

The Mission Area of Mold "Executive Notes"

On Friday 24th March the Mission Area Executive met for the final time before the 2017 Vestry Meeting. We are still, inevitably, working on the structure of our Mission Area, but as the following notes indicate, we are also managing to remain active in Mission. It was encouraging to see the group work so well together.

*Carole Poolman
Mission Area Leader*

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

Bishop's Visitation & Checking of Church Registers:

The Bishop's Visitation will be held at **St Matthew's Church, Buckley** on **Saturday 2 July** at **3pm**.

Checking of Church registers, Terriers & log books will take place on **Wednesday 14 June** between **10am & 12 noon** at **Christ Church, Pontblyddyn**.

Mold Mission Area Organogram: an organogram has been developed which shows the Mission Area structure. A copy of which has been distributed for display on Church noticeboards.

Signing on of Wardens will take place during the **Ascension Service** on **25 May** at **St Mary's, Mold**.

Church School Governor Nomination: Mrs Mavis Bartlett has been nominated to continue in her role as Governor of St Mary's VP School, Nercwys.

MISSION AREA WARDEN

The Mission Area will have two Wardens who are best described as 'Wardens without a Church'. One Warden will be elected at the Mission Area Vestry and one Warden will be appointed by the Mission Area Leader. Copies of the Job Description and a nomination form will be available in your churches from **Sunday 2 April**. Nominations must be made with the agreement of the nominated person. All nominations are to be accompanied by an A5 biography/CV of the nominee.

Nominations are to be returned to Dr Emily Clarke-Jones by **Monday 10 April**. Nominations can be emailed to Emily at emilyclarkejones.moldmissionarea@outlook.com or posted to Dr E Clarke-Jones, Development Officer, Gwernaffield Resource Room, Holy Trinity Church, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield, CH7 5GA.

Candidates' details will be issued to all Churches by **Sunday 16 April** and an election will be held at the Vestry which will take place at **7.00pm on 27 April** at **Christ Church, Pontblyddyn**.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

A small group, led by Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth, are taking this project forward. The project will involve setting up a charity which is a separate entity to the Mold Mission Area. The aim of this charity will be to provide short term accommodation to middle-aged single men with the goal of helping them obtain employment and their own home. The type of property envisaged is a 4-bedroom property which will cost in the region of £85k-£120k. Further updates will be provided in the coming weeks.

FACULTIES

There are several Churches in the Mission Area which will need to apply for Faculties in the near future. Going forward faculties will be brought to the Building Committee of the Mission Area in the first instant.

LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH

Rev Kevin Horswell and Sue Sawyer (Warden at Rhydymwyn) recently attended the “Leading your Church into Growth” course which takes the form of an open seminar with interactive talks, practical exercises, workshops as well as time and space for personal reflection. Course sessions covered several areas including: Leadership and Vision; Our Focus - committing ourselves to growth; Our Plan - Developing a strategy for growth; Our Culture - Developing a community of invitation, welcome and hospitality; Managing Change and Mission Action Planning. Rev Kev Horswell will be producing a ‘Basic Steps’ sheet for circulation across the Mission Area and, in conjunction with Sue Sawyer, will be piloting the programme.

BRO FAMAU VICAR

We are hoping to welcome Rev Daniel Stroud, in his new appointment as Vicar of the Bro Famua Group, his wife Lara and their son Charley towards the end of May.

A REMINDER ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT OUR VESTRY MEETING

During March/early April each church will have held a congregational meeting to appoint up to 2 representatives to the Mission Area Conference and one reserve member. This will ensure that your church is represented at all the meetings and will be able to take part in all the decision making. The Congregational Meeting will also appoint up to 2 Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Church Committee members for their own church.

On Thursday 27 April at 7.00 p.m. in Christ Church, Pontblyddyn we will be holding our Mission Area Vestry Meeting. Everyone will be very welcome to attend that as, for the first time, we come together, to worship, appoint our Mission Area Wardens and undertake other necessary business. Refreshments will be served so do come and join us.