

10th January 2021

Shaping for Mission

'Shaping for Mission' is a programme, launched in October by Lichfield Diocese, aimed at enabling Deaneries (groups of local parishes) to work together more effectively to 'shape' mission that is not just sustainable financially, but, more importantly, is fit for purpose for the 21st Century and better suited and equipped for the times we live in and the people we are seeking to reach.

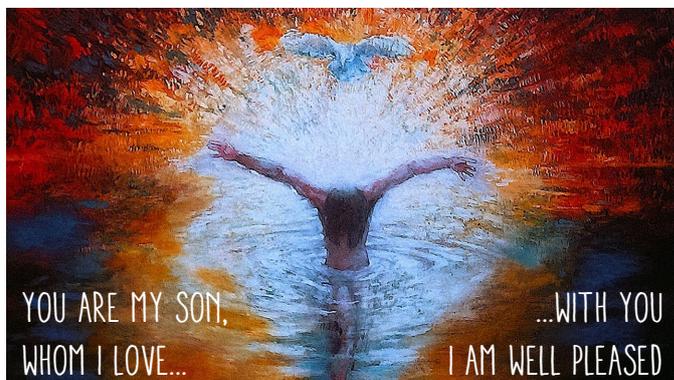
Each Deanery will have a 'Shaping for Mission Team' who will lead the process of producing a vision and a plan for how they will achieve this; helping their Deanery to be an effective body for developing discipleship, encouraging vocation and inspiring evangelism. These Deanery visions will be worked out through parishes, Fresh Expressions of church, schools and chaplaincies, depending on the context of each Deanery.

The first step towards formulating a vision is to undertake a review of where we are currently as a Deanery and where we see God at work in our churches and communities. So, our Deanery (Hodnet) Shaping for Mission Team want to hear views and ideas from churches across the whole Deanery.

A survey has been developed to gather people's input and there are a couple of ways you can complete this:

- You can go to our website using the following link, where you will find an electronic version of the survey. You'll also find a document which was sent to Deanery Synod Representatives, containing more useful background information. You might like to read this before completing the survey - <https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/welcome/shaping-for-mission.php>
- You can complete a hard copy of the survey, which you will find at the back of church, together with the background information. Surveys completed this way can be returned to one of your Deanery Synod Representatives below.

If you'd like to talk through the questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of our Deanery Synod Representatives.



The Diocese have set quite challenging timelines for the Shaping for Mission process and so the review phase will need to be completed through the remainder of this winter, so that we can work towards formulating our Deanery vision by the end of spring. Responses to the survey should therefore be submitted **by 29th January**.

This review will result in changes in how we work together as a local Deanery, so this is an important opportunity to have an input into this process and have your voice heard.

Many thanks for your help.

Catherine

Deanery Synod Representatives

Sue Frankfort Laurina Rushworth David Clarke

Update on Barry Salter

Barry is feeling a little better, but is still very poorly. He wants to thank everyone for their prayers. He now has his phone with him, but has asked if anyone wants to get in touch with him, please only use texts or WhatsApp and he will try to get back to you when / if he is able.

'A Huge Thank You'

The women's refuge in Stoke have been in touch to say thank you for the generous donations of toys and gifts at Christmas. They write: 'We were completely overwhelmed by your donation and can't begin to tell you the difference it will make to the customers. Sometimes a thank you doesn't seem quite enough. You really have made an enormous difference to people's lives.'

Tech Tips!

If you have any difficulties with accessing services online and need a bit of support with the technical side of things, do feel free to get in touch with Ian Macfarlane, who will be very happy to see if he can help. Ian is pulling together some advice on what is available to help improve online audibility for hearing aid users. If you'd like to more about that, please get in touch with him
 (curateofstmarys@gmail.com, 01630 638791)

Lockdown...Again!

Sunday Services

The Government has allowed churches to remain open at present for communal worship and the Diocese have advised that currently this will be a local decision for churches to make themselves.

We have reviewed our risk assessments and decided that we will continue to hold our 9.00am service in church for the time being. There has been a sharp rise in local cases of COVID-19, so we will continue to keep the situation under review. If we feel it is necessary to halt services in church we will try and let everyone know as soon as possible.

We would stress the importance of ensuring that everyone attending worship in church observes the safety measures we have put in place. Please:

- Don't attend church if you have symptoms of COVID-19, or think you may have been in contact with someone who has the virus.
- Continue wearing your face-coverings and using the hand sanitiser provided when entering and leaving the church.
- Follow the instructions of the sides-people about where to sit and follow their directions at the end of the service.
- Do not mingle/chat with anyone not in your household/bubble, before or after the service.
- Leave your contact slips, pencils and service booklets on your pew when you leave.

Wednesday Opening

Whilst Sunday services in church are continuing for the present time, **the church will not be opening for private prayer on Wednesdays** during the current lockdown. This is to accommodate the usual seasonal increase in the number of funerals, whilst minimising the amount of cleaning that would be needed.

If you need help...

Remember if you need help with things like shopping, picking up prescriptions etc, do let us know. Contact Carol Corney on 01630 653137.

Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

Phone: 01630 653505 **E-mail:** stmarysmd@btinternet.com

We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

Website: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar: Catherine McBride

E-mail: vicarofstmarys@gmail.com

Phone: 01630 656943

If you do not wish to continue to receive these newsletters, please let us know.

Regular Services

To join any of our regular Zoom services, click on the links below. If you need a copy of the liturgy for any of the services, please contact the Church Office.

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion in Church

Alternating between BCP and CW

Sunday 10.30am ZOOM (Morning Worship)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings: Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11.

Wednesday Morning Prayer 10.00am

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm ZOOM

Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJJMDRnTGhINlFPejRLTW5Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 3164610

You can join any of the above meetings by phone using any of the following numbers and the meeting IDs and passwords above:

0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required

Cartons of long-life fruit juice

Rice Pudding

Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes

Tinned Chicken

Toilet Rolls

Local Supermarket Vouchers—Morrisons / Lidl / Aldi

Custard

Dog Food—wet

Eggs

Tinned Spaghetti

Coffee



Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11am. If you are unable to bring donations to the Parish Rooms or to the drop-off points in our local supermarkets, please contact Catherine McBride or Carol Corney, who can arrange to have someone come and pick up your donations.

Prayer Requests



Please continue to pray for Barry Salter, Iris Thomas and Chris Ashley.

Pray for those whose struggling to cope with another lockdown..

Pray for unity and peace for the people of the USA .