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We want to introduce ourselves as your Navigation Team in Sefton N&S.

- **Rev Amanda Bruce**, Change Lead for Sefton N&S. Amanda will be chairing both the Navigation Team and the Clergy Leadership Team. Prior to ordination in 2008 was a primary school teacher and was also Dean of Women and Diversity for Liverpool Diocese.
- **Jim Stewart** has extensive knowledge of the variety of church backgrounds and has managed a fresh expression community for over 30 years alongside his time at St Lukes. He has professional experience of change management as well as a passion for mission and inclusion.
- **Helen Hunter** worships at St Michael's Blundellsands and has been a reader for 24 years. Has had a long connection with local churches and has experience of collaborative working and mission through the L23 Partnership.
- **Paul Beardwood** is Communications Officer at St Lukes Crosby and has a practical experience in the technical side of church communications such as ChurchSuite as well as experience in areas such as social media and websites and videography.
- **Karen Stark** worked in early years education for 27 years and is PCC secretary at St Mary's. She is the director of her family accountancy firm and uses this experience to play an active role in the administration of church life.
- **Susan Green** is a member, reader and treasurer of St John and St James church and has a wide range of previous experience in education. Was part of the team that oversaw the opening of a new church building
- **Laura Heywood** Has a professional background in operational delivery and education, specialising in coaching and mentoring. She is an active member of St Oswald's Church as a Sunday School leader, serving on PCC and as a Deanery Synod representative
- **Revd Dr Louis Johnson**, vicar of the parishes of St Mary's and St Faith, has experience of collaborative team ministry and has experience setting up new worshipping communities and social justice projects in curacy.
- **Laura Pilgrim**, Change Facilitator Fit For Mission team, Liverpool Diocese. Background in participation and engagement teams for the visual arts and STEM subjects. Was born in Bootle and attended Northfield Church until she married and moved to Aigburth.

As we journey through the 'acting as if' the Navigation Team will be the engine room that gets the wheels in motion for all the different areas that need to work together in the next two years.

For example, soon we will be pulling together a process to invite you all to submit ideas for the name of our Larger Single Parish (LSP) collating those and working out how to narrow down the best ideas. It will be our job to do the admin of consulting you, narrowing down ideas and practically putting into place the decision and sharing back with you.

We would value your prayers as we seek to hear God's plan, consider the impact of decisions on all churches and reflect on the feedback we get from other change teams and your PCC's.

At our first two meetings we shared the following verses:

Ezekiel 47.9b "...everything will live where the river goes"

John 15.8 "by this my father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples"

Isaiah 43.19 "See I am doing a new thing"

Psalm 36.9 "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light"

Revelation 22. 1-3 "The angel showed me the river of water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of a great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

We will be looking to recruit people to the various change teams soon, so please continue to pray to see if you can support us in this.

We will be bringing our church officers together so that they can share how they manage their roles in their setting.

Please send any words of encouragement, bible verses or prayers for us to reflect on at our meetings to Laura Pilgrim laura.pilgrim@liverpool.anglican.org