



Mission Area Conference Bulletin – April 2025

AVM

The Mission area Annual Vestry Meeting was held on the 14th April. All the Church Officers were approved. Churches are encouraged to try and fill any vacancies they have within their churches. The Archdeacon noted that Church Wardens should not also be the safeguarding lead for their church.

The Electoral Role Coordinator and Standing Committee Rep positions within the MAC were filled and thanks goes to those who volunteered.

Expressions of interest are requested for the post of Lay Mission Area Leader. A copy of the role profile can be obtained from the Mission Area Administrator and you can contact the Archdeacon for an informal chat or to submit your expression of interest.

Annual reports were received in relation to property, finance, safeguarding and the draft Mission Area annual report was distributed for comment.

Churches are reminded that they should be using the Diocesan Membership App to record attendance and activities within their churches.

It was agreed that next year the papers for the AVM will be more widely distributed so that all church members wishing to attend are fully informed. Guidance is available on how to use it. Thanks was given to Father Paul Wheeler for his service to the Mission Area as he is soon to move to Deeside MA. Thanks was also given Jan the Mission Area Administrator for all her hard work.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all people with a position within the Church need to undertake safeguarding training. New dates are available for training. If you're unsure of whether you need to do the training, or what training to undertake please contact your church safeguarding lead.

New Incumbent Buckley

The MAC are pleased to confirm that Rev. Jenny Clarke will be joining the MA as Priest in Charge of Buckley, Drury and Ewloe. The licensing service will take place on June 19th at 7pm in St Matthew's.

Mission Area Development

You may know the saying, a failure to plan is a plan to fail. As a new Mission Area we need to develop a plan which will enable us to grow, strengthen our community links and become sustainable. Developing that plan is not just the role of the MAC, but all members of our Churches. Some options for our vision statement (what we aspire to achieve in the long term) and our values statement (our guiding principles) have been developed. Once these have been agreed the MAC will be developing a plan on a page to set out our priorities and key actions for the next three years. More detailed plans will underpin the plan on the page and it will enable us to feed back to our congregations the progress we have made. We want to hear your views on what you think our vision and values should be. The easiest way to do this is to scan the QR code and complete our feedback form. Alternatively you can speak to your MAC representative and they will be able to provide you with a copy of the proposals and a feedback form.



Dates for the diary

- Licensing of Jenny Clarke is on June 19th at 7pm in St Matthew's.
- Please submit your CARE reports by the 27th June for the next MAC meeting.
- MA service is being held on 29th June in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ewloe.
- The next EXEC meeting is to be held Monday 30th June at Penyffordd.
- The next MAC meeting is to be held Monday 14th July 7pm at Buckley.

The MAC would like to wish everyone a joyous Easter. Let the resurrection fill your heart with peace and your soul with joy.

