

# The Mission Area of Mold "Conference Notes" May 2017

The Mission Area Conference met on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

*The following appointments were made for the year 2017/18*

Mrs Judith Johnson – MA Secretary

Mrs Mavis Bartlett – MA Treasurer

Mrs Susan Hellen – MA Gift Aid Secretary

## **Appointed to The Executive Committee**

Revd Carole M Poolman (MAL)

Revd Dr Rich J Hainsworth

Revd Kevin Horswell

Revd Daniel Stroud

Melanie Morgan (MA Warden)

John Prior-Egerton (MA Warden)

Judith Johnson (Secretary)

Mavis Bartlett (Treasurer)

Emily Clarke-Jones (Development Officer)

John Foxlee

Kathy Stewart

Valerie Salvoni

Ken Massey

Sue Sawyer (Standing Committee Rep)

Amanda Griffiths

## **Co-opted onto the MA Conference**

Mr Dominic Cawdell (under 25 Representative)

Dr Emily Clarke-Jones (Development Officer)

Miss Jess Carr (Children's Chaplain)

## Thy Kingdom Come

Various churches will be hosting event between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Everyone in the Mission Area will be made welcome at all the events. Full details will be distributed through your Church Notices and the website. <http://moldmissionarea.weebly.com> So far, we have the following:

**Nannerch Church** - In association with the Mothers Union and Nannerch VC Primary School, '**Six Experience Pentecost**' stations will be set up in church on May 19th. The Church is open daily and prayer materials are always available.

**Mold Church** - Guided prayer sessions will take place daily 6.00pm - 7.00 pm. From 25<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June,

**Pontblyddyn Church**, Prayer Stations will be in place for a quiet time of prayer on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. The church will then open daily as usual – prayer stations will remain in place until 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Treuddyn Church** will be open from 1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Llanferres Church** will be open for an hour from 10.15 a.m. on 28<sup>th</sup> May and from 7.00 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Gwernaffield Church** will be open for prayer from 7p.m. – 8pm on 30<sup>th</sup> May and from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on 1<sup>st</sup> June

## Safe Registration Centres.

The North Wales Anti-Slavery Project is looking for suitable buildings which can be used to register rescued slaves. Our Church Keyholders were asked to contact us if they have a suitable building and are willing to commit to opening them at a moment's notice day or night.

It was decided that we would ask some-one to come and speak to us on this subject – more details later.

**Dementia Friendly Churches** – It was also decided that we would ask some-one to come and speak to us on this subject – more details later.

**Diocesan Offering** – It was decided that we would nominate SHARE as a contender to receive the diocesan Offering.

**Building Surveys** – will be undertaken throughout the MA in the next 3 months.

**Church auditors/examiners** of accounts – a list of these were approved by the conference

All the churches will have their **Registers checked** on June 14th

**Bishops Visitation** – will take place on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.30p.m. in Buckley

**Mission Area and Church Wardens will sign** on at the Ascension Day Service in St Mary's Church Mold at 7.30 p.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> May

### **Flintshire Debt Advice Service**

We received a report from our MA Representative who has become involved with the Flintshire Debt Advice Service. One of our aims is to help this organisation by supplying volunteers to give advice for a few hours a week in their premises in Wrexham Street, Mold. Anyone who wants to explore the possibility of being a volunteer, can contact John Foxlee by either telephone 01352 810677 or email; johnfoxlee@outlook.com. The Debt Advice Centre are particularly seeking male volunteers to support their work.

### **Housing The Homeless.**

The working group are making good progress. We are asking the Diocese to help us with this by buying a property which would house 4 single men and at the moment this idea seems to be viewed favourably by the Diocese. We will then rent that property from them. However in order to do this we need to set up a separate Charity which will be answerable to the MAC. The following decisions were made:

- The Trustees of this Charity will be appointed by the MAC.
- Each church in our MA will be asked to raise £150 towards the cost of setting the project up.

**Buildings Group/Sub Committee.** We agreed the Terms of Reference for this group and now ask every church to nominate one of their members to attend the Buildings Group Meetings which will share good practice and experience. It will also be the group which review applications for faculties.

**Faculties** for the following were approved:

- Cilcain – to make space in their nave for wheelchairs by removing some pews and replacing with chairs.
- Gwernaffield – to reconstruct the rear of the nave, removing some pews, relocating the font, providing a social space, improving disability access both to the church and the toilet area. The will also replace the lighting and redecorate.
- Nercwys – To install kitchen facilities in the vestry and build a toilet behind the vestry which would be accessible from both inside and outside the church.

**The licensing of the Revd Daniel Stroud** to the MA Team with pastoral responsibility for Bro Famau, will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3.30p.m.

**This was the** first meeting of the Mission Area Conference since the annual appointments were made at the MA Vestry, and we had quite a lot of new members. That fact together with the new structure of the Mission Area means that we are obviously in a period of some uncertainty as we all settle down to work together in a slightly different way.

The fact that we dealt with organisational and practical details alongside discussing our outreach projects both new and ongoing is encouraging.

Carole Poolman  
Mission Area Leader

**The next meetings are:**

Mission Area Executive is at 7.00 p.m. on June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mission Area Conference is at 7.00 p.m. on August 24<sup>th</sup>