

50fest

William Temple Parish Church, Wythenshawe
1965-2015



Celebrating worship, faith,
heritage & community

From the Rector

At the induction of a parish priest, the archdeacon and wardens hand the keys to the new incumbent saying: 'It is your duty and privilege to ensure that God's house is open to all people'. When the keys are to a building as amazing as ours, these words take on an extra depth.



We know of course that the building is not the Church but it is a primary resource in the Church's ministry and mission. For those outside the worshipping community it is the obvious symbol of our Christian presence, and it is for all of us a sacred place where we gather to pray, praise, mourn and celebrate.

One of the great joys of being entrusted with this building is opening it up and seeing the expressions of wonder and awe on people's faces. This golden anniversary year will give us a new opportunity to welcome more and more people into this house of prayer.

We welcome them not simply as guests or visitors, but as neighbours and friends. Our building will be the first step for many towards an encounter with the living Christ who is at the centre of our life and faith.

This small booklet presents a guide to what we hope to celebrate this year as well as details of a lasting legacy from this 50th year – a mission plan for our future and a building renewed for its part in our parish ministry.

For all that has been — Thanks. For all that shall be — Yes!

Peace and joy, Stephen

During the year...

Worship

- Festival Service with Bishop David (June 14th)
- Praying the Building – a series of prayer cards and trails
- The Wythenshawe Sermon

Arts

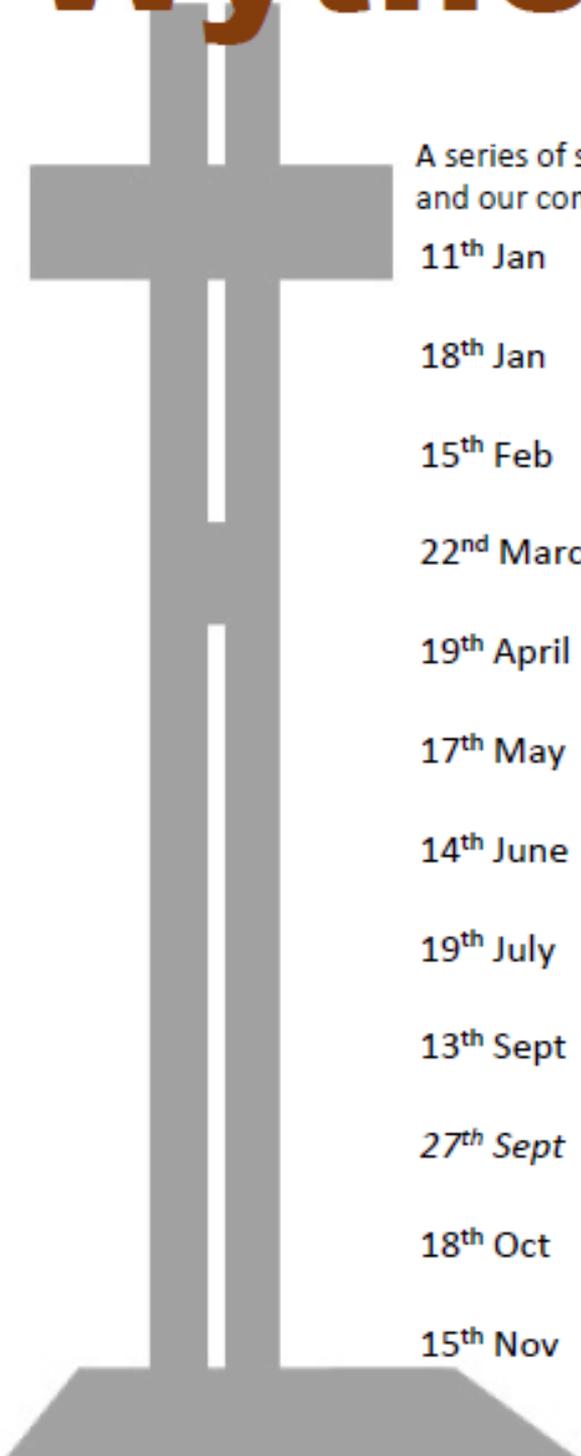
- Exhibitions
- Photo Walk
- Concerts
- GMP Male Voice Choir
- Architectural Tour

Community

- Anniversary Meal
- Inter-Faith Awareness
- Coffee Mornings
- Faith Lunches
- Memory Trail & Exhibition

Mission

- Launch of our Mission Action Plan:
Belonging before Believing



The 2015 Wythenshawe *Sermon*

A series of sermons to celebrate 50 years of our parish church and our community. Sundays at the 10.45am Parish Eucharist.

11 th Jan	Canon Dr Christopher Ford <i>Curate 1975-1977</i>
18 th Jan	Rev'd Ann Smith <i>Parish Deaconess 1976-1979</i>
15 th Feb	Rev'd Anne Pilkington <i>Curate 93-96, Vicar 96-2005</i>
22 nd March	Canon Howard Eales <i>Vicar 1982-1995</i>
19 th April	Venerable Alan Wolstencroft <i>Archdeacon Emeritus</i>
17 th May	Rt Rev'd Rupert Hoare <i>Great nephew of William Temple</i>
14 th June	Rt Rev'd David Walker <i>Bishop of Manchester</i>
19 th July	Venerable Mark Ashcroft <i>Archdeacon of Manchester</i>
13 th Sept	Rt Rev'd Mark Davies <i>Bishop of Middleton</i>
27 th Sept	Rev'd Roger Dixon <i>Vicar of St. Stephen's, Audenshaw</i>
18 th Oct	Rev'd Melanie Appleby <i>Team Vicar 2006-2010</i>
15 th Nov	Rev'd Stephen Edwards <i>Team Rector 2012-present</i>



Mission Plan

2015

Belonging before Believing
A Vision for Mission in the Parish of William Temple

A vision for mission

Following two congregational meetings during 2014, the PCC has put together the beginnings of a mission plan for the Parish of William Temple.

Central to our vision is baptism. We are fortunate to welcome many families in to the church each year through baptismal services and the font is at the heart of our magnificent church building.

Baptism is the start of a journey and we hope that through baptism, families will feel welcome in our church community. We long to belong and we hope that everyone who connects with our parish church will also sense that belonging.

As we celebrate our growing Christian family we give thanks for the opportunity to journey together in faith. Belonging is part of our believing.

Our vision for mission encourages this Belonging before Believing.

This leaflet outlines some of the ideas from the congregational discussions which will become part of our Mission Action Plan for the next five years. The ideas presented here all come from the congregational and PCC discussions and are brought together here with our 50th anniversary celebration programme for 2015.

1. Working with Baptismal Families

- play groups
- parent support
- belonging and community

2. Enriching Worship

- all age services
- alternative worship
- daily prayers
- community choir

3. A Building for the Community

- new heating system
- open doors
- community space
- connecting with schools

Remember these are only suggestions from the congregational meetings. These, as well as some of the other activities, can be brought together to form our vision for mission:

Belonging before Believing

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William Temple: Our Heritage

What's it all about?

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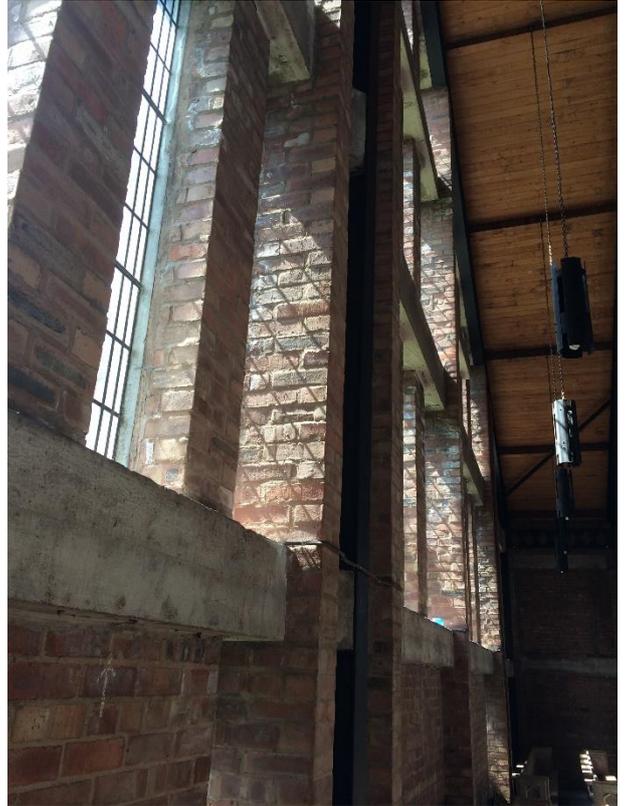
Heritage is something we care about from the past.

As the Church building of William Temple enters its 50th year there are probably lots of things we care about from the last 50 years that we wish could make a record of to show future generations. Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is set up to support people to explore, celebrate and document heritage in a way that's meaningful.

Under the "Our Heritage" programme we could make an application to develop a heritage project over the next 18 months or so

We can apply for £10,000 - £100,000

We must be able to show that there is wide support and enthusiasm for the project.



What kind of things will be expected to do?

That's really up to the church community, through the PCC, to decide. We might want to collect artefacts from the last 50 years and catalogue them or make them into an exhibition that local people can come and see – for example, photos, press cuttings, magazine articles, old clothing/vestments.

We might run a series of community events where people can swap stories and memories. This could be a film.

What will we be monitored on?

We will be measured on some of the following outcomes:

Heritage will better managed and in better condition – if we built in funding towards a new heating system we would achieve these outcomes

Heritage will be better explained and better identified – by documenting history or stories that aren't currently easily accessible, we will ensure that these two outcomes are achieved (for example, using online and digital methods that are more readily accessed by young people ensures our heritage is well explained and identifiable to a new generation)

People must develop skills, learn about heritage – we could achieve this through community activities

People must volunteer time, change their attitudes and have an enjoyable experience – we already do this through coffee mornings, fairs, and the Heritage Open day we held in September.

In the community more people must be engaged, it must be a better place to live and work – if we are inviting people in, they must be engaged with us and with more opportunities to get involved and so won't this be a better place to live and work?

Can we get help to do all this?

We can build into the bid some worker time to help keep the project on track and liaise with HLF but we must be able to show that the project is being driven by us - local people

Next steps



Think about the kinds of activities you think would be important to do. What kinds of things would you like to know about the heritage of William Temple?

Come along on January 19th at 7.30pm to be part of the Hopes and Dreams exercise where we will share ideas and explore how they will help us achieve the outcomes.

A prayer for our parish

Almighty God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant William Temple revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
Bless, we pray, your Church in this parish.
Keep us faithful to our Christian calling
and awaken within us the love of Christ,
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. Amen.



The Team website contains information on our 50fest celebrations here:

www.wythenshawe-anglican.org/50fest.html

and details of our mission plan, Belonging before Believing, here:

www.wythenshawe-anglican.org/bbb.html

