

MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

Churches working together in South Manchester

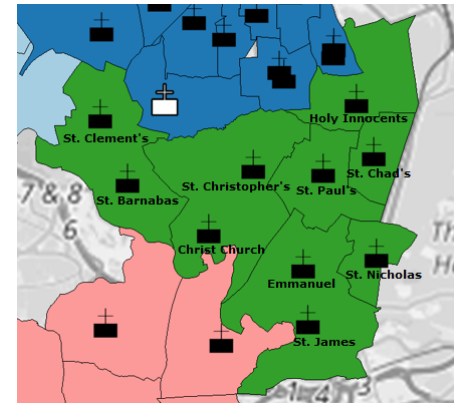


A message from our Mission Community Co-ordinator:

"By the time you read this there is a good chance that the PCC's of St. James and Emmanuel, St. Paul's, St. Chad's and St. Nick's will all have voted in support of a plan to start operating as a single team (with a final decision once the legal paperwork is ready).

The clergy across the Mission Community and the MC leadership team want to adapt to this new reality in positive ways. There are some really good ideas being progressed at MC level: for example around work with young people, transforming the way we generate and use energy in our buildings - to name but two. If you want to find out more, get involved, or have ideas of your own which could benefit parishes as well as your own, please let me or your MC reps know."

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator



Mission Community 4

This month's guest slot: a view from St. Chad's, Ladybarn



Revd Mark Hewerdine

"During September and October we were marking Creationtide at St Chad's. It seems more important than ever - pausing to be in awe of creation and Creator, and to consider our discipleship as care for creation. We'll be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 24th September immediately followed by a short outdoor service to give thanks for and bless our Wildlife Garden and Orchard.

Our orchard has born much fruit again this year - plums, apples, and pears. It's a reminder that the city can be a place of vitality and nourishment from the natural world.

We'll also be welcoming student volunteers from Manchester University to work on our green spaces in October.

All of these activities serve to remind us not only of the goodness of God but of how interconnected with and reliant on the rest of creation we are.

Finally, on the 3rd Sunday of every month we now hold an hour called "Still": a space for silent contemplation and Christian meditation. We've introduced this because of our conviction that we need to have times of stillness and silence, and not be driven only by frenetic activity. In doing so, we may learn to notice the beauty around us, and value it in our actions."

Revd Mark Hewerdine – Rector, St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Updates from the parishes

St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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We are having a ceilidh! Do join us on Saturday 7th October from 7.30pm to 11pm for a Harvest Ceilidh starring the fabulous band Hoppgoblin. There will be a bar, but feel free to bring your own snacks. Tickets are £8 (or £4 for under 16s), available in church.

Our new Stay and Play has started: 'Tiny Tuesdays' alongside our Place of Welcome.

'Diddy Disciples', a service for babies toddlers and young children, starts on Thursday mornings from 28th September.

Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

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Here at Holy Innocents we are looking forward to 'South Manchester Histories' - a series of talks on three Saturday mornings - 14th October, 18th November and 9th December. These will detail the economic growth of South Manchester, its activists and its educational sector. For more details contact richardyoung09@gmail.com.

St. Clement's, Chorlton

Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, M21 9AE

St. Barnabas: Hurstville Road, Chorlton, M21 8DH

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We've got some availability for morning room hire on Mondays and Tuesdays! Get in touch if you're looking for a venue to host your regular class! Contact bookings@stclement-chorlton.org.uk.

There is a Grounds Group session on Saturday 23rd September from 10am. Tasks include weeding, pruning, litter-picking, and generally tidying up the grounds. Do help if you can.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Bishop of Middleton to St. Clement's for a confirmation service on Tuesday 28th November.

St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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We are looking forward to hosting the Heartedge Choral Scholars for a 'Great Sacred Music' concert on Saturday 21st October from 1pm. Keep an eye on our website or socials for further details.

The plants and produce in our Wildlife Garden and Orchard are looking splendid! We've already had a good crop of plums, and there are plenty of apples

St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

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We are pleased to welcome Revd Cate Allison to St. Nicholas. Cate will be the interim priest responsible for our parish going forward.

This year our two nominated Harvest collection charities are Burnage Food bank and Barnabus Charity for the homeless. All donations can be placed in the collecting box at the back of church before Harvest Sunday on 1st October.

St. James & Emmanuel

Emmanuel: 6 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, M20 6TR

St. James: Stenner Lane, Didsbury, M20 2RQ

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We are bidding farewell to Revd Jane Whittell, who is moving to Scotland where she will minister at the church of St. Donnan's, Nostie. Thanks to Jane for all he has done for us here in Didsbury.

We're delighted to report that the plans to turn the vestry in St. James into a multifunctional seven-days-a-week meeting space have been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Home Café at Emmanuel Church needs more volunteers. Do enquire within.

Christ Church & St Christopher's

Christ Church: Darley Avenue, Didsbury, M20 2ZD

St. Christopher's: 13 Moorgate Avenue, Withington, M20 1HE

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We're hoping to start a Bible study in the autumn half-term. It is likely to be on Wednesday evenings at 8pm after the 7.30pm Eucharist, followed by Compline.