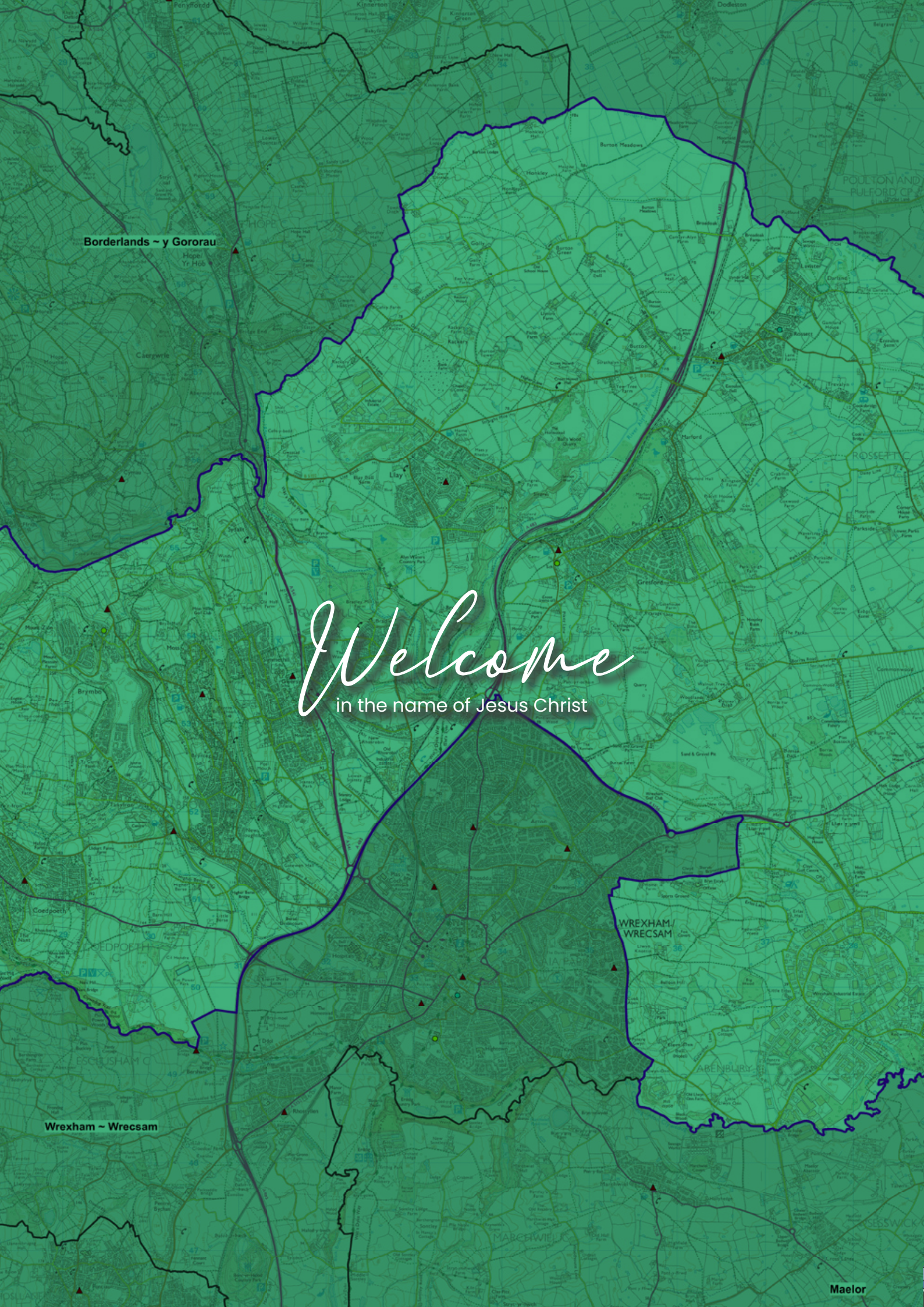




Curate or Associate Priest in the Alyn Mission Area Recruitment Pack

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Welcome
in the name of Jesus Christ

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 new Curate or Associate Priest to help build new worshipping communities centred around Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt.

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
Bishop of St Asaph



Building a Church for Today and Tomorrow

An exciting opportunity for a new Curate or Associate Priest to help build new worshipping communities centred around Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt.

What makes this post so special:

- Mission Hub funding for five years for Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt. This will include:
 - working with a full-time Mission Hub Leader and a full-time engagement worker – for example, a youth worker or family's worker
 - a generous budget for mission and outreach
- a congregation eager for change and expansion
- a mixed, semi-rural area, including an area of deprivation, where church continues to be important to local residents
- a fluid but strategic approach to a ministry which the post holder can help shape
- the ability for the church to share their insights and experience with other local churches.

We're looking for someone who:

- is prayerful and discerning
- can plan and implement strategically
- enjoys working as part of a team
- is pastoral
- has a passion for engaging with the community outside church walls
- enjoys making connections with pupils and staff at local schools
- has good communication skills
- can encourage others in their ministry.

...is this you?



The Local Area

What the local area has to offer:

- a warm and welcoming community
- beautiful countryside– good for walking and for keen cyclists with two country parks on the doorstep
- local small shops
- Wrexham is an 'up and coming' city with a great football team, shops and cultural activities
- the city of Chester is only 25 minutes away
- Snowdonia is less than an hour down the road
- good local schools.

About the Mission Hub

Funded by the Church in Wales' Growth Fund, the Diocese of St Asaph was awarded £5.6m in 2024 to create six new Mission Hub churches and to develop a network of Rural Pioneer Missioners. Mission Hub Churches serve as centres of excellence for ministry and outreach within the diocese by embracing innovative, inclusive and accessible forms of worship. Each hub tailors its focus to meet the unique needs of its local community. These hubs then share their insights and experience, enabling others to replicate their success and foster growth.

Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt was chosen as it is a church which was thriving only a few years ago but during a long vacancy has seen numbers fall. The social need in the area is great and with a large local population the church needs to continue to serve residents, enhance its presence and extend its offering. It is thought that the focus of the mission may be with families, children and young people, but the Mission Hub Leader will make this strategic decision once in post.



Holy Trinity Church

A small congregation remains at Holy Trinity, but they are a positive fellowship and very open to change. They would love to focus on encouraging families to worship as this had been a true focus for ministry until only a short time ago. They also miss taking part in church initiatives out in the local community. The congregation enjoy traditional services but are also keen on experimental worship. The church building is next to the local High School. Gwersyllt also has a number of primary schools, including a Welsh-medium school. The new priest would be building on existing links with these schools. Holy Trinity has an extensive, open churchyard which is well managed, and funeral ministry is very important to the church.

Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt, was consecrated in 1851. It is built in early decorated style, and comprises chancel and nave with a south porch and a tower at the north east angle, surmounted by a spire, the base of which forms the vestry. The church is Grade II listed. The church has a kitchen and toilet. It seats around 200.

Holy Trinity, Gwersyllt, currently have traditional Eucharistic services on the first three Sundays and a service of morning worship on the 4th Sunday all at 9.30am.

Occasional Offices

Baptisms – 7
 Weddings – 1
 Funeral Services in church – 15
 Burials in churchyard – 11
 Burial of ashes – 13

Local Community

Along with quaint miners' cottages and desirable roads of private houses, there are areas of Council and Housing Association estates. Several years ago, the Welsh Government set up an initiative called the 'Broughton Project' which included the areas of deprivation, and encouraged co-operation between the local Community Council, the police and social services and the churches. There remain good links.

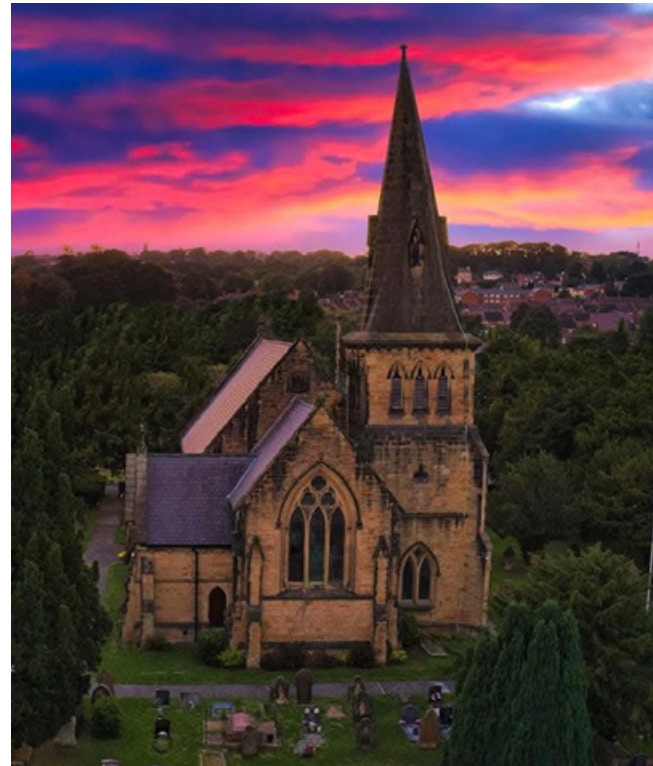
About the Team

St Paul's and Holy Trinity churches are in the Alyn Mission Area. The Mission Area clergy team has been depleted in recent years and is now growing in both numbers and strength. Communication and support is key to a good team. The Mission Area Executive is in constant communication and helps to direct the work of the Mission Area Conference.

The new Curate/Associate Priest will be a member of the Mission Area Executive and will benefit from regular, local clergy support meetings.

The vision is for the Hub at Holy Trinity to become a large, supportive team and there will be plenty of scope for support, creativity and appraisal.

The Mission Hub Leader is also Priest-in-Charge of neighbouring St Paul's Church, Pentre Broughton. There will inevitably be some cross over and sharing of resources with this church.



The Vicarage

Greenaway Drive, Brymbo, Wrexham

A well-presented three storey, three-bedroom end of terrace property.

Internal accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor, and a fabulous principle bedroom with en-suite and fitted wardrobes. Externally there is an enclosed rear garden and three allocated off-road parking spaces.

Located on a popular modern development in the semi-rural village of Brymbo there is easy road access to Wrexham city centre and the A483 for travel to Chester, Oswestry and beyond.



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.

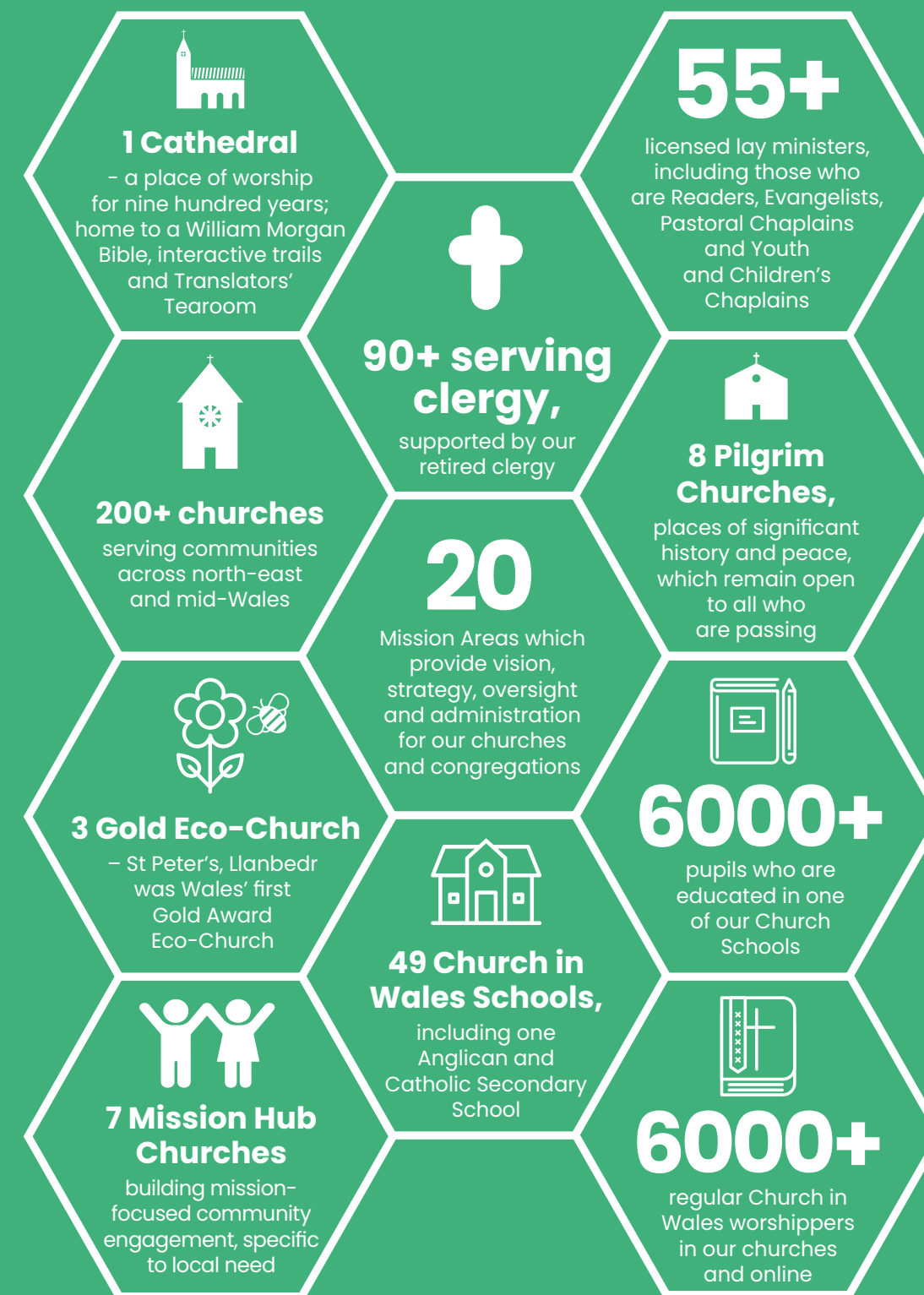


The southern boundary runs from the lower end of Llyn Tegid (Lake Bala) across to Dolfor, just south of Newtown in Powys. Ecclesiastically it is bordered by the dioceses of Chester, Lichfield and Hereford on the northern and eastern sides. To the south we border Swansea and Brecon diocese, and to the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

For full details, visit: dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/jobs

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