



Redditch Mission Area

An Overview

At an open meeting for PCC and DCC members of the churches of the Redditch Mission Area. Paul gave a short presentation outlining what the Redditch Mission is seeking to accomplish. The following is a transcript of that presentation. The video is available on cofe-redditch.org.uk.

Hello I am Paul Lawlor and I have been asked by the Diocesan Transformation Team to take on the role of Mission Area Leader.

Following on from several years of discussion about how we can ensure the churches of Greater Redditch are Healthy and Sustainable into 2030 and beyond we have concluded that we need a separate entity to look after some people and resources to Facilitate, Enable and Share in God's Mission across the area.

The Mission Area will not replace or be "over" our existing PCCs and DCCs, they will continue. The Mission will use Healthier Churches Funding to meet the aims I've outlined.

The Greater Redditch Area covers 12 main churches extending from Alvechurch down to Feckenham and from Tardebigge Across to the Warwickshire border.

So, 12 main churches with circa 900+ people worshipping in those congregations, supported by 11 ordained clergy, 6 of whom are paid. Plus many volunteers including ALMs and LLMS and many more.



A significant point is that there are 94,500 people who are NOT worshipping in our churches. Some will be in other denominations but there are still a considerable number of people we are not reaching with the Gospel.

Facilitating

We will be employing an operations person to aid us all in looking after the nuts and bolts of being the church. Helping us with managing our buildings, our finances, and in seeking to make our governance and compliance work be more efficient. Again, this is not a take over – the Mission Area is seeking to help and support.

Enabling

We hope that the Mission Area can aid each church and each congregation in understanding and articulating its missional identity; what it is that God is calling us to do and calling us to be.

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Facilitating | Enabling | Sharing in God's Mission

Sharing

As we work together in some areas we will find other places and areas of ministry where we can share together in God's Mission.

So what will success look like?

This is simple – I pray that we will see more people entering into a relationship with the Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit linked with healthy, thriving and diverse communities of faith.

I encourage you to find out more about what we are seeking to do.

Over the coming months we will be putting in place the necessary governance and will be seeking to provide communications in a number of different ways.

Do check out our website and do reach out to us if you have any questions.

Most of all do pray for me and the growing team as we seek to Facilitate, Enable and Share in God's Mission Across Greater Redditch.

Revd Canon Paul Lawlor November 2024

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