

## **Liverpool South Deanery Statement from Area Dean and Lay Chair**

Thank you for reading the Parish Profile for St Mary's we believe that it is an exciting time to be joining us in Liverpool South as, together, we all seek to discern what it means to be God's church in this part of the Diocese of Liverpool.

St. Mary's Church, along with five other parishes in Liverpool South Deanery has voted to go ahead to form the Single Larger Parish of Christ our Light, following an intense period of exploration over the past two years. Your role, as Vicar of St. Mary's will be to not only accompany the people of St. Mary's on this journey but to work closely with fellow Christ our Light clergy as you strengthen your relationships, minister across the new parish and share in worship, services, governance and support for one another at this time. Whilst a new Rector of Christ our Light has yet to be appointed, it is anticipated that this person will be an existing office holder and has been a part of the discernment and Clergy Leadership Team for the past two years. We are looking towards 2026 as the new parish officially comes into being.

Over recent years St. Mary's has fallen short with their Parish Share payments, but this is being reversed in 2025 with a desire to pay most, if not all of their Parish Share and work with Stewardship Officers from Liverpool Diocese to consider how they can maximise their income, particularly via their hall, and encourage stewardship via the Parish Giving Scheme.

Having recently dissolved their plurality with the neighbouring parish of All Souls, St. Mary's are looking forward to this next stage in their worshipping life, mission and ministry and are eagerly desiring their next incumbent to accompany them in this as to equip and enable them to live out their calling.

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