



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK UPDATE

### QUARTER 1 – APRIL – JUN 2014

I have been in post since 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. Currently based at William Temple Church I am employed for 24.5 hours per week and usually work Mondays Tuesdays with the third day being flexible depending upon workload and meetings etc

I have spent the first few weeks getting lots of background information from each of the Churches so that I can see what the Wythenshawe Team looks like as a whole. I have used this information to identify some key areas of support that I can offer to each Church. This is of course a work in progress but emerging themes so far are –

**St Martins** – fundraising for building and fabric repairs. There has been lots of work done already which I am working through and updating to fit with current funding priorities. I hope to have a number of bids ready for submission by the end of July I have also had meetings with Tim Nicholls at Baguley Hall Methodist Church with a view to progressing the move to an LEP

**St Richards** – supporting Pat to organising the agreed Team Christmas Day Lunch for people who will be alone on Christmas Day. I have organised some free food hygiene training which will take place in early September (flyers will be circulated soon). Also advising on funding opportunities for works identified through the recent quinquennial.

**St Lukes** – overseeing the repair of the Church Clock and organising two community open days thanks to securing £7200 Heritage Lottery Fund. As part of this project thanks to the Team Council for approving a grant to the Diocese for £600 for cameras and microphones that can be used to record people's stories and Church events across the Team. There will be a 3 day training event at the end of August for people to train as Community Reporters. These skills will enable us to increase our social media and web presence to showcase our ministry in the community.

**William Temple** – had initial conversations with Stephen re some building repairs and have offered support to any 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities as required

### **LINKS WITH THE DIOCESE**

I have attended a couple of training sessions and meeting regularly with Colin Barson from the Dept for Church and Society. Ive also been in touch with Heather Ford re buildings and grants and Alison Peacock for some statistics too.

We are working on some possible pilot projects promoting Credit Unions better in Wythenshawe particularly through schools

### **LOCAL NETWORKS**

The Wythenshawe Anglican Team is well represented at strategic networks either by myself or other Team colleagues including The food poverty network, Real Food Wythenshawe, Financial Inclusion Network and the Jonah Group.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

The programme of work will continue to develop and this will be guided by the Strategy Group which consists of

Stephen as Team Rector, Margaret Young as my Manager, Colin Barson from the Diocese and key stakeholders including housing, health and regen. We will invite Robin to join us when he is settled and there will be opportunities for others to be involved in other subgroups.

I would like to visit at least one other Church per quarter on a Sunday and will try attend events where I can. I have attended Mothers Union at William Temple, Lunch Club at St Lukes and am planning to visit the Tuesday Shop at St Richards and St Martins Strawberry Fair on Saturday

**Please let me know if you have events and activities going on that you would like circulating across Wythenshawe via my email networks and on twitter/facebook etc**

I will produce quarterly reports for distribution across the Team. If there is information you would like including please let me know. Finally many thanks for the warm welcome into the Wythenshawe Anglican Team and I look forward to working with you all more closely over the lifetime of the Project

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