

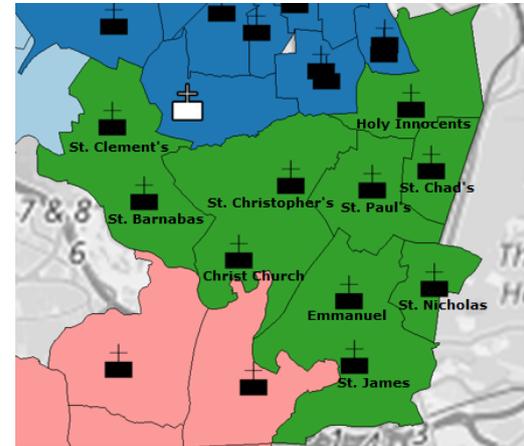
MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

Churches working together in South Manchester

A message from our Mission Community Leader:

Do we need a new Bishop of Bolton? What are Bishops for anyway and would we notice having one fewer? This is the question I have just responded to in a questionnaire sent around the Diocese, anticipating Mark Ashcroft's retirement. It is one example of change confronting an institution (the Church of England) which traditionally has seemed insulated from it. This Mission Community is perhaps about us managing change at a local level, hopefully finding initiatives which work for us - and which in some way build God's kingdom. So, if you have ideas as to what we could do as a group of churches (and you are willing to take part) then let your leaders know - or indeed share them with me: richardyoung09@gmail.com

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator



Mission Community 4

Our first 'guest slot': a view from St. James & Emmanuel, Didsbury:



Canon Lisa Battye

September is an exciting month for St James and Emmanuel parish in Didsbury, and not only because of the build-up to the golden colours of Autumn and the celebration of Harvest Sunday, which for us will be on 2nd October this year.

We are starting September with our very popular annual Pride Celebration in the grounds of Emmanuel Church, from midday on Saturday 3rd September, behind the Library in Didsbury Village. All are welcome – do come to the Church stall and say hello!

Later (from 7pm on eight successive Tuesdays from September 20th) we are providing an eight-week course called 'Deep Waters' (by the Green Christian organisation) to help people address the feelings of anxiety about climate change that are becoming known as 'climate grief'. If Mission Community members are interested, please email david.mckelvey@pobox.com

Meanwhile we are looking forward to greater collaboration with fellow Christians in our Mission Community, especially in regards to inclusion of asylum-seekers and refugees. Over the next year we will be looking at more practical ways we can collaborate which benefit our individual communities in our mission: so more to follow!

Revd Canon Lisa Battye – Team Vicar – St. James & Emmanuel, Didsbury



Updates from the parishes

St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

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Our next big event at St. Clement's will be Chorlton Pride, which take place in the church grounds on Saturday 17th September from 12-5pm. More info: www.chorltonpride.co.uk

We are delighted to have a new community-funded defibrillator at St. Barnabas church on Hurstville Road. It will be activated soon and will be available for the community.

St. James & Emmanuel

Emmanuel: 6 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, M20 6TR
St. James: Stenner Lane, Didsbury, M20 2RQ

www.stjamesandemmanuel.org

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St. James will be open to the public for the Annual Heritage Open Days on Sunday 11th September from 12 noon to 5pm. Do drop in and say hello!

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

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On Bank Holiday Monday we held a successful Summer Fete at Christ Church. It was great to welcome many people, some who had never been in our church. We had the obligatory cake stalls, tombola, raffle, BBQ and bouncy castle.

In October we begin a Confirmation Course for Adults at St. Christopher's. Just get in touch with if you would like to join us, even if you're already confirmed.

On 4th September we look forward to welcoming former Rector Revd Gisela Raines to St. Christopher's for a joint Eucharist at 11am to celebrate the 16th Anniversary of our united parish.

Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

www.holyinnocentsff.org

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BBC Radio 4's political debating programme Any Questions will be broadcast live from Holy Innocents on Friday 23rd September. A link to details and free tickets are accessible from our website.

We will be visiting Worcester Cathedral as part of our anniversary trip out on 17th September. Further details are available in church.

St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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At St. Chad's we are starting to consider Creation season, and how to incorporate our orchard and wildlife garden. Do come and visit this if you're passing church.

We are seeking to expand our ministry to the education sector as the students return and Covid restrictions ease. Please pray for this ministry as we determine how best to serve this community.

St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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On 21st September at 7pm we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Middleton, Rt. Revd Mark Davies, to St. Paul's for the Licensing of Revd Cate Allison as Assistant Curate. Please do come and join us.

A Family Fun Day will be held from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 10th September, in partnership with Home-Start Manchester. All are welcome.

We are delighted to have re-established our links with the Fallowfield and Withington Foodbank. Please do bring any donations into church and leave them in the box in the narthex.

St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk

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At 7.30pm on Friday 16th September, we are hosting the 10th Anniversary Concert of Greater Manchester Voices. Tickets are £8 and will be available on the door.

We are open from 10.30am to 4pm on 10th September as part of Heritage Open Days.