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The Anglican Diocese of Chester and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury are pleased to announce their agreement to share the Church of All Saints, New Brighton. It will enable both congregations to worship within the same building according to their own traditions, to provide additional social facilities, previously unavailable to the Catholic community, and most significantly, in these times of Ecumenical Dialogue, to be a beacon of fraternal cooperation within the area. Both congregations should be stronger as a result of this arrangement.

*"This agreement will show how Christians can celebrate diversity of tradition and worship whilst witnessing to our unity which comes through the Lordship of Jesus. This is a significant moment for the Church, Anglican and Roman Catholic alike."*

Revd Jeff Staples, Vicar of All Saints

*"While change is always a little difficult, I see the future for the Ss Peter & Paul Parish as full of possibilities. The prospect of working closely with Jeff and the Anglican Community of All Saints is very exciting and from that unity, both communities will grow in strength"*

Revd John Feeney, Parish Priest of Ss Peter & Paul's

*"I warmly welcome this opportunity for Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches to work in partnership together more closely. This is good for the body of Christ and it is good for the community of New Brighton and Wallasey. I pray for God's richest blessing on both congregations."*

+ Keith, Bishop of Birkenhead

*"While fully understanding the feelings of Ss Peter & Paul's parishioners at the loss of their church, I rejoice that growing friendship between Anglicans and Roman Catholics now makes possible such co-operation. My hope and prayer is that our Christian commitment will be much the stronger for this new initiative."*

+ Brian, Bishop of Shrewsbury