



MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

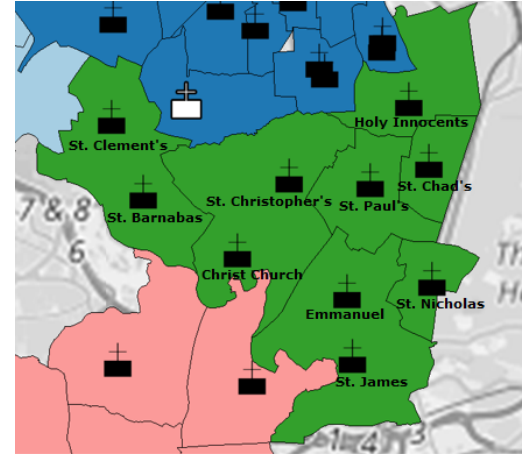
Churches working together in South Manchester

A message from our Mission Community Leader:

"Thank you to all those who joined us to watch the film, *After the Flood*, last month and to reflect on the continuing legacy of slavery in the church. We are looking at ways to take this discussion forward and apply its lessons in our churches, as well as other forms of prejudice - our Inclusivity 2.0. If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know.

And can I be one of the first to wish you all a Happy Christmas! For all my natural scrooge-iness I can't help feeling this is a time to make connections with those around us who rarely come to church. I look forward to hearing about the different ways folks are doing this across our churches."

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator



Mission Community 4



Revd Mark Hewerdine

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

"I'm Mark Hewerdine, Rector of St Chads Ladybarn and also Assistant Curate of St Nicholas, Burnage. Ladybarn is a small parish that sits in between the predominantly student-populated Fallowfield, Burnage to our East, and Withington to the west. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist, which is beautifully complemented by music led by our choir and organ. We also offer a gentle, traditional evening service once a month in the form of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer.

We're particularly passionate at St Chad's about creation care and nourishing green spaces. Our wildlife garden and community orchard are great examples of this, also offering members of church and parish opportunities to garden and learn.

I'm personally passionate about the place of silence and contemplation in our Christian life. This advent we're studying a book - "The Meaning is in the Waiting" by Paula Gooder - which will helpfully help us to be less rushed and busy, and more able to wait on and with God. As the book says, we hope to learn "to grow more fully

into a way of being that is governed more by expectancy than by urgency, more focused on God's presence today than on some imagined future." These are on Wednesday evenings 7.45pm in our Community Hall."

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

Updates from the parishes

Christ Church, West Didsbury & St Christopher's, Withington

Christ Church: Darley Avenue, Didsbury, M20 2ZD

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

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Our annual Advent Worship and Supper is at St. Christopher's at 7p.m. on Tuesday 13th December. There will be worship followed by home-made soup and puddings, with gallons of custard. No charge for this, but donations towards the work of Viva, who provide Christmas Parties for vulnerable children across the world, would be welcome!

On Wednesday 21st December, we will be carol-singing in care homes across the parish, followed by the pub! All welcome, no previous experience required. Details from church.

St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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Our Christmas Fair, with Father Christmas' Grotto, will be on Saturday 3rd December from 12noon till 3pm. With a raffle, cakes, café, tombolas, craft stalls, tuck shop, face-painting, and lots more!

On Saturday 17th December at 4pm, with L'Arche Manchester, we will host a family Carol & Nativity Service. All are welcome!

St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk

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At 10.30am on Sunday 18th December we will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church. We look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Middleton to lead our worship and celebration. Everyone is most welcome!

The Greater Manchester Voices Christmas Concert will take place in church on Friday 9th December at 7.30pm. Entrance £8, with under-18s free.

St. James & Emmanuel

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

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

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Local pianist Mick Blaylock will perform a Christmas piano recital to raise funds for Tearfund. This early evening concert is at 5.30pm on Saturday 3rd December at Emmanuel Church. Book your free ticket here: www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-charity-concert-tickets-466762718857

On Sunday 4th December all are welcome at the Churches Working Together in Didsbury Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm at Didsbury Methodist Church.

Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

www.holyinnocentsff.org

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At Holy Innocents, we have supported a petition to the government asking them to move on "Loss and Damage" funding for countries hit by climate change, many of whom lack the financial resources to address their people's needs as a result.

Join us for our patronal feast of the Holy Innocents, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th December, when we reflect on one of the cruellest episodes in the gospels and also an opportunity to remember those children since who were taken from us.

St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

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St. Clement's and St. Barnabas are available as 'warm spaces'. St Barnabas is registered as a 'Place of Welcome' on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12noon. St. Clement's is also open from 10.30am to 12noon on Wednesdays. Hot drinks are available during these times.

Join us for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December from 11am to 2pm. Tombola, raffles, toy stall, fancy goods stall and festive fun! There is also a popular stall selling plants, garden items and candles.

St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 3rd December from 11am to 2pm. Food, raffle, cakes, gifts, books, tombola, Fair Trade, children's activities, and more...!

Don't forget 'Chatty Tuesdays' from 11am every Tuesday in our Church Hall. Lunch, conversation and entertainment, all free!