



MISSION COMMUNITY 4 BULLETIN

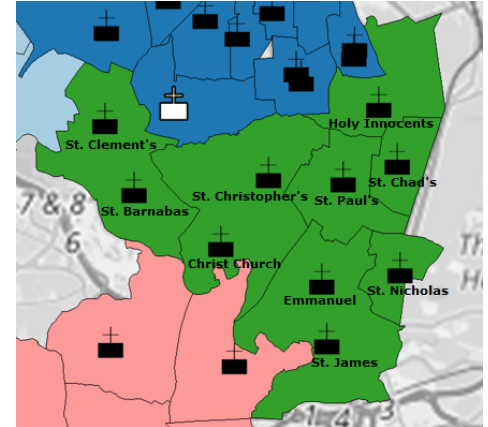
Churches working together in South Manchester

A message from our Mission Community Co-ordinator:

"The coming month of April is dominated for me by Holy Week and Easter. Easter is a time of celebration of the miracle of new life. Springtime around us shouts out with exuberant new life - if like me you sleep lightly then the dawn chorus at the moment is a glorious example of this. And yet, before Easter we must first take the journey through Holy Week, remembering Jesus suffering and death.

There are religions of ascent, which emphasise the path to growth and self-improvement - but ours is one of descent, that, with Christ as our guide, we must first be reconciled to death before we experience new life, individually and as a community. May God bless us all as we embark on this journey together."

Revd Richard Young – Mission Community Co-ordinator



This month's guest slot: a view from St. Nicholas, Burnage



Alison Mills

"As we approach the end of Lent and Holy Week, it is always for me a special time of year. At St. Nick's, we start the week with Stations of the Cross on Monday, Taizé Worship Service Tuesday, Holy Communion Wednesday, and then on Good Friday, an hour at the Foot of the Cross. We always enjoy Easter day and the sharing of the words: 'The Light of Christ, thanks be to God' and 'He is risen', which makes for a joyous occasion. We may even have incense!

Here at St. Nick's, we have been in interregnum since 2nd May 2021 at 12noon (not that we are counting!) we are grateful for the continuing work of our PCC, church officers, for the fellowship with our congregation and for the links with both the Mission Community and our new Team Ministry. We welcome the team of volunteer presiders from St. James and Emmanuel, St. Chad's, and Holy Innocents Fallowfield who deliver our Wednesday and Sunday worship, with an occasional lay lead Service of the Word from our Worship group.

We take joy in being an inclusive church, trained Dementia friends, holding a Bronze Eco Church certificate (working towards Silver accreditation), hosting Burnage Foodbank and Elim Full Gospel Chinese Church.

There is lots to do and we continue to work collaboratively on our Mission and Action Plans by doing all the above and working with East Didsbury Councillors to explore ways to use our unique Grade 2* building for the benefit of the community."

Alison Mills – ALM & Churchwarden, St. Nicholas Burnage

Updates from the parishes

St. Clement's, Chorlton

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

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

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All are welcome to come along to Positive Living's warm and friendly fortnightly meetings at St. Clement's Youth Centre. Their meeting starts at 11am, lasts an hour and in that time they aim to build people's resilience, encourage an optimistic outlook and increase your positive thinking. Debra facilitates, and tea and biscuits are a given! If interested get in touch with Revd Jenny on 861 0898.

A reminder that Morning Worship takes place at St. Barnabas every Friday from 10am.

St. James & Emmanuel

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

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We now have a dedicated Zoom Prayer Channel for the church. You can hop onto it at any time. There might be other people there who've joined ad hoc. There might be a structured activity organised, or you might simply be there alone. Contact us or click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

From 7pm on Saturday 1st April, there will be a Fundraising Disco at Emmanuel Church to raise funds for Didsbury Pride, a key element of our ministry to the local community. Tickets are available [here](#).

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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Revd Anne has announced her retirement as of 31st July 2023: "It's been a difficult decision for me to make but I believe it's the right one, both for me and the parish. It will be very hard for me to leave behind a community I love so much, but I believe the parish is in a strong position... This comes with my love and prayers for all the love and support I've received over the past 18 years." We pray for Anne and give thanks for her ministry.

Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JZ

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All are welcome to join us on Easter Eve, Holy Saturday, for the Great Vigil of Easter from 8pm.

Please pray for our Lent Charity, the Fallowfield & Withington Foodbank, who feed hundreds of people per week. Food donations can be left in church.

St. Chad's, Ladybarn

Mauldeth Road, Withington, M20 4WH

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On 11th March, at the end of Fair Trade Fortnight, about 40 people from three churches came to St. Chad's for a Big Brew tea and coffee morning. This had been an annual event alternating with St. Nicholas, Burnage, until the pandemic intervened, so we were pleased to be taking our turn again. There were cakes, a bric-a-brac stall and, rather sadly, a half-price sale of the last few items from our Traidcraft stall. Altogether about £170 was raised for the Trade Justice charity.

The event was a something of a practice run for St Chad's annual Big Brekkie for Christian Aid, around the time of Christian Aid Week. This is our main charity fund raising event so please watch this space.

St. Paul's, Withington

Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

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We are looking forward to our Good Friday Walk of Witness with L'Arche Manchester, which will start at Withington Methodist at 11am, then to St. Cuthbert's R.C., before finishing at St. Paul's for hot cross buns!

On Saturday 15th April at 7.30pm, we welcome Schola Apium Choir for their Spring Concert, with music from Pearsall, Stopford, Taverner and J.S. Bach. £10 entry - £8 for students/under-18s.

St. Nicholas, Burnage

Kingsway, Burnage, M19 1PL

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Thank you to local partners and all who came along to enjoy the local Community Event which took place on 21st March in Church. It was a great success.