WALKDEN AND LITTLE HULTON TEAM MINISTRY

THE PAST, PRESENT AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

We are proud of our church heritage here in the Walkden and Little Hulton Team and we would like to share with you a little of our past, present and our vision for the future.

St. Paul’s Walkden Moor, St. John the Baptist (Little Hulton) and St. Paul Parish – Peel, were independent parishes within the Deanery of Farnworth, in the Archdeaconry of Bolton.

On 1st December 1993 a team was formed between St. John the Baptist (Little Hulton) and St. Paul’s Walkden Moor. At this time the Team Rector was appointed at the latter, with a Team Vicar as the Incumbent at St. John the Baptist Church.

On 1st April 1999 the Walkden and Little Hulton Team was formed as we know it today, with St. Paul Parish Church Peel joining the team. At this time the Team Rector remained at St. Paul’s Walkden Moor with Team Vicar’s at St. Paul Peel and St. John the Baptist churches. Team working began to evolve through establishing regular joint meetings of the Leadership Team’s of the three churches, along with the clergy meeting together and a pattern of joint services evolved and continues today. Also social events in the three parishes were shared among the churches.

In 2009 a restructuring of Deanery’s and Arch Deaconry’s took place in the Manchester Diocese. Walkden and Little Hulton Team church parishes are all based in the City of Salford, as a new Archdeaconry was being formed (Archdeaconry of Salford) this meant the Team moved into the Eccles Deanery, which from a geographic point of view made sense as Eccles Deanery forms part of the Archdeaconry of Salford.

2012 saw the arrival of our Team Rector who resided at the vicarage linked with St. John the Baptist church and in 2013 when our Team Vicar came to complete the allocated clergy it was agreed the vicarage at St. Paul’s Walkden Moor would be used. At this time, the vicarage in the Peel parish was sold by the diocese.

It is our hope the current stipend post is filled as soon as possible, with this in mind a little of how the team has worked since forming and continues to work.

Over the time the Team has been in existence and Team Leaders have continued to meet, we are fully aware and recognize there is still much to do to enable the three parishes to reach their full potential as members of a team with regards to Ministry and Mission. We are aware there is a continuing need for the ‘laity of the parishes’ to be more effective with regards to all aspects of ministry and mission in the churches and communities.

We are a team in which we can appoint two stipend clergy (this went from three to two in 2012) a Team Rector and Team Vicar. To aid the work of the stipend clergy, we have a Church Army Evangelist, an O.L.M., Readers, A.L.M.’s as well as the church wardens and other officers.

As with all vacancies it is a time of excitement and anticipation, we seek with the guidance of our Acting Team Rector, and through God’s guidance we are praying that during the vacancy as we look to fill the post, it we will become even stronger as a team,
encouraging one another to seek God’s will for the communities we serve. While continuing to encourage growth in every area.

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