

## **Mossley Hill Update 16**

### **March 2023**

#### ● **We have our new Rector!**

We are delighted to be able to announce that our new Rector is **Rev'd Rachel Archer** and we officially welcomed her at her Licensing service on Saturday 11th March.

She was Instituted by Bishop Bev as Rector of St Matthew and St James and inducted and installed by the Acting Archdeacon.

We were delighted to have over 250 people come to support Rachel and her family ( husband Chris, sons Theo and Noah) including the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff plus many from our local community.

We were all able to enjoy afternoon tea together afterwards.

It was a great service and was live streamed to a link which was put out on our social media.

It is available on the website if you would like to catch up with it now.

We will also shortly have a link from which it can be down loaded and will be kept available long term on the website.

The website also has some photos from the day.

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

So many people worked hard to make it a successful occasion.

It's hard to make sure no-one is overlooked but would include:

- Those involved in all the necessary admin before hand
- All the hospitality team who set up the delicious food, served and then cleared away afterwards
- The stewards who welcomed all our guests and those who managed the car park in some quite inclement weather
- Those who participated in the service including one of our 9.30am young people who led the procession by carrying the cross.
- Those who operated the screens and cameras

It takes great team work to make something like this work and we are really grateful to everyone who played a part .



On Sunday 12th March we had Rachel with us for the first time in her official capacity as Rector

She was interviewed as part of the process of us getting to know her better during both the 9.30am and 11am services which were live streamed to the church Facebook page and the links are available on our website.

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us here at Mossley Hill as we walk together with Rachel.

More information about our services for the Lent and Easter season will follow shortly.

### ● **Warm Spaces**

We opened our coffee bar in the Hilltop Centre on Thursday mornings to any one who wanted a space to come along for a coffee, a chat, a place to work with free wifi, to play games or do jigsaws.

We have committed to continuing this until the end of March after which we will review whether to continue, to change how the sessions are run or to stop. We have been so grateful to the team of volunteers who have enabled this to happen.

We want to invite and welcome anyone from our area to come along and enjoy some time with us.

It will be warm and it's all free!

It's for anyone both from our congregation and the community.

### ● **Makers Market Saturday March 18th**

We have the return of our hugely popular Spring Makers Market in church on Saturday March 18th 10.30am - 3.30pm.

We will have over 50 small traders exhibiting and there will be several food trucks outside with the most yummy food.

It's a great opportunity to buy Mothers day gifts and Easter presents. Do put the date in your diaries , come along and bring friends and family

**In the meantime you can find out everything that is happening at Mossley Hill Church from our website [mossleyhillchurch.org.uk](http://mossleyhillchurch.org.uk).**

