 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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