



Mossley Hill Update 14 October 2022

● **We have great news to share!**

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have appointed a new Rector!

We will be welcoming **Revd Rachel Archer** to St Matthew and St James Mossley Hill as our new Rector. We really look forward to seeing what God has planned for us as we welcome Rachel in what is likely to be early 2023. Rachel is presently working as a Curate in Bromley in the Diocese of Rochester in Kent. She and her husband Chris and their 2 sons Theo & Noah will be relocating to join us and we really look forward to welcoming the family to Mossley Hill. Timings of when this will be are yet to be confirmed but should follow shortly.

A message from the Archdeacon of Liverpool Archdeacon Mike McGurk:

“I’m really pleased to commend to you the Revd Rachel Archer as your new Rector. Rachel was ordained in the Diocese of Rochester and as a former teacher Rachel brings extensive experience of working with children and young people and will bring an array of skills to not only the parish but also to the wider Deanery. It is an absolute delight to welcome Rachel and her family to Mossley Hill St Matthew and St James, to the Liverpool South Deanery and to the Diocese of Liverpool. Thank you to the panel, the parish and you all for your prayers during this time of discernment. A date for Rachel’s licensing service has not yet been finalised”.

In our last update in March 2022 we were starting the process of finding a new Rector.

This has been a long and formal process and we have been in an Interregnum for 12 months at this point.

We are grateful to our worship leaders who have worked hard to keep the services running during this time and also to our PCC and Standing Committee who have kept the business of the church going.

Thanks go also to all those volunteers who have helped out in so many ways. It’s been a busy time but it has been wonderful to see the church grow in so many ways

● What has been happening since our last Update in March 2022?

● Queens Platinum Jubilee



We had a special Platinum Jubilee service and the children had fun with lots of themed crafts.

We then had a lovely celebration after the service which involved cake and fizz!



● Micah Food Bank collections

We have set up links with the Micah food bank and now have collection boxes in church for non perishable food and toiletries donations. These sit alongside new collection boxes too for donations to Asylum Link, a charity we have supported for many years.

This initiative has been embraced by our congregations and plenty of donations have been collected and taken to help the food bank.

We invited a representative from Micah to come and speak at our Harvest morning services and as a result of this there has been some interest expressed to help the Micah charity further.



● Saying goodbye to Her Majesty The Queen



After such joy when we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee it was with great sadness that we marked the death of the Queen in September.

We set up a book of condolence

in church for people to sign messages and prayers.

This book will be kept securely for the future.

Church was also opened for periods each day for the week before the funeral for people to sit quietly, pray or reflect.

On the Sunday before the funeral we had a service of commemoration and our church flag was put at half mast throughout the mourning period.



● **School Applications**

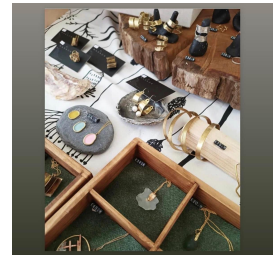
It's been a busy few weeks whilst the school forms for applications for Sept 2023 to St Hilda's, St Margaret's, Archbishop Blanch, King David and St Edward's are completed and submitted to the various schools. This process will be completed by the deadline of 30th October. We wish all our church family children well in their applications.

● **Makers Market Saturday November 12th**

We have the return of our hugely popular Winter Makers Market in church on Saturday November 12th 10.30am - 3.30pm. It's been a sell out with 50+ local makers booking tables.

There will be food and drink both inside and outside.

It's a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Hope to see you there!



● **Confirmations**

We were delighted that a number of our congregation both children and adults were confirmed on 20th June in Liverpool Cathedral.

● **Holiday Club**

Holiday Club returned this year on 8th-12th August. The weather was glorious and there was lots of fun! We used material linking science and faith so added daily science activities to the usual craft and outdoor games. Numbers were limited to 60 with 10 per group which allowed the leaders to develop good relationships with the children. We were blessed with so many volunteers from across all our congregations.

The **2023 Holiday Club is in the diary for 7th-11th August.**

● **Remembrance Sunday**

Our Remembrance service will be on **Sunday November 13th at 10.15am** Please note the timing of the service .

● **Advent and Christmas**

We are busy planning our Advent and Christmas program and details about this will follow shortly.