

## **Dear friends**

The leadership team continues to meet monthly to reflect upon the mission of the church and deal with day to day practicalities.

Since our last church council we've talked about such things as the notice boards, the pre-school, storage solutions, photocopiers, crèche area, Rev Jan's letter of understanding from the circuit, the annual count, Sunday lunches, communication and where we see ourselves in five years' time.

There was a church wide consultation on the style and format of the notice boards on the 21st and 28th Feb.

A new room has been created off the small coffee lounge to maximise our storage space and the property team have been busy moving the contents of various rooms to make access to items easier and hopefully give us more storage space.

A new photocopier with a cheaper contract has been installed.

After the success of the Sunday lunch after the reception of new members last year we realised that there may be some need for us to eat together more often and to that end we are looking to offer Sunday lunch on the fifth Sunday of the month, when there is one.

We also reflected upon attendance at harvest supper and noted that they aren't as well attended as they have been in previous years. This year we are hoping then to trial having a bring and share lunch after the harvest supper and we are hoping that more people will feel able to engage with this.

Rev Jan's letter of understanding is a document written by the circuit stewards that sets out areas of responsibility that enable the circuit, the churches and Rev Jan to see where her priorities lie. Here are some of the highlights:

### **Areas of Responsibility**

Prepare for, preach and lead worship in the above churches and elsewhere in the Circuit, thereby encouraging congregations, groups and individuals in their faith journeys.

Ensure adequate time, with a minimum of two sessions per week, for non-contact time to support your ministry.

Prepare for and conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Work for one or two sessions per week in your chaplaincy role at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals.

Act as leader of Messy Church Ministries in the Circuit and as Messy Church coordinator for Southport across the denominations.

Build on existing contacts in local communities, especially schools.

Guide the churches in developing their vision and mission and help them to identify priorities, and focus resources available on them.

Help to develop a shared vision, locally, ecumenically and within the Circuit.  
Be responsible, in collaboration with others, for the pastoral care of church members.  
Exercise your particular distinctive and God-given gifts on a circuit-wide basis and beyond, including roles within the Liverpool District as required.

Please continue to pray for Rev Jan!

As we were considering where we would like to be in the next five years we were all very excited to look back and see how much we had grown and what we have achieved in the last three years. Amongst the highlights was the immense success of the re decorated hall and just how much that redecoration has positively improved the atmosphere of the hall. With this in mind we started to wonder how we could do the same within our sanctuary. There is no doubt in our minds that we are running out of space for our lively growing church and the sanctuary area could give us that much needed extra space. At the moment the priority for the leadership team is to pray about and research how best to use our worship space.

Leadership team meetings for the next few months are on:

9th March

14th April

9th May

7th June

If there is anything you would like us to consider please bring it up with one of the leadership team who will bring it to our next meeting.

**Yours in Christ**

**Rev. Jan, Stan Rimmer, Pat Rees, Glenn Howard, Tony Rimmer, David Goldson, Richard Cowan, Kirsty Howard, Liz Tomkins, Jayne Barton, Mike Owen, Evelyn Rimmer. (The Leadership Team)**

**Missions**

Thank you to everyone who supported the CBM Project a total of £801.10 was raised for the vital work they do as a Christian Disability outreach, please remember them in your prayers.

Our new missions project supporting Southport Food Bank begins on 1st March, and we will be having a launch on Sunday the 6th, with a Branch on Saturday the 5th to start off the fund raising.

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