

16. Encourage Fresh Expressions of church both through Pioneers and through local churches. Support Messy Church and look at discipleship in this and other Fresh Expressions. Support the Pioneer Ministers. Work with senior staff to establish the Guiding Team. Develop training opportunities and pilot learning hubs for those leading fresh expressions in the diocese. A review will be needed of the support and development of our 120+ Messy Churches.
17. Continue to develop the work on Rural Mission and establish the group looking at evangelism on urban estates.
18. Work with the Finance Department and diocese to implement the running of 'Resourcing Parish Mission'.
19. At the end of 2016 it was decided to have a major focus on Funeral Ministry. We will establish 'Funeral Champions in each Deanery and work with them to encourage good practice and share resources and ideas with a national day conference for them with Rev'd Dr Sandra Millar in September. We will also explore the possibility of working with the national church with a Diocesan Funeral Champion who will also have a national role.

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World Mission

Purpose

- To enable the Diocese of Lichfield to fulfil our Lord's calling to play a full part in the global partnership of God's people in God's mission, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- To advise the Diocese on policy involving world mission, the worldwide church and companionship issues
- To play a key role in maintaining and developing the Covenant Relationships between the Diocese of Lichfield with Qu'Appelle (Canada), West Malaysia, Singapore, Kuching and Sabah (South East Asia), the Nordkirche (Northern Germany) and with the Diocese of Matlosane (South Africa)
- To promote, direct and extend the St Chad's Volunteer Programme
- To raise awareness and encourage participation in the new context of mission which celebrates 'the world that has come here' alongside establishing deeper ecumenical partnerships

- Through the richness and diversity of the wider Anglican Communion to provide opportunities to learn from one another and to 'disagree well'
- To experience the way in which global partnerships resource local mission.

Achievements and Performance

1. **Anticipating Advent Weekend;** Welcoming members of the Nordkirche to a weekend in Shrewsbury including a day conference on Reconciliation at which Bishop Michael highlighted the particular importance of these links in post Brexit Britain.
2. **Installation of Bishop Michael:** At the request of Bishop Michael, representatives from all of our Companion Dioceses plus others representing all Continents were welcomed and participated in the weekend of celebrations with a focus on the World Wide Church.
3. **Exchange visits:** These included - three groups of people from this Diocese who attended conferences in West Malaysia as part of their year of Enriching Partnerships; two visitors from West Malaysia attended the 150 Reader Celebration in Lichfield; Sabbatical visits took place.
4. **St Chads Volunteer Programme:** For much of the year we had four Volunteers; from West Malaysia, Matlosane and the Nordkirche. Their contribution to 'Inspire' at the Cathedral and to the Diocesan Conference was especially appreciated. Michael Carding has been appointed as the new Volunteer Coordinator and has already made many strategic contributions. Five members of this Diocese visited West Malaysia and are engaged in a process of reimagining the programme particularly in relation to deepening discipleship, growing young leaders and developing intern programmes. Hub parishes are being identified and developed.
5. **School links.** World Mission joined with Transforming Communities, DBE and the Mission Department to support a Link for Life initiative with local schools.
6. Significant exchange visits have taken place with all four Companion Dioceses; (see table of **World Mission Activities 2016** at end of this report).
7. **Database:** a start has been made to establishing a meaningful database of all links to accompany the summary of Annual World Mission Activities which has been produced for the third year running.
8. **Meeting new Clergy:** to share World Mission openings on an individual basis as well as through Shallowford events and Pathways training events.
9. **Making meaningful links with 'the world that has come here'.** The 50% Stoke North Deanery post of Cross Cultural Mission Enabler offers a particular opportunity to develop this. As well as actively engaging with Sanctus, the drop in centre for Asylum



Seekers in Stoke, I have been involved with establishing the monthly act of cross cultural worship as well as weekly bible studies.

10. **The Diocesan Prayer Diary** has developed into a consistent and well balanced resource reflecting the parishes within the Diocese, the community concerns and the world-wide church. It is now available through the PrayerMate App.



Future Plans

1. **For Bishop Michael to visit all of our Companion Dioceses:** visits are being planned in 2017 to Nordkirche (Feb), Qu'Appelle (August), S E Asia (Oct) and Matlosane (Feb 2018). The presence of Bishop Michael in Singapore at the time of the October Diocesan Synod will give an opportunity to link up digitally and to raise the profile of World Mission.
2. **Global Christianity:** To carry out our audit of Global Christianity in Stoke in consultation with Robert Mountford, the County Ecumenical Officer, and to seek ways of building bridges of understanding and active friendship and hospitality with Anglican congregations locally. To identify churches which are cross cultural and encourage others, particularly within the emerging Stoke Deanery, to see what it means to be cross cultural Christians. To celebrate and build bridges of trust and fellowship with African and Asian churches which worship locally.
3. **Renew our link with Sabah:** To resume and redevelop our link with Sabah, in S.E.Asia, initially for a trial period with a view to signing up for a further 10 years when other S. E. Asian Dioceses renew their Companionship in 2018.
4. **Parish to parish links:** To increase the number of parish to parish links as a means of challenging parochialism and to underline the importance of international friendships especially in post Brexit Britain; to be inspired by the world church to practice generosity; to develop intentional discipleship and to draw on the particular privilege Lichfield Diocese has through these well-established links.
5. **Promote Diversity:** To use our links to raise the profile and visibility of the World Wide church through seeking to establish a post in Telford using a Missioner from West Malaysia working with the Chinese Community there; inviting an ordinand from Kuching to work in this Diocese through the SCVP; encouraging more exchange visits of clergy and laity; enabling curates and other young leaders to have the transformative experiences of linking with one of our Companion Dioceses; developing formative Sabbatical openings.
6. **Hosting a high profile event in the summer of 2018 with our S.E.Asia Companion Dioceses;** focussing on Intentional Discipleship, at which Covenant agreements can be signed for a further 10 years.

7. **St Chad's Volunteer Programme:** To establish church hubs with the capacity to send and receive Volunteers; specifically to identify potential teachers of English for the Mission Gateways Programme in S E Asia and to use John and Diane Edlin, a newly retired couple from St Matthew's Walsall, to encourage and coordinate young adults from this Diocese in this programme
8. **Lent Appeal 2017:** To encourage parishes to connect with USPG through the focus on their work with Refugees in Greece.
9. **GPS Sunday:** Global Positioning Sunday: Following the success of last year's GPS when parishes were encouraged to focus on our global links and connections with mission agencies and projects, resource material and speakers will be made available for a similar focus this year on June 18th.
10. The **Community of Saint Chad** (CSC) now has over 7000 Booklets in circulation. The emergence of the Community of Saint Anselm at Lambeth underlines the strategic nature of the CSC as an expression of new monasticism and as a way of developing missional communities. Pauline Shepherd has followed a call to a deeper life of prayer through the CSC. Lindsey Hall and I receive an increasing number of invitations to speak about prayer and spirituality and a number of parishes have identified ways of using the CSC material to take forward their discipleship programmes and Front Line mission initiatives.



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NordKirche
Matlosane
SE Asia

World Mission Exchange Activity 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Visits from Lichfield	Philip & Charlotte Swan <i>Diocese of West Malaysia Clergy & Lay Leaders Conference</i>	David Brown, David Cundill, John Coyne, Jonathan Iddon and Philip Cansdale <i>Leadership retreat with Amanda Rylands + Moon Hing Installation as Archbishop of SE Asia</i>	LAL Team with Matlosane members 3rd joint team visit H@W in Africa		Rev. Nita Edwards		Richard & Rose Westwood <i>Visit to Bishop Steve archdeacons and H@W</i>		Terry Bloor <i>Installation of Rev. Tilman Jeremias</i>	Canon Rob Parson + 20 from Diocese <i>Luther Bach Pilgrimage</i>		Tommy Merry <i>Parish Link</i>
					Simon and Helen Davis <i>Empowerment Conference</i>		Julie and Stewart Jones <i>Worship Conference</i>		Rev. Neil Robbie <i>Sabbatical Visit</i>			
Visits to Lichfield	Phillip Kgowe Moleme: 25th January - 15th August 2016 <i>Based at Streetly All Saints</i>								Bishop Steve and Brenda Disoko <i>Attending Bishop Michael Installation</i>	David Joseph and Mr. Rajasingam <i>Reader 150th anniversary Service</i>	50 Visitors from NordKirche <i>Anticipating Advent Event in Meole Brace/ Showbury</i>	
	Christine Ch'ng Chee Chian: 30th January - 15th September 2016 <i>Based in the Parish of Aldridge</i>											
					Michael Bruce <i>Priest from St Luke's, Regina visit to Lichfield</i>				Bishops from 5 continents at Bishops Michael's Installation	Rev. David Rajiah <i>Sabbatical Visit</i>		
	Andrew Soon Jun Hwang: 5th April 2016 - 21st January 2017 <i>Based in the Central Telford Parish</i>											
	Jelena Kasten <i>Based at Forsbrook, Stoke</i>											



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