



Ceiriog Valley Recruitment Pack

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Welcome
in the name of Jesus Christ

Tanat Valley ~ Dyffryn Tanat

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 in the Ceiriog Valley, near Llangollen, North East Wales.

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.

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The Rt Revd Gregory K Cameron
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Valle Crucis Mission Area

Priest – Ceiriog Valley, near Llangollen, North East Wales

This role is located in the beautiful Ceiriog Valley, described as 'a little bit of heaven on earth', which is a place of flourishing, where growth is clearly in evidence.

The Ceiriog Valley is part of the Valle Crucis Mission Area (MA), a grouping of churches working together for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, sacramental, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

With fellowship, faith and community at the very heart of all we do, we are a committed team working closely to support and encourage one another in proclaiming the good news of Jesus

Christ. Through both the Eucharist and our prayers we ask for God's blessing as we step out together in faith and fellowship, to best serve our communities, to share his gospel and love, and to worship collectively.

Led by our Mission Area Leader, we have a dedicated team of clergy, employed officers and volunteers. Valle Crucis is overseen by the MAC (Mission Area Conference), which comprises our Trustees. We have an Executive Team, a Property Committee and also a Finance Committee. And we are tremendously fortunate to have a dedicated team of church wardens, treasurers, licensed readers, worship leaders, pastoral assistants, safeguarding officers and church musicians.



About the Vacancy

Our churches have been used as places to worship God for many hundreds of years and are at the very centre of the communities surrounding them. The churches within Valle Crucis Mission Area all reach out to their communities and offer a range of activities and services. Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our churches within Valle Crucis Mission Area since we are a diverse and inclusive Christian community, offering fellowship and friendship in abundance! The Mission Area is an autonomous unit and comprises a collection of churches serving a distinct geographical area; as such each church belongs within this family to provide mutual support, share resources and develop a vision for Christian mission that is attentive to the needs and challenges the communities they serve. Although these Mission Areas cover a wide geographical area, individual churches are strengthened as they are encouraged to work more closely with one another, as they reach out to their local communities.

Within the Valle Crucis Mission Area, this exciting opportunity relates to the small group of churches in the Ceiriog Valley, being St John Pontfadog, and St Garmon, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog and a café church in Glyn Ceiriog. These fit into the wider family of churches which include:

- Trevor Church, Llangollen
- St Collen, Llangollen
- St Tysilio, Llantysilio
- St Tecla, Llandegla
- St Tysilio, Bryneglwys
- St Mael and Sulien, Corwen
- St Ffraid, Carrog
- St Thomas, Glyndyfrdwy
- St John the Evangelist, Cynwyd
- Eglwys Crist, Bala
- St Trillo, Llandrillo yn Edeyrn
- St Mary Magdalene, Cerrigydrudion
- St Beuno, Gwyddelwern (Now a Pilgrim Church)
- St Derfel, Llanderfel (Now a Pilgrim Church)
- St Michael and All Angels, Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr (Now a Pilgrim Church)

To join our collegial team, we are seeking a creative priest who can:

- provide a rich sacramental ministry that is inclusive and embracing of all, reaching people where they are and welcoming them into the life of the church
- minister in new and innovative ways while nurturing existing congregations at Llanarmon and Pontfadog
- develop the successful church/community outreach Mustard Seed project
- work collaboratively inside and outside church to explore new opportunities for the benefit of all
- embrace the Welsh heritage, culture and language in the area
- work with the Mission Area Shared Ministry Team and MAC in developing their strategic vision and outreach
- build links with schools and find creative ways of engaging with children and youth
- encourage our church communities in mission and evangelism, building people up and growing effective teams
- support the existing provision of worship, occasional offices and pastoral care.



The Churches

As mentioned in the advert, there is flexibility in the configuration of this role, including hours, stipendiary or non-stipendiary with residence, to suit the right person. However, based on the assumption that this will be a half-time role, or a non-stipendiary role with residential requirements, it is expected that you will have responsibility for two of our churches, alongside missional and community activities.

St Garmon, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog

St Garmon's has a lively and committed congregation that is open to new ideas and has good links with the community. It has mainly traditional forms of worship, and has experienced growth with new people moving into the area. It is developing a music theme – as the church is well suited to concerts. It is also ideally situated for weddings, as it has two excellent hotels nearby. It is a simple and calm space in the heart of a village that is very popular with walkers. There are plenty of visitors in the summer, both to see the church and join in worship. The rearranging of pews has provided a successful and useful space. The church is normally open daily.

The Church has no historic debt and is blessed with significant reserves. The congregation is generous and mission focused.

The church is a Grade 2-listed building, with a churchyard that is owned and managed by the local Council. The Church is generally in good order having benefitted from extensive repair works carried out in the 1980s.

St John, Pontfadog

St John's has seen considerable growth since 2018 and has a mix of traditional and more contemporary worship. There is strong support and involvement from worship leaders and laity.

The church is financially secure, with no historic debt and modest reserves.

It is an unlisted Victorian church in a large churchyard, owned and managed by the church, which is situated in a prominent position on the main road. It is the only remaining 'public' building in the village. Both the church and churchyard are generally in good condition. It has a part-flexible layout which could easily be further adapted.

The monthly Family Worship service has shown good growth over the last couple of years, as have the children-centred Story Telling and occasional events around All Hallows Eve, Easter and Christmas.

The Mustard Seed/ Yr Hedyn Mwstard, Glyn Ceiriog

The Mustard Seed is a new outreach café project, that arose from prayer, where church and community work together to create a space to meet. It has the support of the MA and the Diocese.

It is a lovely café and an ideal place for informal worship and prayer/study groups. Since it opened, it has been a great halfway house for people of all ages providing a relaxed and unpressured way to begin a relationship with God without having to take what can be a daunting first step into church life. It is a place of blessing for the community – where informal conversations can start, and lead to the more overtly Christian activities such as a youth club and prayer group.

We have seen substantial growth, especially through 'the Table', a mid week fellowship, discussion and worship group.

The project is financially secure and has benefited from investment by the Mission Area to support missional activity. This will no doubt continue in the future. It is run by a dynamic group of committed Christians who see their calling there but also attend services at St John's in particular, especially for family and special services. It is well supported by the community, and has exciting possibilities for further development, in conjunction with the board of trustees and existing volunteers.

The Mustard Seed and both churches benefit from a good contingent of trained and commissioned Worship Leaders including the wardens of both churches and the leaders at The Mustard Seed.

There are very positive relationships with the local chapels, and the primary schools in Llanarmon and Glyn Ceiriog (who are federated) with our cleric leading regular assemblies.

The Local Area

The Ceiriog Valley is a stunningly beautiful part of the world – close to Llangollen, home of the world-famous international eisteddfod.

Although the valley is relatively little known, the area is popular with walkers, with its landscape, woodlands and meadows.

While benefitting from the breathtaking rural setting, with its villages and scenery, living here you are also close to the border and travel links, and the city of the Wrexham is just half an hour away.

The Ceiriog is a very welcoming and dynamic community with good integration.



The Vicarage

This newly constructed purpose-built vicarage is placed in Glyn Ceiriog and comprises 4 good sized bedrooms, large study, sitting room, dining room and kitchen with utility room and double garage. It is provided with oil fired central heating and is in very good order.



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.

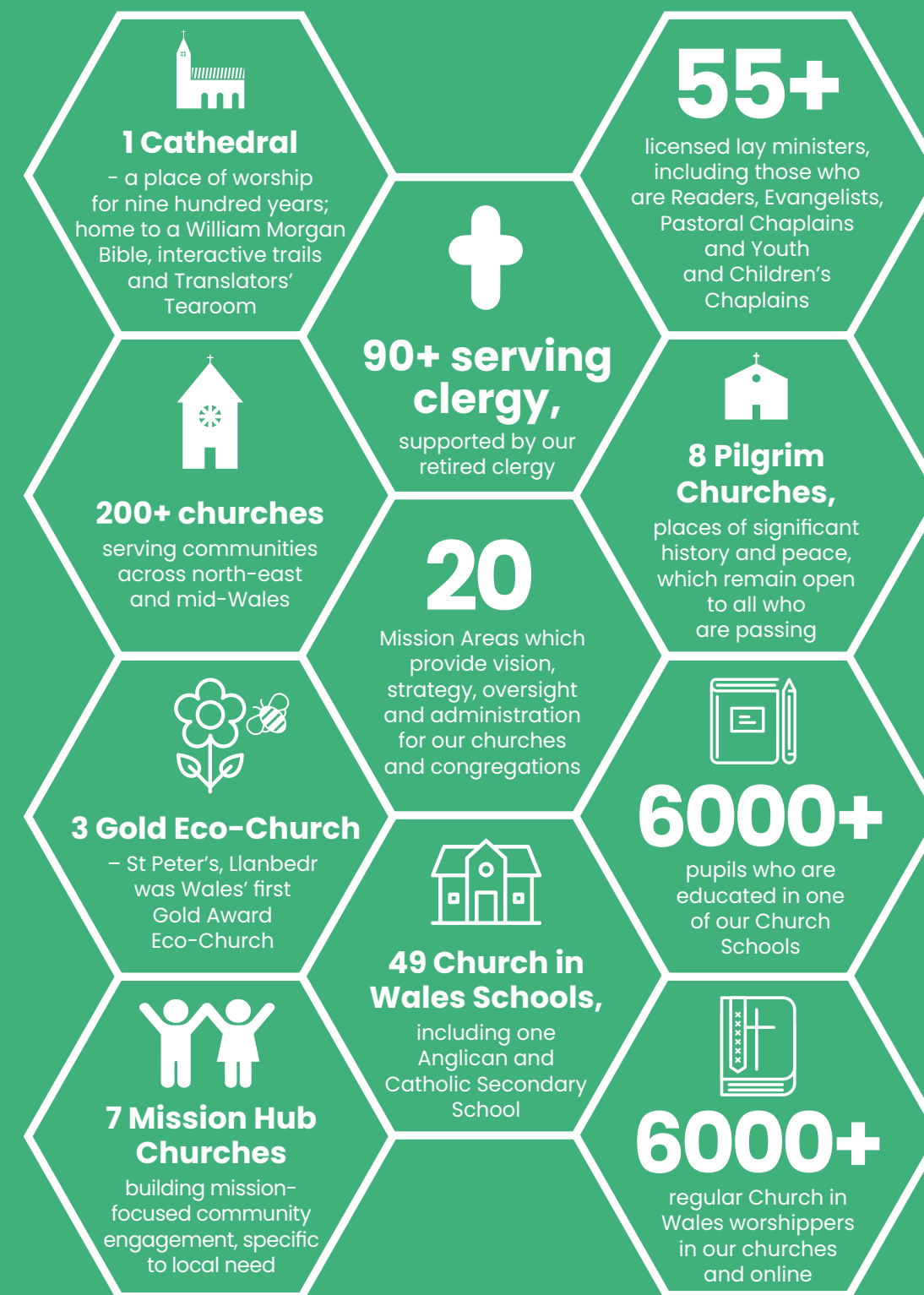
Geographically, the diocese follows the English/Welsh border in the east, whilst the western edge is delineated by the Conwy Valley. The northern boundary runs along the North Wales coast as far as Llandudno, but only takes in part of that town.

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 rural pioneer ministers to support rural communities. 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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