



MISSION COMMUNITY 1 BULLETIN

Churches working together in Stretford & Urmston

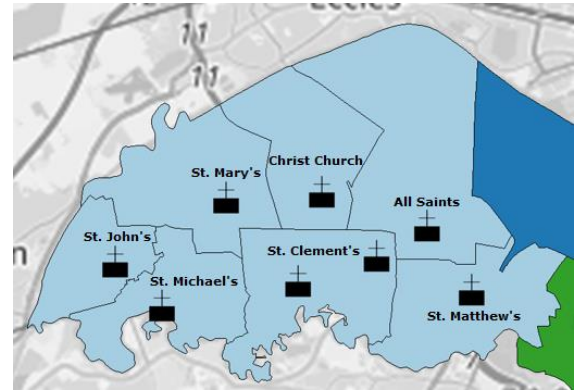
A message from our Mission Community Leader:

"The words we speak are powerful, and the ways in which we use them can have a profound impact on people. Similarly, the ways we get used to talking about people and places can shape how we feel about them and change how we see them. For example, I have seen how my children respond to encouragement, and I have also seen how criticism and negativity have deadened people's spirits and even defined communities. The same is true of how people talk about the places they live and the churches they belong to – words have impact.

As a people called to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17), how might we use our tongues to release blessing and not to curse, to build up and not to tear down? Maybe when we leave the house, we could declare God's blessing over our street or neighbourhood – "Stretford/Urmston/Flixton/Davyhume be blessed in Jesus' name". Or, perhaps we could speak a blessing over our neighbours or the strangers we pass on the street – "Lord Jesus, bless that person to know you and your love". We could even think more carefully about the ways in which we talk about other people or the places we inhabit, choosing only to speak that which is positive and encouraging.

To echo the Psalmist, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in God's sight, who is our Rock and our Redeemer (Psalm 19:14). May God bless you and may many be blessed through you."

Revd Luke Maguire – Mission Community Leader



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This month's guest slot: a view from our Area Dean



Revd Nick Watson

"Thine be the glory!

There are many great Easter hymns, but far and away my favourite is 'Thine be the glory!' A rousing tune by Handel certainly helps, but it's the words that matter most to me.

It was written in French, by the Swiss pastor Edmond Budry, in 1884. His wife died during Lent that year, and he brought together his grief and his hope in Christ to tremendous effect across three verses.

The first verse praises the risen Jesus, victorious over death and the grave. The second is about our meeting with him – as with Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, he meets us in grief and confusion, 'fear and gloom' and transforms them with life and joy. The third is a declaration of our confidence in him, and a prayer for his guidance through to our own resurrection when the day comes. In one hymn we have the celebration of the historical Easter, of our present encounter with Jesus and of the glory ahead of us.

Not bad for one hymn! Let's sing it with joy and confidence through this Easter season.

Yours in the risen Christ,"

Revd Nick Watson – Area Dean of Manchester South & Stretford

Updates from the parishes

St. John's, Flixton

Irlam Road, Flixton, M41 6AP

www.stjohnsflixton.org.uk

we are uniting with our sisters and brothers from St Michael's and Flixton Fellowship for our Holy Week services. On Good Friday there is a Walk of Witness. It starts at 1245, gathering from 1230 at St John's. We then process to St Michael's for a service.

St. Michael's, Flixton

Church Road, Flixton, M41 6HR

www.stmichaelsflixton.org

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We have started a poetry session which will take place on a monthly basis, 7pm the 4th Wednesday of the month starting in May. There'll be a different theme each month and people are encouraged to write their own poem. The first one was well supported and each person brought their favourite poem.

We also finally have wi-fi in church, which will help us enormously.

St. Matthew's, Stretford

Chapel Lane, Stretford, M32 8HF

www.stretfordstmatthews.com

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A reminder that our Saturday morning Book Cafe is open each Saturday from 10.30am! So why not come along to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice (or two!) of home made cake. Come and choose a book then come next Saturday and swap it for another one. Bring your friends and family members too.

On Sunday 4th June, the Bishop of Middleton will be preaching and celebrating at St Matthew's 10am service. Revd Simon Schofield will be relicensed to serve at St. Matthew's as Associate Priest, and Cara will be confirmed. We very much look forward to this happy day!

Christ Church, Davyhulme

Lostock Road, Davyhulme, M41 0TD

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Our Community Cafe will be continuing after Easter. This will be on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am (excluding bank holidays). A space to meet people, relax and enjoy free refreshments.

On Easter Sunday we will be hosting a lunch after our Easter Sunday service. We'll be serving yummy filled jacket potatoes. Contact us if you'd like to join.

All Saints, Stretford

315 Barton Road, Stretford, M32 9RL

www.allsaintsstretford.org.uk

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We will be holding a Healing Service on Monday 3rd April from 7.30pm, with Anointing. All are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Easter season.

Our Easter Day Vigil will take place at 7am on the Sunday morning (9th April). Friends from the Mission Community would be most welcome to join us before their own service.

A reminder that we hold a midweek Communion service on Wednesdays at 9.45am. A simple service of Holy Communion using modern language. A small but regular community joins this service each week and meets for refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

St. Clement's, Urmston

Stretford Road, Urmston, M41 9GH

www.stclementsonline.co.uk

[St Clement Parish Church Urmston](https://www.facebook.com/StClementParishChurchUrmston)

We are delighted that the Trafford Veterans group meet here in church every Wednesday morning, offering help with ex-service personnel and their families, such as tracing army records and medals, and accessing support.

On Saturday 22nd April we are having a Fish and Chip supper in the parish hall. This is a ticketed event £12-£15pp. Price includes bingo, fun and games plus apple pie and cream and lots more. For more information please email rosecorke53@gmail.com

St. Mary's, Davyhulme

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[stmarysdavyhulme](https://www.instagram.com/stmarysdavyhulme)

Don't forget our regular midweek Communion takes place every Wednesday at 10am. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate together.

Our new parish logo has been approved and is now on our media pages. Thank-you to those who worked on this.