

Pool Mission Area News

14th Issue – July 2018

Appointment of new Vicar for Berriew, Forden, Llandyssil & Montgomery

The Bishop has announced that Rev'd Alexis Smith will be the new Incumbent looking after the churches in the southern end of the MA – this will be announced in all the churches concerned on Sunday 6th July. Alexis, Scott & Roger (Alexis' Dad) will probably live in Berriew Vicarage, though this is not yet confirmed.

Induction Service and SMT relicensing

Alexis will be Inducted to her new post at a MA Service at St Nicholas', Montgomery at 11.00 on Sunday 14th October. The other members of the Shared Ministry Team will be relicensed at the same service to reflect the staffing changes that we have made recently. There will be no other services in the Mission Area that morning so please come along and support Alexis and your other clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers.

Arrangements for Forden, Llandyssil & Montgomery until new incumbent in post

Archdeacon Peter is the person to contact for any queries relating to these churches from now until the end of September when he retires. Steve will then be back and be the person to contact until Alexis takes up her office in October.

Arrangements during MAL's Sabbatical

Steve is away on Study Leave until 28/9/18. He will not be answering emails and any that you do send are likely to disappear in a large pile that will accumulate in his in-box while he's away and may well never be seen again!

To avoid disappointment, info for MA News, Building & Property requests for permission to apply for faculties, Church committee reports etc should all be sent to our administrator, Jenny – 07508 023 055 or jennypoolma@outlook.com. Other queries to Caroline – 01938 554045 revcarolinerhodes@me.com

Buildings & Property

The group overseeing the care of our property is now up and running and we are making good use of our new Diocesan Churches Officer, Michael Plane. Your representative on the group should be able to advise you on the new (simpler) faculty procedure and we will endeavour to support all your work on your church buildings with ideas & recommendations.

10% Growth Initiative

Struggling for ideas? Trying to find new way of bringing people into your church? What you need is a '**Leading your Church into Growth**' Taster Day - **Saturday 3rd November - 10am – 3.30pm** at The Pavilion, Llangollen: An opportunity for those unable to attend the full Leading your Church into Growth course to be inspired and hear some of the main teaching points. Also useful for those who attended the course to be refreshed and re-energised for the continuing movement towards church growth.

Alternatively, if you really want to go for it, sign up for the full **LyCiG Course, Friday 8th March 2019 – Sunday 10th March 2019** at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Nr Derby: For almost 25 years the Leading your Church into Growth team have been serving the local church across the UK. Their vision is to encourage and equip churches to grow both numerically and spiritually. Spend three days focusing on simple techniques anyone can use to grow their church. The team is made up of people from a wide variety of church contexts and churchmanship who have grown churches. LyCiG works best when a number of people from a church attend together so do try and bring some of your folks with you.

To book onto either (or both) of these events please email siancharlesworth@cinw.org.uk

TLG Coffee Mornings

Sue Williams, from St Mary's Welshpool, is running 1 more Coffee morning in St Mary's Church House on August 11th from 9:30-11:30 am to raise money for the MA's TLG scheme - providing mentors who can help provide young people in our schools with extra one-to-one support. Sue needs help & support from all the churches in the Mission Area to run these coffee mornings. If you are able to help on the day, provide draw prizes, cakes, books or craft for the stalls she would be very grateful. We need a minimum of 8 people to run the morning successfully. Please contact Sue using any of the following methods if you are willing to help:

Telephone: 01938 553286 Mobile 07951645982 (ring or text) Email-sueew60@aol.com

Thank you!

What's on in your church?

Castle Caereinion are having a Pet Blessing Service on 15th July at 2pm. You're welcome to bring your pet as long as (if it's one of God's more delicate creations) it has the security of a cage or (if it's a rather bouncy Tigger-like being) it is suitable restrained.

Anything planned for Harvest you'd like to invite others to? Let us know if your church has any events coming up that you'd like to invite others from across the MA to attend.

Here's a space!

Maybe there is something your church is doing that could be filling it?

Drop me a line with the details for next time.

E-mail Jenny at jennypoolma@outlook.com or telephone on 07508 023 055