



# MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

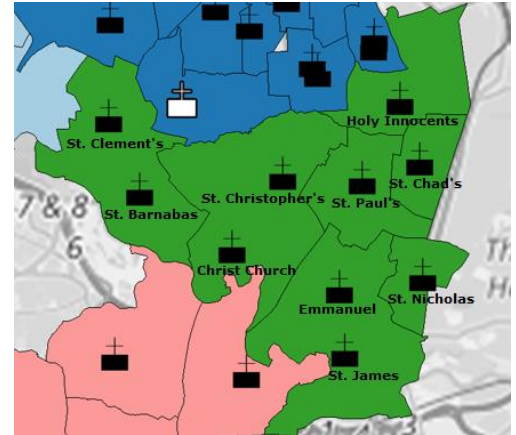
Churches working together in South Manchester

## A message from our Mission Community Co-ordinator:

"By the time you read this Christmas will be behind us and the long nights and dark days of January will lie ahead. A source of sadness for me is that we will not be able to open our church as frequently this winter, due to the huge costs of heating.

So my New Years' resolution is to meet up with people - in their homes, in a coffee bar or maybe even a pub. I find it strange how much I fall victim to excuses and procrastination when I think about getting out and visiting others, but curiously I never regret it."

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator



Mission Community 4

## This month's guest slot: a view from Christ Church, West Didsbury & St. Christopher's, Withington



Revd Anne Pilkington

"I'm Anne Pilkington, Rector of Christ Church West Didsbury and St. Christopher's Withington, a large and diverse parish, which many of you will know. I've been in this, and the former Withington Deanery, for the whole of my ordained ministry (nearly 30 years). Needless to say, I like it here!

We have three wonderful buildings which are used by a wide variety of groups from our community. We support the work of Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank, with Christ Church Hall acting as a base and storage area for that. Greater Together Manchester use St. Christopher's on Sunday evenings to provide a hot meal and some social time for those staying in B and B accommodation nearby. We have close links with Southway Housing who use St. Christopher's for coffee mornings and lunchtime events for the people of Old Moat. We work closely with St. Clement's Chorlton on Experience Easter – something we are planning to extend to the wider Mission Community and Deanery, thanks to Capt. Phil.

Our worship is Eucharistic with a Fresh Expression at St. Christopher's on the first Sunday of most months, led by our curates, Tom and Tom. We have a varied Concert programme at Christ Church (check our website for details) and enjoy welcoming many choirs and orchestras both for concerts and for rehearsals.

I'm passionate about the Parish System and consider myself 'an old-fashioned parish priest' who places much emphasis on pastoral care and serving God through our ministry of welcome and hospitality. My other passions, as many of you know, are Manchester City, Border Collies and the Shetland Islands!"

Revd Anne Pilkington – Rector, Christ Church, West Didsbury & St. Christopher's, Withington

## Updates from the parishes

### St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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Christmas was hugely encouraging here at St. Paul's, with a full set of well-attended services for the first time since before Covid. As a parish, we also participated in local community celebrations, including an outdoor nativity at Withington Baths and the Withington Christmas lights switch-on.

## Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

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If you are not marking Epiphany in your own church, feel free to join us for a child-friendly version (including Christingle), with pupils from St. James' School at 11am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, with lunch afterwards.

Our Lent course this year will look at the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous and its relevance to Christian discipleship - led by a leading member of AA, along with the Rector. Dates TBC.

## St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

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

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A huge thank-you to everyone who supported last month's Church Fair. It was a great success on many fronts: a great community event, a wonderful team effort, and it made over £2700 for the church funds. Well done everyone!!

We are opening up as a warm bank on Wednesdays at St. Clement's (10.30am to 12noon) and Fridays at St. Barnabas (10.45am to 12noon). Please let anyone know who might like a warm room, hot drink and a chat.

## St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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Our regular mid-week Eucharist has now moved to Tuesday mornings from 10am. Please do join us, and feel free to stay for 'Chatty Tuesdays' immediately afterwards in the Church Hall, with free food and good conversation.

Thank-you to everyone who supported our fantastic Christmas fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Much fun was had by all, and we raised a good amount.

## St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

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On 18<sup>th</sup> December we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church building. We were delighted that the Bishop of Middleton was able to lead our worship and celebration. It was also great to welcome back our former Rector, Revd Canon Lynne Connolly.

A member of our congregation has recorded her memories of St. Nick's through the years, Sybil's memories are on the church website (link above).

## St. James & Emmanuel

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

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

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A massive thank you to Daisy and her team for the fabulous Christmas Fair in Emmanuel last month. The total raised for the Lizzie Lowe Legacy Fund is over £600.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Home Cafe Reverse Santa this year. The items will be much appreciated by the children and staff at The Potter's Village in Kisoro, Uganda, which we support.

## 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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Experience Easter training will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

Manchester Beethoven Orchestra will hold a concert at Christ Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm. Free entry.