

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

{1} membership level now stands at over 70 and increasing.

{2} the election of MAECymru member Revd Canon Jo Penberthy as the next Bishop of St Davids created great cause for celebration;

{3} and 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 MAECymru'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 MAECymru 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 MAECymru 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 MAECymru 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!"