

MAE Cymru's first AGM

November 5th 2016

There were three historic events to celebrate at MAE Cymru's first AGM on Saturday November 5th 2016

- 1) Membership level now stands at over 70 and increasing.
- 2) The election of MAE Cymru member Revd Canon Jo Penberthy as the next Bishop of St Davids created great cause for celebration.
- 3) Plans were shared for celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of women's ordination to the Priesthood in the Church in Wales, which falls at Epiphany 2017.



Highlights of MAE Cymru's first year featured an inspirational contribution from Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport (and first woman Bishop in the Church of England) to the May 2016 MAE Cymru conference; Diocesan meetings with Bishops to explore how to support women's ministry and address some of the controversies which still remain; and the establishment of diocesan MAE Cymru groups, including a launch in Swansea & Brecon Diocese, where Ven Peggy Jackson, Archdeacon of Llandaff, celebrated the Eucharist in Brecon Cathedral.

There was huge delight at the presence at the AGM of Revd Canon Jo Penberthy, at the end of what had been a whirlwind week for her. Speaking to MAE Cymru about her historic election as the next Bishop of St Davids, Canon Jo reminded her sisters and brothers to "please keep talking to me as Jo," adding: "People keep referring to me as a trailblazer, but I'm not: I'm a candle on the cake - and all of us are the cake!"