

Pool Mission Area News

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Rare Opportunity

On Sunday 26th November you have a rare opportunity to attend an Ordination Service without having to trek all the way up to St Asaph! Rev'd Alexis Smith, our Pioneer Minister based in Llandyssil & Castle Caereinion, is to be ordained as a Church in Wales priest by Bishop Gregory at the service which will be in Llandyssil Church at 2.30pm. Please do come and support Alexis on this very special occasion and see for yourself how moving & powerful an ordination service is. Llandyssil Church is between Montgomery and Abermule - postcode SY15 6LQ for Satnav users. Please car-share with others going from your community to make parking easier. Refreshments are being provided after the service.

Transforming Lives for Good

Could you give one child, one hour of your time each week for one year?

Every day, there are children across the country that are facing difficult circumstances in their lives such as bereavement, family breakdown, poverty or being in the care system. TLG are passionate about bringing a hope and a future to such children and families by working with partner churches to provide a little bit of extra help to children facing difficult circumstances.

Working with your local school and using TLG's resources and support network you could really make a huge difference to the life of a child.

If you want to know more about how you can be involved, come along to Pool Quay church on 22nd November at 7.30pm. TLG's local co-ordinator, Hugh Ellis, along with volunteers from Llanfair Caereinion church who are already involved in the scheme will be there to tell us more and answer your questions.

Mission Area Conference

The next meeting of the Mission Area Conference will be at Pool Quay church on 22nd November at 7.30pm. This will be an open meeting which anyone is welcome to attend, and the first part of the meeting will consist of the presentation about TLG (see above), with the business part of the meeting following afterwards

More Opportunities

At the MAC meeting on 22nd November we will be appointing two Mission Area Wardens and a Lay Chair for the MA. Anyone on the electoral roll of any of the 16 churches in the MA can be nominated, if you want to know more about what the roles entail please contact me (contact details at end of Newsletter).

From 1st January decisions relating to church buildings will be made by the MA Buildings & Property Sub-committee, rather than the existing PCCs. Each of our 16 churches will be represented on this body and churches have been asked to nominate someone by 22nd Nov. If you want to represent your church please talk to your churchwardens or myself before then

Leading your Church into Growth

For our churches to flourish and have a long-term future they have to grow. 'But how do we do that?' I hear you ask. Well, ideas from churches that have been growing is probably the best place to start and you can hear lots of these on Saturday 18th November at a Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG) taster day at St Asaph Cathedral (LL17 0RD), from 10.00-15.30. To book or for more info email siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

If you are interested but can't make that day you could go in at the deep-end and sign up for the LYCIG Residential being funded by the Diocese from 16 – 19 April 2018 at The Hayes Christian Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. The cost 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

Forthcoming Events

Concert at St Beuno's Church, Berriew (SY21 8PF), Sunday 19th Nov 3.00pm with *Vocalease*, a locally based ladies choir. Admission free, retiring collection.

A concert of Christmas music at Llandrinio Church, featuring The Coppice Singers, on Friday, 8th December at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6 on door, or from members of Llandrinio or Criggion Church or by ringing 01691 831148 Light Refreshments included.

Let us know if your church has any events coming up that you'd like to invite others from across the MA to attend. Also send us info about any special Christmas services you are planning - members of other churches might choose to come along and support you.

Reminders

1) The MA Finance Sub-committee meets on 30th Nov, 19.00 St John's Church, Pool Quay, to agree how Share payments will be shared across the MA. Please can all Treasurers make sure they attend or that someone else will represent their church.

2) Elected MAC members (not reserves, just the first rep nominated) please make sure you complete and return your trustees form to Roy Turner by 17th November so that we can register the MA as a charity with HMRC (otherwise we won't be able to claim Gift Aid for our churches). Thanks.

3) Come to the Ordination!

Corrections? Things missing? An event you'd like us to advertise?

Interesting news to share? Questions?

Any of the above can be sent to the Mission Area Leader, **Rev'd Steve Willson**, at:
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