

Ministers on Autumn Placement

During October and November those in training to become Licensed Lay Ministers are invited to go on placement at a church which is very different to the one they normally attend. And so this Autumn, Mark Simms and Mandy Young will be less visible within the community of All Saints and across East Bristol. We wish them well with this placement and look forward to the ideas they will return with which will enrich our life here.

As in the previous two years, we will once again welcome men and women on placement into East Bristol: Brian, Janet, Peter and Sheila. They will participate in a worshipping life in its variety and see how we engage in mission within the community and may well help lead and turn up to home groups and meetings. Some may decide to remain with one church, others follow an interest eg youth work, and others shadow a minister. I hope that they will be made most welcome. At the end of their placement they will reflect theologically on what they have experienced and share that with us. This will be most helpful and help shape further our growth and life together. Special links have been developed with previous placement ministers such as Simon, a former opera singer who attends church in Horfield, who regularly contributes to the Saturday Music School. this can be a really fruitful opportunity for us all.

It is possible that our guests may well come to worship with us unannounced before the placement and I hope they, as with all newcomers, will experience the welcome of God and be able to experience his touch in their lives.

With thanks in advance for your generous support and prayers for this venture.

Keith Thomasson