



## Mission Area Conference Bulletin – September 2024

### Charity Commission Update

We are pleased to announce that the charity commission application for the Mission Area has now been submitted. We expect to hear the outcome within the next 6 weeks and then we can proceed with setting up the bank account and becoming separate to Borderlands in relation to our finances.

### Mission Area Leaders Update

Archdeacon Hayley presented the report. Churches need to stop using the word Parish in their correspondence, it can easily be replaced with the word Community. A update of the Governing body meeting was provided. Discussions were had in relation to the vacancy at Llanfynydd. Confirmation of funding is required for this post. An update was received on the Action plan for The Good Shepherd and the MAC will receive one from Emmanuel Penyffordd at the next meeting. Candidate for St Matthews withdrew so the advert will be placed again.

### Wardens Update

A warden's forum is going to be held very soon, beginning of October. This will be an opportunity to discuss any issues Churches are having and obtain support for completing the Church Terrier and dealing with faculties.

### Property Update

Annual Building Inspection forms must be completed. Please forward it to Andrew Bronnert when completed. Please contact Andrew Bronnert if you require assistance with this. Please review the list of faculties and update where necessary as some of these are now out of date. Please contact us if you require assistance with this.

### Finance Update

Currently as of end of June total share has been paid to date. Going forward the MAC will be looking at how we can split the Mission Area share more fairly and whether a single bank account for the Mission Area would work and be worthwhile. The Province are launching a Provincial Growth Fund where churches/MAs can apply for up to £10,000 for growth initiatives. If you have any ideas, please get in touch and we can provide the details.

### Safeguarding Update

If you should be undertaking safeguarding training due to your role in the Church, please ensure that it is update. Contact us if you're not sure and we can advise.

### CARE Reports

As we develop as a new Mission Area one of the key points of learning that came from the splitting of Borderlands was the issue of communication. If we truly want this Mission Area to thrive and develop it is really important that we start communicating with each other and trusting everyone. The CARE report has been developed to be a vehicle for communicating what information is relevant to the MAC. It can be completed at a church committee meeting or a chat around the table over coffee after a service. What is important is that discussions are held on what is going on in your church and identifying what needs to be communicated to the MAC. The benefit of having the CARE report is that we can learn from each other about the good work we're doing and we can offer advice and support on tackling the anxieties we are facing, as we probably have all faced them at one time or another. Please ensure your CARE form is submitted by 1/11/24 in times for the next MAC.

### Mission Area Service Information

Our first Mission Area Service will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11.00am. in Emmanuel Bistre Church. Rev. Michael Wimble, prison chaplain will be in attendance. There will be a bring and share lunch to follow so please encourage all to bring a small plate of something to share. This is a great opportunity to visit one of the churches in our Mission Area and meet lots of new people. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

**Flavours Align, Friendships Entwine.**