

Mindful of what is possible at present, with the restrictions due to the Pandemic but also allowing ourselves to dream for the journey ahead, we need to reflect on what we are doing and also ask ourselves what we can do, as a Church Community, in order to serve and bear witness locally and globally? How are we presently co-operating together as Parish Communities and what needs to be developed as we move forward?

How do we keep in touch and reach out to the vulnerable in our midst?

How do we use our resources – in terms of our buildings, as well as our finances, for mission?

5. Since there is a vacant Presbytery at Chapel, do you have any suggestions as to how this might be used?

Timeline

Responses to the reflections to be returned to the Sisters by **6 November**.

Meetings with the Parish Councils and Fr Gerry are planned for week beginning **23 November** - either face to face or through Zoom, to give feedback.

This will be followed by a report back to the Parish by **4 December**.

We thank you for your participation in this process. A separate sheet is given for your responses. Please feel free to respond to as many of the questions as you wish. You may wish to remain anonymous although it would be helpful to know which parish community you belong to. If you are willing to help practically it would be helpful if you could also give your name.

We look forward to meeting with you at some stage and we wish you all every blessing as you embark on your journey together.

Srs Mary Deane and Susan Richert PBVM

~ Buxton and Chapel ~ Our hopes for the Journey Together

Last month, we embarked on a new journey of bringing together two faith communities; St Anne's Buxton and St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Chapel. As with any new relationship, it takes time to get to know each other. Any change involves a *letting go* and is also an opportunity for something new to emerge. The fact that this journey is happening alongside all the disruptions we have and are experiencing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, is also a reminder that life has changed for us all in so many different ways. It is in this context that Pope Francis, in his recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, emphasises the importance of fraternity between all men and women and social friendship.

*No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead.
How important it is to dream together... Let us dream then as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth, which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers, and sisters all.*

(Fratelli Tutti Par. 12)



