

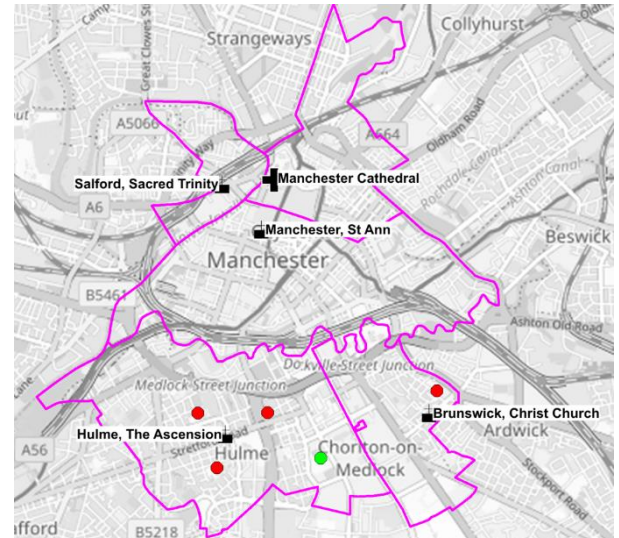


MISSION COMMUNITY 3 BULLETIN

Churches working together around the City Centre

A message from our Mission Community Leader:

"The clergy of our Mission Community have now been meeting together for some time for mutual support and prayer. As we enter 2023 there are two questions on my mind. How can we move support and prayer beyond just the clergy and what should we be calling this thing? Mission Community 3 is not a very imaginative name! So what could we go for? We are parishes in and around the City Centre with one parish in Salford and the rest in Manchester. Two ideas that we had are "2 Cities" or "2 Rivers", referring to Salford and Manchester or Irwell and Medlock. Both names have interesting connections to biblical imagery that we could play with. What do you think of these two ideas or what other suggestions do you have? On the question of how we move beyond just the clergy, we would also welcome your ideas! What might work for you? Would you like some kind of social gathering or a prayer meeting or should we just think of activities we already do that we could invite each other to? Your suggestions would be welcome."



Mission Community 3

Revd Canon Andy Salmon – Mission Community Leader

This month's 'guest slot': a view from The Ascension, Hulme



Revd Azariah
France-Williams

"A number of the 'Stories Of Our Lives' group helped me host an intergenerational event on the theme of Winters and Christmases past at The Ascension Church recently, as part of Hulme's Winter Fest event.

It started with Christmas cards and comments sent by St Philips Primary School in our parish. We used these to inspire a discussion around seasonal memories, such as special foods, events and the weather, as well as questions like: "What was Christmas like as a child?" "What kinds of presents did you receive?", "Did your parents make you eat anything you absolutely hated?", "Did your family put up a tree? What do you remember about it?", and so on.

The topic provoked lots of laughs interspersed with our usual chain reaction of linked memories! "Oh, I had forgotten about that, until you mentioned it!"

It was wonderful to get to know some new local people who are now keen to attend our regular sessions. Get in touch if you think you might like to try a session too.

Soon after, I dropped by St Philips again, with the stories and memories that members of the group had noted down. The Year 6s were engrossed in reading them, alongside their Christmas-making activity (something that a few of the group also had

mentioned!). "These are really interesting!", pupils were reported as saying.

We are looking forward to including more intergenerational activities in our planning for the upcoming year, so watch this space for news about that!"

Revd Azariah France-Williams – Rector, The Ascension, Hulme

Updates from the parishes

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Please pray for our parish as we await the right person to be appointed our next Rector. Our heartfelt thanks go to the clergy who are covering our weekly pattern of services.

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Mark your calendar! Plan to be at Sacred Trinity on the evening of Friday 6th January at 7pm. We will begin with our Epiphany worship service. Games & food will follow! Please think of a game and snack you could bring to share! (Christmas leftovers are welcome!)

Charm of Finches will be doing a gig at Sacred Trinity on Friday 27th January. You will not want to miss this award-winning Australian Indie Folk duo. They will be performing with Luke De-Sciscio and Little Sparrow. You can get your tickets at www.charmoffinchesband.com/shows

Music and Liturgy for Meditation is happening here on Monday 30th January! Organised by HeartEdge, this will give ideas of words and songs to help with times of meditation and reflection.

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Guitar Lessons for local young people (age 11 to 16 years) are starting on Thursday 19th January 2023, 4pm to 5pm. Places are limited so contact Mo to book on: mo@brunswickchurch.org.uk

Our Wednesday Fellowship Group is back on Wednesday 11th January. Do get in touch with church for further details if you are interested.

To help our community 'Keep Warm and Well', a new project from members of Brunswick Church (called just that) has been launched. We have tried to gather lots of ideas, practical suggestions and advice into one friendly place. Download the [resource](#) from our website and have a look. This is version 1, and will be improved and revised as we come across more ideas. Maybe you know something that would be useful to others that we could add? If so, please do send it to us.

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All are welcome to join us for our daily services here at Manchester Cathedral, or worship with us live on Facebook (link above). Full weekly schedules are available on our [website](#).

Our annual Canon Wray Sock Appeal is inspired by Canon Cecil Wray, a very popular, if slightly eccentric priest who died in 1866 after serving in this church for 56 years. Canon Wray decided that each year on his birthday, 21st January, he would collect and donate socks to the poor and needy. From now until the 21 January, please drop any new or surplus socks received over Christmas, hats, scarves and gloves into our special collection box, and we'll donate them to the Booth Centre as they support those who find themselves homeless at the turn of the New Year.

The Ascension, Hulme

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Thank-you to all who supported and contributed to a wonderful evening of festive music on 6th December, with the Royal Northern College of Music performing at our Christmas Brass Spectacular. The sound of trombones, euphoniums, french horns, trumpets and many others 'sounded in' the Advent season.

Fr Azariah featured on BBC North West on 2nd December, talking about WinterFest and the fantastic community spirit within Hulme. We were delighted to participate as a parish with Hulme's Christmas lights switch-on that day, and host Santa here at the Ascension for all the children who wanted to meet him.

We are looking forward to working with local partner organisations in the coming year, as we strengthen our ties with the local community here in Hulme, and seek to support and pray for local people.