






The Church House

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comeasyouare

'Come as You Are' is the winning slogan for Back to Church Sunday this year.

Material is available to order now with the basic pack costing £20 for prayer cards, posters and a DVD or two more expensive options which throw in t-shirts and a Fairtrade starter tea and coffee pack (see flyer enclosed with this mailing or check out the diocesan website).

If you have not done Back to Church for a while then you may want to use this year's theme as it is sure to prove very popular.

Financial Planning in Difficult Times

You are invited to a seminar which will provide practical advice, some fresh ideas to cope with the present economic climate, and advice in planning for financial security in the future. The seminar is tailored for stipendiary clergy of all ages and is especially relevant to those who:

- Want to know more about Financial Planning for the future.
- Are concerned about retirement housing.
- Want to know more about the Church of England Pension
- Would like to know more about ethical investments.

The seminar is at the Church House Training Centre, 90 Deansgate on Tuesday June 9th, 10am to 1pm, with lunch afterwards, finishing at 2pm. Attendance is limited to 25 people and places will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you wish to attend please contact; Manchesterseminar@ecclesiastical.com or phone Lisa on 01332 638732.

Vetting and Barring

An essential training day for all incumbents and equivalent clergy. OLMs, NSMs, curates, licensed lay workers and Readers are also strongly encouraged to attend.

Two identical sessions on 23 June: 10am-12noon or 2.30-4.30pm at Manchester Cathedral.

From October, new Vetting and Barring procedures come into force for checking people who work with children or vulnerable adults. Incumbents and PCCs must implement new procedures. This training is provided by the Home Office, and more training will be cascaded down in the Autumn.

Please book your place by contacting Helen Fallone, 0161 828 1411, hfallone@manchester.anglican.org

Free church website seminar

The Diocesan Communications Department has organised a training seminar for those who want to set up or improve their existing website. The session is provided by www.churchedit.co.uk, a company that has helped hundreds of churches around the UK see the potential of the web as a great communication tool. The free seminar will last about 2 hours.

What you will learn

- How to plan your church website
- What your church site should contain
- How to get your site found by Google
- How to create sites without technical knowledge.

The seminars will run on:

- June 23rd at 90 Deansgate, 1.30-3.30pm
- June 23rd at 90 Deansgate 7.30-9.30pm.

Booking: Call Helen Fallone 0161 828 1411 or helenfallone@manchester.anglican.org

Spiritual Companionship

A 12 session Spiritual Companionship Course will begin on Tuesday September 8, from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., meeting every fortnight until March 2010 at Katherine House, Salford. The course also includes a three-day retreat at Hynning near Carnforth from November 23-26.

The total cost is £300. Clergy can claim part of the cost from their in-service allocation; laity can apply for a laity development grant. We can offer some financial support where necessary.

Interviews will be held at Church House on May 28 and June 1st.

Contact Revd Canon David Sharples on 0161 708 9366 or email ddosec@bishops court.manchester.anglican.org for more details and to apply.

Intercessions

By request the paper mailing will now include a copy of the intercessions. They can be downloaded from the Diocesan website also.

Swine flu

Keep checking the Diocesan website for latest information on protocols and for other advice. Sign up for e-news via the website if you do not already get it. It looks as if the flu is not, at present, a major risk to life in the UK. However, this may change in the autumn.



Anne Frank [+ you]

A brand new interactive exhibition about the world of Anne Frank is coming to Manchester Cathedral from September 4th-28th. The exhibition addresses issues that were important to Anne Frank and creates a challenging experience for young people that will interest and motivate them.

The exhibition tackles the themes of Identity, Prejudice and Racism, Conflict, Moral Responsibility, and Freedom and Democracy. Look out for more information soon. This event is likely to be very popular as a venue for school visits.

Wendy Oliver is safe

Another email scam has come to light, that has resulted from someone hacking into Revd Wendy Oliver's personal hotmail account.

People in her address book may receive an email saying that she is stranded in South Africa and that she needs money to get home. The email comes directly from Wendy's email address.

Please do not reply to this email or send any money. It is a scam and Wendy is safe and well at home. Wendy's new email is wendyloliver@googlegmail.com

If a person called Simon Ashton (simon25@hotmail.co.uk) contacts you through email don't open the message. Delete it because he is a hacker!

Bishop Stephen's Retirement

Requests for tickets for individuals or Parish Groups to attend Bishop Stephen's Retirement Service on Sunday, 19th July at 3pm at the William Temple Church, Wythenshawe should be made by the first week in June to:

Mrs. J. Butterfield, 14 Moorgate Avenue, Withington, Manchester. M20 1HE: Phone: 0161 445 5922 or by emailing lowehulmepa@btinternet.com.

All welcome. There will be a free picnic tea and the preacher is the Archbishop of York.

Your Choir at the Bridgewater Hall?

Would your church choir like to sing hymns at the Bridgewater Hall? On June 1st at 7.30pm the Bishop of Manchester will conduct a brass band at an Evening of Celebration. With guest speakers and a chance to fill the Bridgewater with music. Call Judith from the Mothers' Union on 0161 828 1427 and leave your details. Choir members will need to be at the Bridgewater by 7pm and use the stage door. More details from Judith.

Parish Vacancies

Clergy interested in any of these posts should contact their archdeacon. Please bear in mind that others may already be looking at these posts, and that the rights of patrons must be respected.

Manchester Archdeaconry

Crumpsall St Mary with St Matthew (Priest in Charge)
Gorton (Team Vicar)
Newton Heath (Incumbent)

Bolton Archdeaconry

St. Stephen, Elton: Priest-in-charge
Mixed urban/suburban parish to the west of Bury Town Centre (Bury Deanery). Strong links with church school. Looking to develop mission to the community and encourage involvement of young families. Central/Liberal catholic tradition.

Horwich & Rivington Team: Team Vicar (St. Elizabeth, Horwich) and Bolton Archdeaconry Young Adults Missioner (both posts half-time)

St. Elizabeth's is a family-orientated church in a successful Team Ministry in Deane Deanery. The Archdeaconry Young Adults Missioner post is aimed at developing ministry among those aged 18-40 through evangelism, pastoral care, worship and nurturing.

St. Andrew, Hillock and St. George, Unsworth: Priest-in-Charge

Two parishes in Radcliffe and Prestwich Deanery sharing a priest-in-charge and looking to develop links as part of a 'cluster'. St. Andrew's is an evangelical church with a modern building in a large housing estate in Whitefield. St. George's serves a more varied community and has a liberal catholic tradition.

St. John the Evangelist, Crawshawbooth and St. Mary and All Saints, Goodshaw: Priest-in-Charge
Communities of 1,800 and 2,800 respectively at the northern edge of the Diocese in Rossendale Deanery. A variety of activities for adults and children in both villages. Links with County Primary School. Tradition: Open Evangelical (Goodshaw), Central (Crawshawbooth).

Turton Moorland Team Ministry: Team Vicar (St. Anne, Turton & St. James, Edgworth)

Walmsley Deanery. Active rural communities with a choral tradition at St. Anne's and a focus on families at St. James. Flexible, central tradition, with priorities of leadership, evangelism and stewardship.

Rochdale Archdeaconry

St. Aidan Sudden and All Souls Heywood (Heywood and Middleton): Priest in Charge

An experienced parish priest is sought who can help congregations recognise and grasp the opportunities for working in partnership to serve at St Aidan's Sudden (at the moment in Rochdale Deanery) and All Souls Heywood both central modern catholic. She/he will be able to manage change effectively and creatively and inspire others to work towards a common vision.

St Thomas' Moorside (Oldham East) Priest in Charge

Mixed housing, including a large estate that is due for regeneration. Good congregation of all ages enjoys a weekly sung Eucharist and is committed to collaborative working.

Holy Family Failsworth: Oldham West Deanery
A Resolution C and Crown appointment.

South Rochdale Team (Rochdale): Team Rector

A Team Rector for this Team of three churches, who is evangelical, has a passion for mission and is able to recognize and nurture the gifts of others. S/he will have responsibility for St. Mary's Balderstone, which is made up of mixed housing, including two estates, and a large Business Park.

Whitworth and Facit (Rochdale): Incumbent

Someone to develop further this joint benefice in the northernmost part of the Archdeaconry, who appreciates traditional patterns of worship but is also open to embracing the new. Building bridges between the churches and their two schools would be an important focus, along with outreach.

Medlock Head (Oldham East): Team Vicar

A Team Vicar is sought for the Medlock Head Team in the former deanery of Saddleworth who is inclusive and feels comfortable working collaboratively with the Team Rector and lay colleagues. The parish is looking for someone who is spiritual, has a pastoral heart and is able to motivate others. She/he will be responsible for two of the three churches whose churchmanship is traditionally low to central. One has a significant Muslim population (33%).

East Crompton St James' with St. Saviour's (Oldham East): Priest in Charge

This moderate modern-Catholic parish is committed to inclusivity, social justice and every member ministry. There are two V.A. primary schools and a V.A. secondary school in the parish. The two large and distinct congregations want someone to work with them and support them in their journey of faith, their outreach to the community and their work to draw children and young families into playing a full part in the life of the church.

Saddleworth Team (Oldham East): Team Vicar

The TV will work with the Team Rector and other Team Ministers across the six parishes in this area of outstanding natural beauty and have specific pastoral responsibility for St. Thomas', Friarmere (Delph). S/he will be committed to collaborative ministry, open to the leading and charismatic working of the Holy Spirit and be an enthusiast for mission and growth.

St. Chad's Rochdale with St. Mary le Baum (Rochdale): Priest in Charge

Town centre churches with an important civic role, looking for someone with experience of working in areas of social deprivation who can lead and pastor with sensitivity and vigour, deepen the worshipping life of the congregations and is able to help the church engage with other faith communities. There is a strong music tradition in both churches. St. Mary's has passed Resolution B.

Salford Archdeaconry

St Thomas, Bedford (with All Saints Mission Church) (Leigh): Incumbent.

Anglo-Catholic parish (Resolutions A & B) to the east of Leigh town centre with a growing population of 14,000. Musical tradition at St Thomas. All Saints has the larger congregation of the two churches. Close links with St Thomas CE Primary School, and there are other schools in the parish. An incumbent is sought who will 'delight in leading the people of the parish in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel.'

Atherton Hindsford & Howe Bridge Team Ministry: Team Vicar

An active benefice in Leigh Deanery with large numbers of occasional offices. Responsibility for at least one church in the Team and chaplain to one of the five church schools. Modern catholic tradition.