






The Church House

The Briefing

-  Serving the Community
-  Growing Congregations
-  Increasing Giving

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mothers' Union website. At the top, there's a banner with a group of women and children. Below it is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Visitors', 'Members', 'Officers', and 'Donate'. A search bar is also present. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Latest News' with an article about an evening celebration, 'More News' with a list of recent updates, and several promotional boxes for 'Join us', 'Donate', 'Sign up for E-news', and 'Freshers' Week'. A sidebar on the left contains a detailed navigation menu.

Union site

The first ever Manchester Mothers' Union website was launched at the Evening of Celebration in the Bridgewater Hall on Monday 1st June. The site can be seen at www.mothersunionmanchester.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

Intercessions

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

Ordinations

In this mailing you will find prayer cards for those to be ordained Priest or Deacon and a card for those to be licensed Reader. Please keep our new ministers in your prayers over the next few weeks..

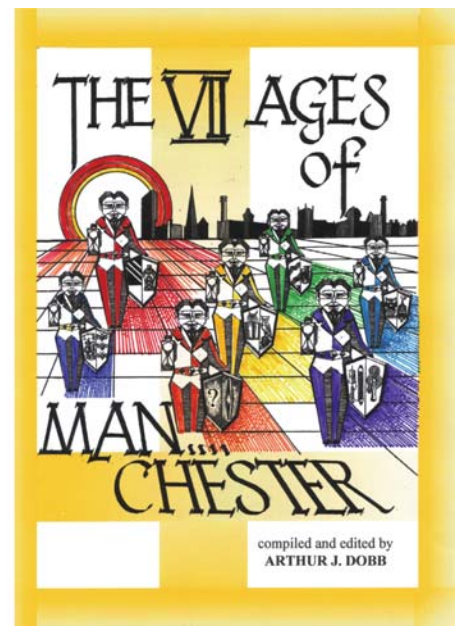
Vetting and Barring

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-12 noon or 2.30-4.30 pm 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



A portrait of our Diocese

Arthur Dobb has produced a 180 page book which presents a portrait of the Diocese of Manchester. With over 180 illustrations the book mixes a history of churches and urban villages with the historical development of our towns and cities. To order your copy of *Villages of Man...chester* call St Denys' Bookshop on 0161835 1069 (£9 a copy).

AWESOME
God's strength made perfect in weakness

God-life for whole life
Hosted by Awesome
Speaker Elaine Storkey

SUSTAIN

28.09.09 - 30.09.09
Willersley Castle, Derbyshire

Anglican Women Evangelicals Supporting our Ordained Ministries

The next Anglican Women Evangelicals Supporting our Ordained Ministries conference (AWESOME) takes place on Monday 28th September. Dr Elaine Storkey will be speaking. Details on www.awesome.org.uk

A Church for All Seasons
Manchester Cathedral
26 September 2009
10am-3pm
Closing worship at 3.30pm

An activity day celebrating children in the life of the Church and recognising the ministry of those who work with them.

A variety of activities for children from 10am: Exploring the church's year through:

- music
- drama
- puppets
- craft
- creative prayer
- poetry
- vestments workshop
- Godly Play
- "Vision Wall"

This is a 'drop in' day with no charge – come for as much of it as you want. If you plan to bring a group, please let Steve Dixon know how many you hope to attend.

Book a FREE place: call Steve Dixon on 0161 828 1433

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

A church for All Seasons

2009 is the 30th anniversary of the UN Year of the Child. 'A Church for All Seasons', at Manchester Cathedral on 26th September 2009 is an activity day celebrating children in the life of the Church and recognising the ministry of those who work with them.

A variety of activities for children, looking at different parts of the church year, will run throughout the day from 10am: music, drama, puppets, craft, Godly Play, creative prayer, vestments workshop, and an opportunity for children to contribute to the vision of the diocese. The day will culminate with worship at 3.30pm.

This is a 'drop in' day with no charge – come for as much of it as you want. It would, however, be very helpful if you could let Steve Dixon (0161 828 1433) know if you are intending to bring a group to the day, and how many you hope to bring. A flyer and postcards can be found in the June mailing.

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

Christ Church, Harpurhey

This conservative evangelical church is seeking a new incumbent who has a living faith in God which enthuses others, is Spirit-led and founded on prayer and Bible study. S/he will be expected to manage a large number of project leaders and volunteers and have knowledge and understanding of how to work effectively, with other partners, in areas of deprivation.

Crumpsall St Mary with St Matthew (Incumbent)

This parish is looking for somebody who is approachable, adaptable and flexible. They will develop the worship and spiritual life of the parish; the tradition is central. A good motivator – someone able to encourage the gifts of lay people. The Parish has a great diversity with a significant Jewish and Muslim presence.

Gorton (Team Vicar)

The church is looking for someone to move the church forward. Someone with plenty of enthusiasm. Someone well organised, and easy to get on with, who has a teaching ministry. The tradition is central. Typical inner city parish.

Newton Heath (Incumbent)

This church with good connections to church schools is looking for an incumbent who is a good pastor and enthusiastic communicator of the Christian faith. The Parish is central to the community and has a distinct and positive identity. It is close to all the amenities that Manchester can provide. The tradition is central.

Blackley St Peter and Whitewoss St Mark (Priest in Charge)

This post combines two small parishes. St Peter's has excellent community links including the Primary school. It is of central to low churchmanship but open to change. The church is in the middle of renovations to create community space within the church building. St Mark's has a small but committed congregation on a housing estate and also has good community links.

Withington St Paul

Newly vacant. Further details from the Archdeacon.

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).

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.

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.

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 worshiping 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.

St James, Hope (Eccles Team): House for Duty

House for duty post – Sunday plus two other days per week. Urban/suburban parish with a population of 6,800, recently added to the Eccles Team. 'Someone with a heart for God and for the gospel, willing to accept the church's present traditions but prepared to bring change and variety in the patterns of worship'.