

Deanery Reorganisation

The diocese has produced proposals for the reorganisation of the deaneries. The proposal is to consolidate the current 20 deaneries into 7 and to create a new full-time Area Dean role. The process is currently at the consultation stage and everyone is invited to give feedback. The plans and a feedback questionnaire can be found on the diocesan website. A paper copy of the plans can be found on the PCC noticeboard. The consultation period lasts until the end of February. We, along with all the churches in Hulme Deanery, would join up with Withington and Stretford Deaneries. The aim of the change is to better support existing churches at a time when the number of stipendiary clergy is likely to fall. If you would like to read the full proposals and give your feedback on them in an online survey please go to <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/documents/fit-mission-consultation-document/>. Any questions you have to the Rector or Wardens.....

Ministries and other support...

If you feel called or able to offer time, energy or expertise in any of the following areas, please speak to Hilary or Lynda:

- We always need people to clean inside and outside – if you have any free time in the week, getting on top of leaves, rubbish and general dust is an ongoing job! We are on a busy main road.
- We need new people to volunteer to be part of the sanctuary team: carrying a candle....
- Readers – if you have a clear voice and would like to read lessons or lead the prayers of intercession..
- Preparing the bi-lingual readings sheet for each service (this is shared with other churches in the diocese) – you will need a computer with Word installed (such an appropriately named piece of software)
- And we still really need a librarian!!
- Bellringing, working with young people, school governors...the list goes on
- And keeping in touch with people who for whatever reason may not be able to be part of worship each week but who have connections with us – an important ministry that needs some thought and energy.

If you feel called to, or interested in any aspects of the life of the church and could offer skills, time, energy or expertise, do not hide your light!

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Contemplation – Action – Learning – Living

This year, Ash Wednesday falls at the end of February, so we have a little green season from today until then. During this time we will be putting together a list of those who wish to prepare for baptism at Easter.

Please pray for Bishop Cherry Vann, who was enthroned yesterday as Bishop of Monmouth and who will preach and preside at Newport Cathedral this morning. Cherry was formerly Archdeacon of Rochdale and has been a good friend to this congregation. In addition, please pray for our former curate Edmund Newey, who after several years as Sub Dean of Christ Church, Oxford is moving back to parish ministry to be the Rector of St Andrews Church, Rugby.

Fans of the Church Representation Rules (who isn't....?) may be interested to read the changes that have come into force since the beginning of January. These include sidespeople now being appointed by the PCC not the APCM, and limits set on the time that people can serve on Deanery Synods – among other exciting highlights. <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/news/2020/01/20/church-representation-rules-2020/>

Subject to ratification by the PCC, our proposed Lent charity for this year is **Once Upon A Smile**, a locally based charity that works with bereaved children. <https://www.onceuponasmile.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-bereavement-support-groups/>

And finally, congratulations to Luke Matheson (lives in the parish, formerly of Children's Church!) on his £1M transfer to Wolves from Rochdale.

**Thursday February 6th: A Quiet Place in the Eye of the Storm
Silence – Discussion – Prayer from 16.30**

**Sunday February 9th Third Sunday before Lent
President and Preacher: The Revd Richard Young**

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 58.1-9a	Thou whose almighty word
Psalms 112.1-9	Gospel Alleluia
1 Corinthians 3.1-9	We pray thee, heavenly Father
Matthew 5.21-37	We love the place, O God

Other music: Bring forth the kingdom; Just as I am

**Sunday February 16th Second Sunday before Lent
President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth**

Readings	Hymns
Genesis 1.1- 2.3	Love divine all loves excelling
Psalms 136	Gospel Acclamation
Romans 8.1-25	Thine arm, O Lord in days of old
Matthew 6.25-end	And can it be

Other music: The heavens sing praises;

**Sunday February 23rd Sunday next before Lent
President: The Revd Jane Walker Preacher: The Revd Richard Young**

Readings	Hymns
Exodus 24.12-end	Christ whose glory fills the skies
Psalms 2	Gospel Acclamation
2 Peter 1.16-end	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Matthew 17.1-9	Tis good, Lord, to be here

Other music: Alleluia, song of sweetness

**Please note that there is no Quiet Day this month.
Planning for Lent courses is under way!**



Wednesday February 26th 19.30

Ash Wednesday

Preacher and President: The Revd Richard Young

Readings	Hymns
Isaiah 58.1-12	Now is the healing time decreed
Psalms 51.1-18	Drop, drop slow tears
2 Corinthians 5. 20b – 6.10	Christian, dost thou see them?
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21	Lord, in this thy mercy's day

Other music: O Thou my judge and king



Please remember those who sing, play and organise the music for this church in your prayers. We are very blessed and fortunate in being able to combine home grown voices with professional support at the moment.

An easy way to support the work of the musicians is to register with the online scheme easyfundraising.org.uk and see how many little donations you can add to the pot!