



# MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

*Churches working together in South Manchester*

## ***A message from our Area Dean***

"Happy Lent! I'm never quite sure about that - my training incumbent was firmly of the view that Lent should be a time for being at least solemn, and often verging on the miserable... But there is a proper joy in putting a bit of wilderness into our life, as individual disciples and as church communities. It might be taking up a new commitment to focussed time with God, or of stopping for a while something in life that is good in itself but that perhaps we're taking for granted. Or perhaps something that is neither good nor bad but which is stopping us from doing something better.

What would this look like if we did Lenten discipline as a church? What would we give up and what would we take up, not necessarily forever but for a few weeks? And how might this change us?

If you have any ideas, please let me know! And whether you're comfortable with 'Happy' or not, have a blessed, holy and joyful Lent."

*Revd Nick Watson – Area Dean of Manchester South & Stretford*

## ***This month's guest slot: a view from St. Paul's, Withington***



Revd Cate Allison

"I'm Cate Allison, Assistant Curate at both St Paul's, Withington and St James and Emmanuel. I was only licensed last September so I'm still very new. I'm absolutely loving my current roles. A friend recently asked if I felt I was continuing to become more of the person God has called to be and I was definitely able to say yes.

One great joy of working across two churches and a number of congregations is the range of worship I have the privilege to lead and participate in. Sunday can begin with BCP worship at St James followed by a sung Eucharist at St Paul's and end with the relaxed informality of the 6.15 service at Emmanuel.

For the last few months my main focus has been on St Paul's. It's been great to support the congregation in getting things going again and re-establishing links with the local community. In addition to our Sunday morning Sung Eucharist supported by our amazing choir we have a monthly Bible and Butties service at 5pm with our friends from L'Arche and a monthly service of Choral evensong led by our excellent Reader Tom Hennell. There's lots more going on as well and we've just achieved our Bronze Eco Church award.

Before ordination I had a career leading and managing services in the voluntary sector and in local government. My last role was as CEO of Manchester Action on Street Health, a charity supporting sex workers and other marginalised and vulnerable women. I'm finding myself able to bring the experience gained to my current role, whether working in partnership with the foodbank to develop a new project or as a trustee of the Church Urban Fund.

Partnership and collaborative working have always been important to me so it's great to be part of the Mission Community, particularly one that builds on existing strong relationships and a shared commitment to inclusion.

*Revd Cate Allison – Assistant Curate, St. Paul's, Withington & St. James & Emmanuel*

## **Updates from the parishes**

### **Holy Innocents, Fallowfield**

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

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**Do join us to explore the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and its implications for Christian Discipleship, co-led by a leading local member of AA, Brendon Jones. The course will run over five Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm at Holy Innocents Church: 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please feel free to come to one of more of the sessions.**

## St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

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Our Lent Course, based on 'Dust and Glory', the Church of England's 2023 programme, will take place online, week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> February. Contact Alison Mills, Churchwarden, at [alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk) if you're interested in joining.

## St. James & Emmanuel

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

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

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For our Lent Study, we will be following the Christian course entitled "Talking Climate Justice". It will be held in the Vicarage at 453 Parris Wood Road, East Didsbury, M20 5NE, on Wednesday evenings from 1<sup>st</sup> March from 7.30pm.

All are welcome to an independent, one-day 'Climate Fresk' Game from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre behind Emmanuel Church.

## 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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The 'Silent Auction' returns to Christ Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 12noon to in aid of the Church Hall.

The 'Experience Easter' training session will be held at Christ Church from 10am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome.

Our Ecumenical Lent Group will meet weekly at 35 Darley Avenue, on Thursdays at 2pm from 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

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

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We are planning on holding our annual pancake party on Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, from 5pm. More details available from church.

For our Lent Course, we will be looking at 'Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness'. It is based around the Archbishop's recommended Lent Book: 'Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up'. It is proposed we meet on Thursday evenings at St Clement's. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

## St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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We're very pleased to be welcoming Students from Manchester University to St Chad's as part of the University's volunteering programme, working in the Community Orchard & Wildlife Garden alongside our regular Green Group.

Revd Mark is offering an artistic way of engaging with the tradition of the Stations of the Cross during Lent. There will then be an opportunity to submit a piece of visual art or creative writing.

## St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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Our Lent Course on 'Ways of Praying' will be held jointly with Withington Methodist Church. These will be on Wednesday lunchtimes – more details from church.

We have achieved an Eco Church 'Bronze Award' in recognition of our sustainability and environmental awareness.