

What Happens Next?

In the light of all that has happened in recent weeks, with David's resignation and then his farewell service on the 2nd December, you may well be wondering what happens next.

Our two Churchwardens, Paul Moran and Karen Swift and the Area Dean, Rev Marc Wolverson become what is known as Sequestrators, taking legal and full responsibility for the running of all mission and ministry matters at St Andrew's. However, for the most part you will not notice a lot of changes, with services and ministries continuing as before.

As Bishop Julian commented when he was with us, "One of the reasons why David's decision makes sense now is that God has sent you a strong ministry team, who under the Sequestrators will pick up much of David's role in the vacancy. So you are in a good place with competent people able to keep the work going till the arrival in due course of a new Incumbent."

Since most of our ministries and events are led either by members of the church staff team, or by yourselves, as church members, we will simply persist in seeking to Reach, Grow and Send here in Leyland. Our Associate Vicars, Matt Cook and Duncan Bell, will be meeting each week with the Churchwardens to ensure the smooth running of the church. Matt is taking overall responsibility for the 9.45 and 6.30 congregations and Duncan the 8.30 BCP and 11.15 congregations.

The process of appointment starts with the PCC having various meetings to create what is called a Parish Profile and Statement of Needs, and to select two people, usually the Wardens, to be part of the interview process and to work with the Bishop and Patrons in discerning who it is that God is calling to join our team as overall leader. The Bishop assured us that he will be involved throughout the process, praying and being committed to find the right person for this very significant responsibility. Our Patrons, an organisation called CPAS, will also be involved in helping to find the right man for the role. Our PCC will be meeting on December 17th, and the PCC will be meeting with the Bishop and representatives from CPAS on the 14th January. We'd like to invite the church family to come and pray with the PCC before the meeting on December 17th, and we're hoping to do the same on 14th January. Further details will follow as soon as we're able.

Please will you all commit to praying each day for David and Claire and the family as they make this transition, for those with new and extra responsibilities in the vacancy and for the guidance of God in the appointment process? May this be a time of rich blessing from God on His work here in Leyland.

Thank you from the Wardens, PCC & staff team

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Christmas at St Andrew's

Please be praying for all our events and invite friends and family along.

15th
DEC

Christmas BLAST!

10am - 12.30pm | Church Hall
BLAST! is a fun mix of activities for all the family - with lunch included. All welcome, no booking necessary!

22nd
DEC

Carols by Candlelight

7.30pm | Church Building
A beautiful service of reading and carols in candlelight.

23rd
DEC

Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm | Church Building
Our second Carols by Candlelight service for this year - come early as this is a popular service!

24th
DEC

Midnight Communion - Christmas Eve

11.15pm | Church Building
Greet Christmas Day by remembering the baby who was born to bring us hope and life!

25th
DEC

Family Toy Service - Christmas Day

10.30am | Church Building
A lively service for all the family - children are encouraged to bring one favourite (noiseless) toy to show,

16th
DEC

Children's Christmas Praise

10.30am | Church Building
Join us for the fun and festive service with children taking part - a great way to begin the Christmas week.

23rd
DEC

Lessons & Carols

10.30am | Church Building
Note this is a joint morning service.
Activities will be provided for the children in the hall

24th
DEC

Crib Service - Christmas Eve

4pm | Church Building
A short, punchy, action packed, fun filled 45 minutes aimed at toddlers and infants.

25th
DEC

Traditional Book of Common Prayer Communion Service - Christmas Day

8.30am | Church Building
A simple and quiet service.

30th
DEC

Seeing Jesus in the New Year

10.30am | Church Building
Note this is a joint morning service.
Activities will be provided for the children in the hall

If you can take some leaflets and drop them around the Parish we would really appreciate it. It would be great if every service and event was full of people who can then hear the great news about Jesus's birth!

Please Continue To Pray For Our Away Team



SEND

In his latest newsletter Paul Hunter writes, "After almost four years here I am preparing to leave the diocese and return to the UK. I have already begun to say goodbyes and it's not easy. Some things I will miss, some things I won't miss, but I will miss the people. Overall, I am thankful to God that I have had the opportunity to live, learn and grow with brothers and sisters, seeing God at work in the changes and chances of this fleeting world. I am looking forward, sometimes with trepidation, to the new challenges of parish life in rural Lancashire. I will leave Crosslinks early next year and take up a post in the Diocese of Blackburn, closer to my family..."

January 2019 will be our month on mission - we look forward to having some guest speakers and special events!

Got a question, feedback or article?

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