



## **Mossley Hill Update 13**

### **February 2022**

**Since the last update in September 2021 there's been a lot going on!**

#### **● Our Rector, Alan Kennedy retired**

Alan's last service with us was Sunday September 26th and we were able to have tea and cake together afterwards.

The main farewell though was the well attended and fun afternoon tea on Saturday October 2nd. We presented him with gifts and a generous cheque from all the donations we received.

Photos of the event are on the church website.

We were really sad to say goodbye to Alan, Les and the family but we know that this was the right decision for him.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the planning of his farewell and for the lovely messages and donations that came in for Alan.

We know how much he appreciated them.

We have now added Alan's photo to the gallery in the Vestry of all the previous Vicars and Rectors of the church.

#### **● We now start the process of finding a replacement**

At the point of sending this out we are in the first stages of what is a long Church of England process formally called an Interregnum.

We do not have any further information to tell you but we are hopeful that we will be able to make some progress soon.

Please be assured that the church leadership team are doing everything they can to move this along.

We are in the meantime grateful to the small team of worship leaders who are working hard to keep our services running and our PCC and Standing Committee who are making the necessary decisions for the church.

Life at Mossley Hill Church won't stand still though and we have lots planned over the coming months!

## ● The Vicarage

You may have noticed that there is now a Let sign outside the Vicarage.

This house does not belong to the Church but to the Diocesan Parsonage Board.

So they make the decisions about what happens to the property during the Interregnum and we are not involved.

We understand though that it has been let initially for a 6 month period and that the new tenants move in very shortly. Please do say hello if you see people coming in and out and let's all give them a lovely Mossley Hill welcome.

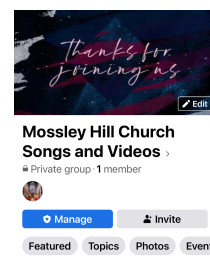
## ● Our worship has continued on line and in person:

### We are now Live Streaming the 11.00am service .

As before, each Sunday this is posted on the church FB page with a link on the church Whats App group and website.

It can be viewed live or seen at any time during the week by visiting the church FB page.

We also now have a private Church Facebook group linked to the public church Facebook page. This enables us to post all the music videos we use in our 9.30am services. All you have to do is to visit the Church FB page and ask to join!



## Mossley Hill News

This is posted as a separate item on the church FB page at 10.00am each week and there will be a link to view it from the NEWS section of the church website

[mossleyhillchurch.org.uk](http://mossleyhillchurch.org.uk)

## ● Church services

We now have a regular service pattern:

- 8.30am Said Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Service with children's groups
- 11.00am Traditional style service with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
- Booking on Eventbrite continues to operate for the family service ( 9.30am) for the purpose of recording attendance for schools and the links are posted monthly on the website and all our social media.
- If you do not require your attendance to be recorded for school admission purposes then there is no need to book now.

- 11am service has continued to be live streamed( except on the occasional Sunday when we have had technical issues!)
- Our seating has been reinstated to accommodate increased numbers.
- Notices encourage people to continue to wear face coverings – ‘as a courtesy to others we respectfully ask you to wear a face covering whilst in our church buildings’
- Hand sanitiser is made available for people to use when entering the building
- The building has continued to be well ventilated
- Communion – wafers will continue to be used and administered in the existing format
- Singing has been introduced

The implications of the recent Government announcements regarding lifting of Covid restrictions will be discussed by the church leadership team over the coming weeks but for the time being we will continue to encourage mask wearing in church, the use of hand sanitisers and will keep the building well ventilated.

### ● **Feast of Fun**

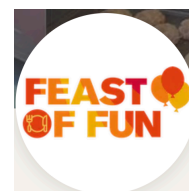
With a grant from Together Liverpool we ran a healthy eating event on **Saturday 16th October** in the Hilltop Centre aimed at pre school children based on the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

It was lovely to see families come along and enjoy some fun together.

Photos are available off the church website.

We were also able to donate recipe bags of food to our local food bank

Big thank you to everyone that helped make this event happen and to Together Liverpool for the generous grant.



### ● **Advent and Christmas 2021**

We were able to hold all our usual Advent & Christmas 2021 services in church.

The usual traditional carol service with choir was well attended and appreciated and we enjoyed a family carol service with people encouraged to come wearing Christmas jumpers!

Our Christingle/Nativity service by necessity, due to Covid, had to be reduced a little in numbers but we were still able to accommodate nearly 200 and it was lovely to see our church full once again.



We raised over £800 for The Children's Society for their work with children in difficult situations.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Bev ( Bishop of Warrington) who presided at our Christmas morning Holy Communion service.

### ● **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

We are putting together some plans to help us suitably mark the Queen's Jubilee and more information will follow soon!

### ● **Lent and Easter 2022**

After 2 years of not being able to meet in church over Lent and Easter we now thankfully can.

The attached information sheet gives all the details about what is happening.

### ● **Our church clock is now working**

We now have a working clock again after finally being able to complete the necessary repair. Our clock is important to our community so it is good to have it telling the correct time again.