

MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

There are 3 stated priorities for us jointly:

- 1) To deepen discipleship
- 2) To support and develop lay pastoral ministry
- 3) To reach out to fringe and non-churchgoers; including the younger age group

Each parish may add to these in terms of a priority for mission or ministry in that parish alone.

In area (1), there will be courses and events offered, such as the "Lost for Words" course running this month, Quiet Days from time to time, and Confirmation Courses leading up to a Service next Easter Eve (4th April 2015) with Bp Mark.

In area (2), following a survey of congregation members this summer, sessions will be offered over the coming months.

In area (3), a group has begun to plan and hopes to put a couple of trial sessions on of a hybrid of Messy Church and Forest Church ?????? to be known as Mossy Church!!

More details of all of these will appear in church publications and village magazines as time goes by.



HARVEST DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Prees

Sunday Service on 21st Sept at 11.00am
Harvest Supper on 22nd Sept at 7.30pm
in Prees Cricket and Recreation Club.
Tickets £15 from PCC Members

Fauls

Offering of First Fruits & Songs of Praise
on 25th Sept at 6.30pm
Sunday Service on 28th Sept at 9.30am
Harvest Supper on 29th Sept at 7.00pm;
please book your place with a PCC member

Whixall

Harvest Supper on 26th Sept at 6.30pm
Sunday Service on 28th Sept at 11.00am

Tilstock

Sunday Service on 28th Sept at 11.00am
Harvest Lunch on 28th Sept at 12noon
in the Village Hall

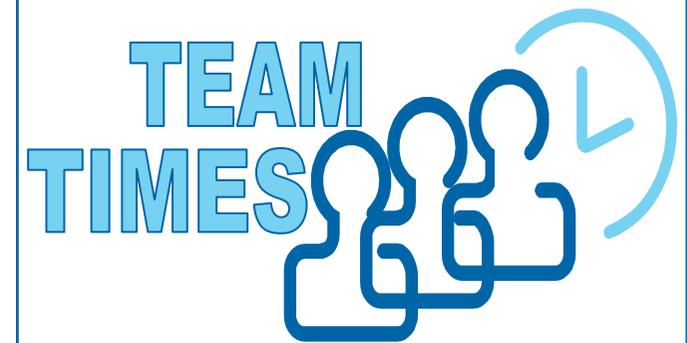
Edstaston

Songs of Praise on 3rd Oct at 6.30pm
Sunday Service on 5th Oct at 11.00am
Harvest Supper on 6th Oct at 7.00pm in
Edstaston Village Hall

Whitchurch

Sunday Services on 5th Oct at 10.00am and
6.30pm
Sunday Brunch on 5th Oct at 11.30am in
Bargates Hall; please sign the list at the
back of St Alkmund's

School Services: see weekly
pew sheets or
magazines for details.



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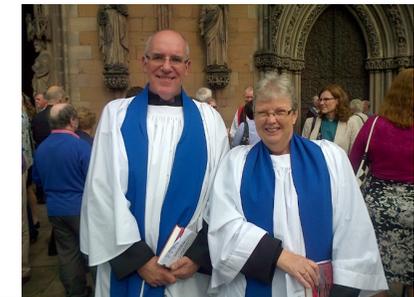
**An update on how our
Shropshire North Six (SN6)
group of parishes have continued to
respond to the request to try ways of
working together more closely**

CONSENSUS FROM THE PCCs

All 6 PCCs have agreed to both a Mission Action Plan (MAP) with three areas for focus and development, and to a Trial Team Council (TTC). In doing so, the PCCs agreed to delegate some areas of decision making to the TTC. More details can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Team Times, together with dates when the Revd Judy will visit each congregation to explain more fully.

OUR NEWLY LICENSED READERS

Malcolm Rigley and Bridget Hodges after the
licensing service at Lichfield Cathedral



HOW WE ARRIVED AT THE DETAILS FOR THE JOINT MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) AND THE TRIAL TEAM COUNCIL (TTC)

Members of all 6 PCCs were invited to meet together in Fauls on 1st March 2014.

During this meeting we looked at areas which each PCC considered were those in need of continued attention &/or development. These then formed the basis for the MAP.

During the same meeting, we looked at areas that needed co-ordinated decision-making and at representation on the group that might make these decisions. These discussions formed the basis for the Trial Team Council (TTC) terms of reference.

The Strategy group (now replaced by the TTC) did further work on both and then referred the two documents to PCCs for discussion and, if possible, approval. This approval was given.

TRIAL TEAM COUNCIL (TTC)



Purposes

- To further the mission and ministry of the six parishes
- To provide an authorised forum for lay people and clergy to work together on matters of common concern and on those issues in which a decision in one parish affects the other parishes in the 'team'
- To aid appropriate use of resources across the six parishes
- To facilitate decision-making within a reasonable time scale in areas delegated to the Trial Team Council by all PCCs

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Membership

- Up to 2 lay people appointed by each PCC
- The Treasurer of United Benefice or Team account
- Up to two licensed Readers, chosen by the Readers licensed to the parishes
- All clergy licensed to the parishes



Remit:

Each of the six PCCs will retain all their normal responsibilities but have agreed to delegate the following areas to the Trial Team Council – with no need to refer back for decision-making by the individual PCCs

- Pattern of regular services
- Venue and time of special services
- Liturgy used in services
- Principles behind the rota of clergy and readers at services
- Mission Action Plan for joint ventures – planning and execution
- Programmes of nurture across the Team
- Strategy for Pastoral care (including bereavement) across the Team
- Strategy for Baptism preparation and follow up across the Team
- Strategy for Marriage preparation across the Team
- Strategy for Confirmation preparation across the Team
- Strategy for work with families, children and young people across the Team, including schools work
- Appointment process for any clergy vacancies

Areas which the Trial Team Council are asked to consider and consult PCCs before making firm Recommendations

- Joint Fundraisers
- Team account
 - ◆ What it is used for?
 - ◆ Annual budget
 - ◆ Principles of allocation of payment into the account from the 6 parishes
- Possible make-up of a Patronage Board if becoming a formal Team
- Whether or not to proceed to the next stage of becoming a formal Team

Trial period: two years

Mini-review

PCCs will be invited to feed back to the Trial Team Council their reflections of working in this way after 12 months

The Trial Team Council will consider these reflections, in addition to their own reflections, and produce a report for PCCs; this report may include recommendations for changes

Revd Judy will have time with congregations during their normal Sunday services

for a spoken update and to take questions and receive comments as follows:

21st September:

Fauls (9.30am)
Edstaston (11.00am)

28th September:

Whitchurch (8.00 and 10.00am)
Prees (11.00am: at the end of the service)

26th October

Tilstock (9.30am: at the opening of the service)
Whixall (11.00am: at the end of the service)

16th November

Whitchurch (6.30pm)

