New on StAR this week:

The diocesan website is in need of an major re-vamp and we’d like your input on how we can ensure the new look works for everyone. We’ll be running some sessions across the diocese on 27-29 November and are inviting you to join us to shape our digital future. Timings and venues are being booked and will be announced shortly but in the meantime, please can you express your interest to be involved by emailing Karen Maurice – karenmaurice@churchinwales.org.uk. This is an open invitation to everyone, so please share this with friends, neighbours, colleagues, churchgoers and non-churchgoers, alike. The more input and feedback the better.

“Be a Santa to a Senior” - Donate gifts to “Home Instead” Senior care and they will be delivered to older people living on their own for Christmas. Last year, over 700 people received a gift including patients in Glan Clwyd Hospital, Colwyn Bay Hospital, Bryn Hesketh and Llandudno hospital. They also visited MIND and gave gifts to those who were attending a Christmas Day lunch. A list of gift ideas is attached. Donations of wrapping paper and volunteers to help wrap are also welcome. From 28th November to 15th December you can take your donated gift to any one of the following places:

- Ty Llewelyn Community Centre, Llandudno
- St David’s Church, Penrhyn Bay
- Home Instead Office, Abergele
- Kinmel Bay Community Library, Kinmel Bay
- Nova Centre, Prestatyn
- Age Connect office, Denbigh

They will also be in the Bay View Shopping Centre, Colwyn Bay on the 4th and 5th December 10am-4pm.
If you know someone who is going to be alone for Christmas, let them know and they will ensure they get a visit and a gift.

**Funeral of James Aylward** 10th November, St Giles’ Church, Wrexham, 10.45am

**MacMillian Coffee Morning** in St Mary’s rooms (below St Mary’s school) Brymbo, 11th November 10am-12pm. The 11am Remembrance silence will be observed. Sunday 12th November at 6pm. **A Remembrance concert** with communal hymns led by Brymbo Choir. No entrance costs but a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion. Please come and join this fitting end to Remembrance Sunday.

**Vacancy - Church Administrator at St Deiniol’s Church Hawarden.** A vacancy has arisen for an experienced administrator to work in our church office to support the Rector and church committee in a wide range of administrative tasks. The post will be for 6 hours per week, (at £9 per hour) subject to agreement between the Rector and post holder. For further information or to discuss the post further please contact Revd Andrea Jones on 01204 520 992 or e mail andysjones@hotmail.co.uk

The closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Friday 24 November and interviews will take place on Wednesday 29th November in the afternoon.

**St Asaph Choral Society Presents Handel’s Messiah**, 25th November, 7.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral. Poster attached.

**St Peter’s Church Llanbedr DC is holding a Christmas themed coffee and mince pies morning** on Saturday 2nd December in Llanbedr Village Hall 10am-12pm. Seasonal music by Dr Wyn and friends.

**A Homemade Christmas At Tri Thy Farmhouse** - This Special event showcases items stitched or made by those who attend our courses plus our own handmade Christmas decorations. So why not come and join us for a coffee and a homemade mince pie in this warm and cosy atmosphere, 25th and 26th November, 2nd and 3rd December from 12- 4pm Cost £3. 28th -1st weekday & evenings are available for groups- Please Book. For more information please contact Mary on 01352 771359 Money Raised will be split between Friends of Flintshire Youth Music Nightingale House St Michael’s Church Llanfynydd & All Saints Church Cymau.

**St Mary’s Church, Treuddyn Christmas Tree Festival 1st – 3rd December 2017.** BIG SWITCH - Friday 1st December at 6pm, Saturday 2nd December 1pm – 5pm and Sunday 3rd December 1pm – 5pm. Carol Service at 5pm. With refreshments and seasonal music.

**Embolden: Spirit of D/deaf & Disabled Women** - Are inviting D/deaf & disabled women in Wales to attend an upcoming workshop. To discuss how you feel you are represented within society, create campaigns ideas and key messages aimed to challenge stereotypes and improve the aspirations and confidence of D/deaf & disabled women. Detail on the attached poster.

**Alzheimer's Society Cymru** is hosting a delightful Carols at Christmas event this year at Holy Trinity Church in Llandudno on Saturday, 9 December. Please join them for a magical evening of musical performances, sing-along carols and festive readings. Doors open at 5.30pm when complimentary refreshments will be served. The concert starts at 6.15 and should finish around 7.45pm.

Tickets: £8 per adult, £12 combined ticket for a person with dementia and their carer, £4 for children (9 years and under).

Phone 0330 333 0804 or go online at [www.alzheimers.org.uk/carolsllandudno](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/carolsllandudno) to book your tickets.

**Cytun Policy Bulletin November 2017** is attached in English and Welsh.

**Training this week**

**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.

**Last Chance to book** - “Parentalk” - Are you serving parents in your community? Are you involved with Messy church, Parent and Toddler group, working with teenagers or Kids clubs? Or are you just enthusiastic to build friendships with parents, encourage and support families and show Gods love in a practical way? Then this training is for you! Care for the Family warmly invite you to join us for training this Autumn to deliver Parentalk- a DVD based parenting course. The training session will equip you with everything you need to deliver a course for parents in your community. You’ll get free resources and ongoing support to make a difference in the lives of local families.
• 14th November 10am-12.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Wrexham
• 15th November 7-9.30pm in St Asaph Cathedral.
To book your place please contact siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

Taking place this week

Indoor Car Boot Sale, Saturday 11th November 2017, 9am-1pm. Church House, Watling Street, Llanrwst. £5 per stall. Refreshments available. Traders including craft and produce welcome. All proceeds to Restoration of Gwydir Chapel and Reordering of St Grwst’s Church. Advance bookings for stalls or to make a donation contact Olwen John on 07551 327509 or Janet Piece on 01492 640443.

A "Concert of Celebration and Remembrance" at St. Matthews Church, Buckley, on Sunday 12th November at 7:30pm, featuring Rhys Meirion, Elan and Erin Meirion with The Rhos Male Voice Choir. Tickets £10 (Concessions £8 ) available at Buckley Town Council or at the Church.

Job Vacancy – Borderlands Mission Area Administrator. Borderlands Mission Area is looking to recruit an Administrator to support its work. This will involve working closely with the Mission Area Leader and Executive, managing the Mission Area Office and having responsibility for a wide range of administrative/secretarial and coordinating tasks. Closing date: 13th November. For details see the attached advert.

The St Asaph Retired Clergy Association is meeting on Thursday 16th November at 11.30am at the Cathedral, with lunch to follow at the Oriel Hotel, St Asaph. Canon Quentin Bellamy (the coordinator) has sent out invitations to those on his list, but is always on the lookout for any who may not have received an invitation. If you know of anyone who has not been invited please you kindly contact him (urgently) on 01492 478659 or via email dqbellamy@yahoo.co.uk. The invitation is open to retired clergy and clergy widow(er)s.

“Wrexham Speaks” 16 November from 5.15pm at Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham. Local members of Parliament, Ian Lucas and Susan Elan Jones and Assembly Member Lesley Griffiths are joining AVOW, TCC and Senedd Yr Ifanc Wrexham to explore Wales in Westminster. For more information and to book please follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wrexham-speaks-wrecsam-yn lleisiou-barn-tickets-38431961030

Coming up
Cyngerdd – Côr Meibion Llangwm I ddathlu 10 mlynedd ers atgyweirio Eglwys Crist - 17 fed Tachwedd, 7.30pm, Eglwys Crist Y Bala. Unawedd – Ellis Jones, Llywydd - Nia Wyn Morris. Mynediad £8 Tocynnau - Awen Meirion neu wrth y drws -

Concert To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the re-ordering of Christ Church. November 17th, 7.30pm Christ Church Bala. £8 Admission. Tickets - Awen Meirion or on the door.

Inaugural Lecture of the North Wales Theological Society “The Future of Faith in Wales with Professor Wayne Morris, University of Chester. Tue 21 November 2017, 7–9pm in Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham Glyndwr University. Religion, faith and spirituality have, for millennia, been a part of the fabric and landscape of Wales. While that has been predominantly Christian for the last 2000 years, other faith perspectives and forms of spiritual expression have nevertheless always been present. The place and role of religion in the twentyfirst century is changing rapidly and, in Wales, there are characteristics of this transformation that are particular to the Welsh context. This paper, presented from the perspective of a Christian theologian, explores the future of religion, faith and spirituality in Wales, the possibilities and challenges for dialogue and collaboration between people of different faith perspectives and none, and considers what a particularly Christian contribution to that might look like. The Lecture and Questions will be in English. Register on Eventbite at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-future-of-faith-in-wales-tickets-37422401410

MARCHNAD NADOLIG - EGLWYS CRIST Y BALA / CHRISTMAS MARKET - CHRIST CHURCH BALA, TACHWEDD 24th / NOVEMBER 24th, 4- 8 pm
20+ o stondinau crefft a chynnyrch / 20+ crafters and producers
Bydd ein Caffi yn gweini Cŵn Poeth, Sudd Afal poeth gyda pherlysiau, Diodydd Meddal, Te a Choffi Marchnad Deg. / Our Café will be serving Hot Dogs, Mulled Apple, Soft Drinks, Fairtrade Tea and Coffee.
Cyfle i’r plant fwynhau gwaith crefft a gemau, ysgrifennu llythyr at Siôn Corn a’i bostio ym Mocs Postio arbennig Siôn Corn. / Children can enjoy games and crafts, write letters to Santa and post them in our special Santa’s Posting Box.
Cerddoriaeth fyw i greu naws llawen drwy’r noson. / Live Musicians will help the festive atmosphere throughout the evening.
Fe dynnir y Raffl Fawr ar y noson / The Grand Raffle will be drawn during the evening

Prestatyn Parish Church – 12th Festival of Christmas Trees
Prestatyn Parish Church will be transformed into a festive forest by local schools and organisations. Musical interludes, gift stall and refreshments are available throughout the week.
Open: Monday 27th November – Saturday 2nd December
  Weekdays 1 – 5pm
  Late night Thursday until 7pm
  Saturday 10.30am – 3.30pm
Cost: Adults £2, Children £1, Under 5 free, Family ticket £5
Come and join us for this wonderful event which heralds the Advent Season.

Concert at St. Margaret’s Church, Bodelwyddan to mark the inauguration of the new Allen Organ - Friday 15th December, 7.30pm. Organist - John Hosking; Soprano - Olivia Hunt. A wide range of music to show off the full range of the new instrument. Admission £10 with complimentary Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served afterwards. Poster circulated previously.

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 16 November.

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

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