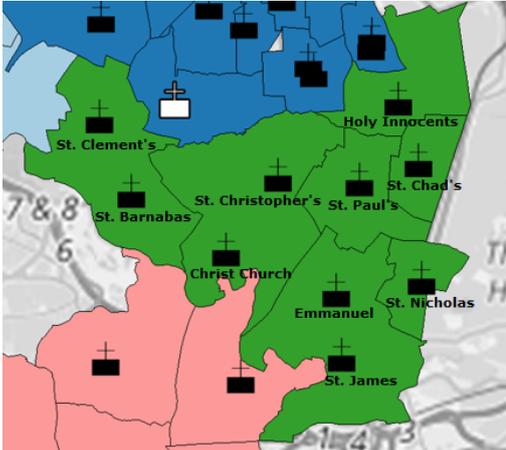




# MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

Churches working together in South Manchester

## A message from our Mission Community Leader:



Mission Community 4

"People enter a church for all sorts of reasons. As I write we are arranging a vigil: we have been opening our doors to local students in shock at the murder of one of their number on Wilmslow Road this week, not 30 yards from the church. We pray for this young man's family and friends in their grief, and for an end to violence.

In a completely different mood, I guess we will be starting to organise events for Advent, where we hope to see many folks who come rarely if at all during the year. It would be good to share, perhaps in the next bulletin, all the different ways we are turning our churches into public space, where folks feel comfortable wandering in?

Christingles...Experience Christmas...is anyone perhaps contemplating a 'pet service'?"

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator

## This month's guest slot: a view from St. James & Emmanuel, Didsbury

"St James and Emmanuel is a diverse group of people formed from four English-speaking congregations and a Farsi-speaking congregation. St James is at the historic centre of the old village of Didsbury whilst Emmanuel was built to cater for the Victorian village, which was rapidly expanding around the now defunct railway station. The close links with two Church of England primary schools, Home Community Cafe in Emmanuel and the busy parish centre have created a church with very porous boundaries. People come to our church throughout the week and on Sunday for a host of different reasons, and we simply welcome and accept whoever comes through the doors. Our values are summed up in our vision statement - Belonging, Believing, Becoming.

If we're known for anything these days it is probably our work with the LGBTQ+ community and Didsbury Pride, but I'm aware that many of the churches in our Mission Community have long opened the door to this marginalised group. One of the things that I most appreciate about our Mission Community is the way in which all our churches, whatever their worshipping or theological tradition, are working to become safe and inclusive places. This strikes me as a point of profound commonality."



Revd Nick Bundock

Revd Nick Bundock – Team Rector, St. James & Emmanuel, Didsbury

## Updates from the parishes

### St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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During October we've been running a series of Bible Studies offering alternative perspectives on parables and episodes in Luke's Gospel. This has included Jewish perspectives, insights from Liberation Theology and more. They continue after half term on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Chad's Community Hall. No previous Bible knowledge needed!

## Christ Church & St Christopher's

Christ Church: Darley Avenue, Didsbury, M20 2ZD  
St. Christopher's: 13 Moorgate Avenue, Withington, M20 1HE

[www.christchurchdidsbury.org.uk](http://www.christchurchdidsbury.org.uk)

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[christchurchwd](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchwd)

We have worked with the Friends of Southern Cemetery to organise a special Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in the Cemetery. This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am, and everyone is welcome.

We look forward to welcoming the William Byrd Singers at Christ Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. Details of all concerts are available on our website.

## Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

[www.holyinnocentsff.org](http://www.holyinnocentsff.org)

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On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, Holy Innocents will be hosting the next in its series of Quiet Place contemplative conversations. These sessions are intended to offer an inclusive space for people from all faith traditions or none. The theme for this meeting will be the current economic crisis.

## St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

[www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk](http://www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk)

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[stclementschorlton](https://www.instagram.com/stclementschorlton)

St. Clement's Quiz Night returns on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November! You can book your tickets at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-clements-quiz-night-tickets-431607127537](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-clements-quiz-night-tickets-431607127537) Ticket price includes a hot supper, and there will also be a bar and raffle!

St. Clement's Christmas Fair returns in-person this year on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am to 2pm. Do come along and pick up a bargain.

Captain Phil and our PCC are establishing a group to generate a detailed vision for our daughter church of St. Barnabas.

## St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

[www.stpaulswithington.org.uk](http://www.stpaulswithington.org.uk)

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Our next event will be at 5pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October: 'An Evening of Remembrance', a concert by Schola Apium and the Parish Choir of St. Paul's, with music by Ireland, Byrd, Duruflé and Bennet. Tickets £10 (£8 concession).

Don't forget we host 'Withington Welcomes', our new 'Place of Welcome' every Tuesday from 10am to 12noon here in church. Free tea, coffee and conversation. Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to all who supported our latest 'Great Sacred Music'. We hope to see the HeartEdge Choral Scholars back soon.

## St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

[www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk)

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On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, St. Nicholas would like to invite you to come along and watch a film called 'After the flood'. The film is all about the Church, Slavery and Reconciliation. Free entry and donations welcome. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided. Please book a ticket at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/screening-of-film-after-the-flood-tickets-431674077787](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/screening-of-film-after-the-flood-tickets-431674077787)

## St. James & Emmanuel

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

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

[www.stjamesandemmanuel.org](http://www.stjamesandemmanuel.org)

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Our Treasurer, Hilary, came first in the recent 'Didsbury Climate Emergency' event, and she has won a £960 Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) grant to install more bike stands for the parish centre. Well done, Hilary!