



From left to right: Dr Henry Ratter and Dr Owen Edwards with one of his supervisors, the Revd Dr Tania ap Sion.

## St Mary's Centre Celebrates Doctoral Success

Tania ap Sion

The St Mary's Centre congratulates Dr Henry Ratter and Dr Owen Edwards on their recent doctorates conferred at the graduation ceremony at Glyndwr University on 30 October 2015. Dr Henry Ratter graduated with the award of Doctor of Ministry (the first student to graduate from a professional doctorate programme at the University) for his thesis entitled, 'The relevance and value of the Glowinkowski Predisposition Indicator (GPI) for modeling church growth: A study in Chester Diocese'. Dr Owen Edwards graduated with the award of Doctor of Philosophy for his thesis entitled, 'Cathedral Ministry among children and young people in the Church of England and the Church in Wales: An historical and empirical study'.

The St Mary's Centre works closely in association with Higher Education institutions to further faith-based and religion-related research of relevance to faith communities and schools. Both Henry Ratter and Owen Edwards were participants in research degree programmes within the area of Pastoral Sciences at Glyndwr University (an area originated in partnership with the St Mary's Centre and supported by the St Mary's Centre and Visiting Faculty).