



Dyffryn Clwyd Recruitment Pack

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Our Mission Area vision statement is:
We are seeking to make disciples who will flourish and grow and be surprised by God throughout the Mission Area of Dyffryn Clwyd.

Dear Friend in Christ

Croeso! Welcome!

I am so pleased to write this welcome to you, as you explore with us the process of discernment for a Priest of three churches in Llanbedr, Llanfyllan and Llangynhafal.

In response to God's call, the Diocese of St Asaph has been investing in a strategy of renewal and growth for some years, based on collaborative team ministry across a family of churches held together within a Mission Area. God has blessed us with fruitfulness and we have seen growth, and the release of potential in our family for discipleship and ministry.

We are able to celebrate what is good already, whilst still holding the vision to reach out in mission in new and exciting ways to contemporary society as we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit

I hope that you will seriously consider joining us, and that you will find this profile helpful in your personal discernment for the next steps in your ministry. Our diocesan vision is currently focused on the Biblical imperatives of **'Growing Faith', 'Bringing Hope'** and **'Demonstrating Love'**. We are looking for dynamic and faithful priests to join us in an exciting journey of faith as we build up our common life and mission. I look forward to continuing this discernment if you decide to apply, and wish you every blessing as you explore your calling as a priest.

The Rt Revd Gregory K Cameron
Bishop of St Asaph



The Vacancy

This is a full-time stipendiary post.

Our churches need a down-to-earth, traditional, caring pastor who will connect with both church and community.

Each of the priests in the Mission Area (MA) have responsibility for different churches. We are seeking to appoint someone to work with the three churches in Llanbedr, Llanychan and Llangynhafal.

One of the joys of serving in our MA is that you will be part of a supportive and collaborative team, and you will have the opportunity to use your gifts and skills to contribute to the life of the whole Mission Area.

We are looking for a priest who:

- can lead three diverse congregations towards church growth
- has a gift to encourage the ministry of all God's people
- is pastoral, relational and a good listener
- is willing to work within, and contribute to, the Shared Ministry Team
- relishes the opportunity to minister in a rural community
- recognises the value of the Welsh language and culture and is willing to take the opportunity learn the Welsh language.



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The Churches

The three churches you will have responsibility for are:

St Cynhafal Church, Llangynhafal

St Cynhafal's serves the small communities of Llangynhafal and Gellifor. Ysgol Gellifor is a second-language Welsh school, and we have some existing connection between the church and the school.

Our current worship is a mix of traditional and modern. We enjoy some Celtic-style worship, and once a month an all-age family service is led by a lay worship leader.

We have recently run a successful Start Course (LYCiG).

We recognise that as a congregation we are on a journey and are looking for a priest who can walk with us on that journey.

The church itself dates to the time of a 7th-century missionary monk, St Cynhafal, who founded a small community on an elevated position on the western flank of the Clwydian hills. Nestled just below the well-known walking trail of Offa's Dyke and recently reordered, the church has toilets, and a small servery which has enabled us to develop Café Lles, our weekly wellbeing café. We also hold seasonal soup lunches and weekly tea and cake events throughout August.

St Peter's Church, Llanbedr DC

We are a traditional Eucharistic congregation and all our services are either bi-lingual or Welsh. These are often delivered with the support of our Welsh-speaking lay readers or worship assistants.

We see plenty of opportunity for St Peter's within the community of Llanbedr DC and we are hoping that our new priest will explore that potential with us.



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The church maintains strong links with the village's VA Primary School, which is also a second-language Welsh school. It holds regular assemblies and special services for Harvest, Christmas and Easter, all of which take place in the church. There is plenty more scope to develop these links, and there is a seat waiting on the Board of Governors for our new priest. We also hold joint events with the Community Council.

Llanbedr DC is one of the larger villages in the Vale of Clwyd and more housing is being planned. St Peter's Church was only built in 1862; the ruin of the old medieval church sits up on the hill. Even so the church has recently been reordered and now has a toilet and a small kitchen, with a fresh bean-to-cup coffee machine and honesty cake stall which provides a ministry of hospitality to locals and tourists. In 2023, the church won *The National Churches Trust – Wales Tourism: Open for Visitors Award* and was a finalist in the 2024 Church Volunteer category. Our churchyard has recently been recognised as a 'Bee Friendly' site by the Welsh Government, and we were the first church in Wales to receive an *A Rocha Eco Church Gold Award*.

St Hychan's Church, Llanychan

We are a Prayer Book Church, and we attract our congregation from beyond the traditional parish boundaries, although not entirely. Our growth has come from engagement through social events such as Hymns and Pimms, Bubbles and Nibbles, and Harvest Suppers. We are looking for a relational priest who will listen to us and support us in developing our presence. The congregation includes one of the Mission Area's licensed lay readers, and we enjoy Matins and Evensong alongside our Monthly Eucharist. The tiny medieval church nestles in a beautiful and tranquil rural setting, or perhaps you could simply call us a church in a field, but one which attracts many visitors.



The Mission Area

Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area was officially formed in 2017 following provincial reorganisation. We are on an ever-evolving journey as we seek to enable all our churches to embrace a mixed ecology of worship by encouraging each congregation to deepen their own spiritual identity and to recognise their part of the whole Mission Area. Where possible, we seek to enable priests to minister in contexts where their strengths and traditions can best support the needs of a congregation. However, as a team we all serve the whole Mission Area.

We are governed by the Mission Area Conference (MAC) formerly the United PCCs.

Our existing team is made up of:

- two Stipendiary Priests
- two non-stipendiary Priests
- several supportive retired Priests
- a newly ordained curate
- four Licensed Lay Readers
- a Licensed Lay Pastoral Chaplain
- a team of commissioned Lay Worship Leaders
- a growing team of pastoral assistants.
- a part-time administrator (15 hours/week).

Ministry across the Mission Area

This includes, Youth Café and Schools Work, a variety of concerts, our own Dyffryn Clwyd singers, and an annual wellbeing weekend.

Sunday services across our Mission Area represent the breadth of the Anglican tradition. Over the course of each month, you can expect to see Café style services, Wild Churches, Soundbath meditations and healing services. These services are sustained by the regular rhythm of traditional Church in Wales Eucharists, Celtic-style services and informal, contemporary-style services.

The three Ruthin town churches of St Meugan's, St Mwrog's and St Peter's were brought together some years ago and, as the town centre churches, worship under the one roof of St Peter's, which is currently undergoing a big re-ordering project. The other churches in the MA are in rural villages surrounding Ruthin, most of which have regular weekly worship and a variety of community activities.



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The Rectory

The Rectory, Llanbedr DC, Ruthin, LL15 1UP

The Rectory is an imposing traditional parsonage, sat within a large plot to the East of St Peter's Church, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd. The detached, two-storey property consists of painted brickwork elevations and a slate-hipped roof with a linked flat roof single-storey garage. Windows and doors are PVCu double-glazed throughout. The property benefits from the recent installation of a new air source heat pump (all electric) heating supplemented with roof mounted solar panels and battery storage.

A shared access drive leads to the entrance gates of The Rectory with a macadam surface providing ample vehicular parking to the frontage. The rear of the property consists of a large, well-maintained garden put to lawn with beech hedgerows to the boundaries.

Accommodation provided includes:

Ground floor

Public Entrance Lobby, Study, Cloaks/WC, Inner Entrance Lobby, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Enclosed Garage Link/Plantroom and Single Garage.

First floor

Landing, Four (4 no.) bedrooms with Master Bedroom featuring an En Suite, Family Bathroom.



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The Diocese of St Asaph

In the Diocese of St Asaph, we're Growing Faith, Bringing Hope and Demonstrating Love. These are the values which underpin and inform our response to God's mission, offering inspiration to our 5,000 regular worshippers, 90+ clergy and 500+ lay leaders, based in 200+ churches and 49 church schools. As the Teulu Asaph, the family of Asaph, we trace our history to the days of our namesake, St Asaph, and his mentor, St Kentigern, who it's believed built a monastery in St Asaph in AD 560. Many of the churches across the diocese were founded by the earliest saints in Wales who witnessed to Christian faith in Wales and have flourished through centuries of war, upheaval, reformation and reorganisation.

Today, the Diocese of St Asaph carries forward that same God-given mission to share His love with all in northeast and mid-Wales. Growing Faith, Bringing Hope and Demonstrating Love is about connecting with 21st-century Wales, while remaining faithful to the life-giving message of Jesus. It's about challenging, inspiring and equipping the whole people of God to grow in their faith, to bring hope to others by demonstrating love. We're honoured to be an inclusive Christian presence in every community, to walk with people on the journey of life and to offer prayers to mark together the milestones of life.

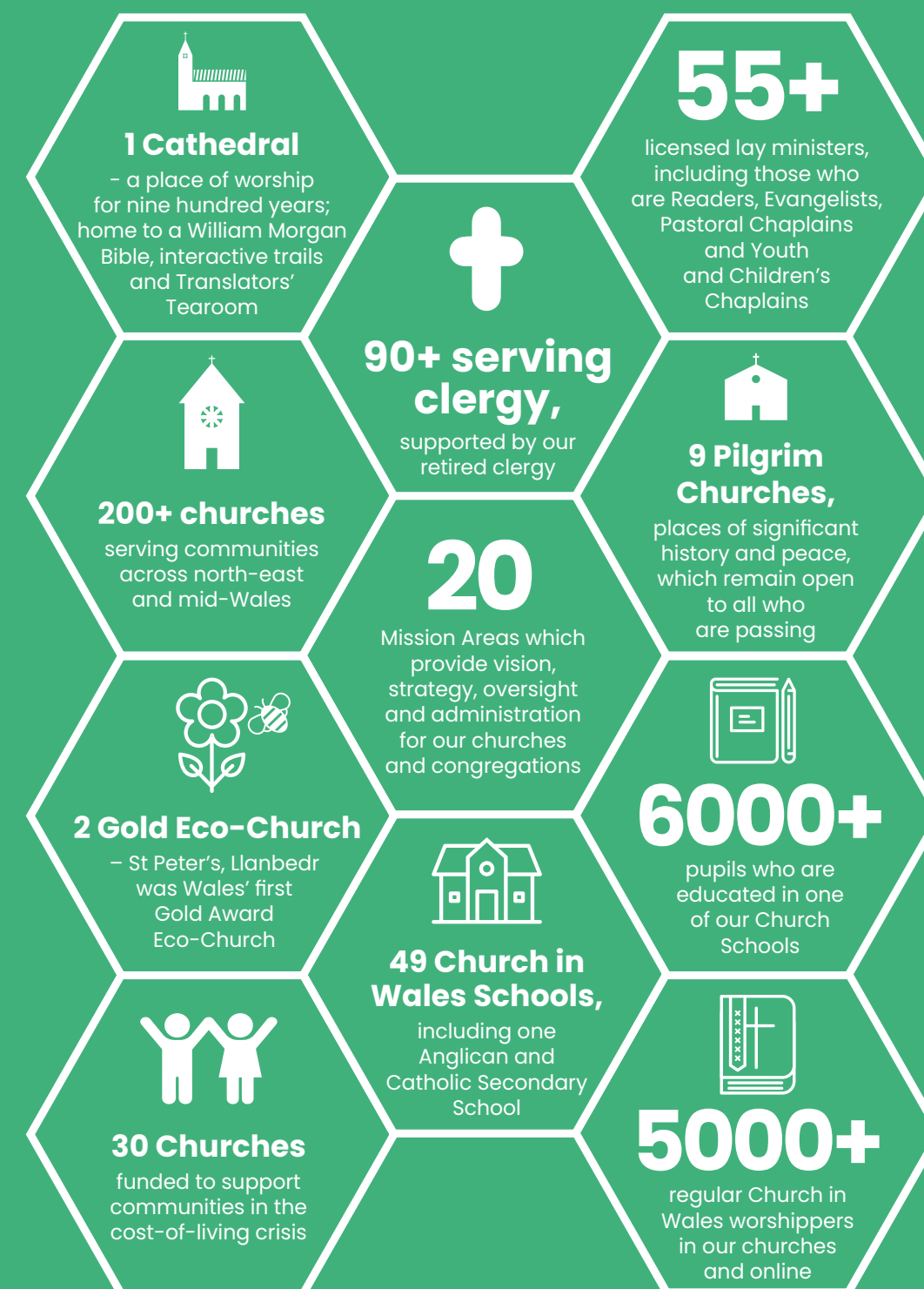
Geographically, the diocese follows the English/Welsh border in the east, whilst the western edge is delineated by the Conwy Valley. The northern boundary runs along the North Wales coast as far as Llandudno, but only takes in part of that town.

The southern boundary runs from the lower end of Llyn Tegid (Lake Bala) across to Dolfor, just south of Newtown in Powys. Ecclesiastically it is bordered by the dioceses of Chester, Lichfield and Hereford on the northern and eastern sides. To the south we border Swansea and Brecon diocese, and to the west, Bangor.

Large parts of the diocese are rural, but there are important and continually developing industrial and commercial areas around Deeside (one of the largest industrial parks in Europe) and Wrexham, home to an increasing popular and successful football club, and significant developments along the two main arterial roads (A55 and A483). The coastal strip is home to traditional holiday resorts and tourism is an important industry in many parts of the diocese.

In recent years, we've grouped our churches into Mission Areas and have been prayerfully exploring new forms of ministry. These include the opening of a Resource Church, Hope Street, in Wrexham in 2021, the development of Mission Hub Churches to resource best-practice in mission and ministry, and partnerships with the Church Army to open Centres of Mission. Covid and the cost-of-living crisis have left many in our communities struggling, and churches in a variety of settings are offering practical demonstrations of love to meet local need.

St Asaph offers a warm, friendly and inclusive welcome to all and we look forward to showing you more of God's work in this part of Wales.



Thank you

for considering joining our team

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