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1: **Important information re parking at the Induction of Revd Andrew Mills to Moderator**

Dear friends and colleagues

The bridge across Oxford Road outside St Peter's Church and Chaplaincy has been removed and the road is closed off. We are not sure if it will still be closed on 12th September for Andrew's induction. This, however, should not be a problem if you park in the multi storey car park on Booth Street East (where the Aquatics Centre is on your left and the car park on your right) and walk down the service road to the rear of St Peter's House and access the front of the building that way. Best wishes *Andy Braunston Clerk, NW Synod*

2: **New Email address for the Synod Property Officer.** Mr John Rea has been without email for the last few weeks but his new email is now up and running. Please use jsrea23@sky.com

3: **Revd Jane Rowell, Mission Enabler**

We welcome Jane Rowell to the North Western Synod as the new joint Mission Enabler with Northern Synod. Jane will be introducing herself in a future edition of the newsletter when we will give full contact details.

4: **Death of Revd T Glanville Jones**

Friends, We've heard that Revd T Glanville Jones died on Sunday. Glanville's ministries were all in Wales, at Abertillery, Roath Park, Cardiff, Windsor Road Barry & Ebenezer Llantwit Major, and as Synod Clerk. Further details will be circulated in due course. Please remember in your prayers Glanville's wife Edana and their family. *Shelagh Pollard - Synod Clerk Wales*

5: **URC North Western Synod is providing a local training event to help churches make the most of their Season of Invitation, on: Thursday 24th September at 7-30pm**

The training will take place at: **The United Reformed Church of St Andrew & St George, Bolton, BL1 2BX.**

Michael Harvey (co-founder of Back to Church Sunday) will provide interactive and relevant training, which will be useful for ministers and any churchgoers interested in making the most of opportunities to invite people to church. Across the 2 hour workshop, you will

- Learn how to produce a unique mission field for your church at any given time
- Be given tools to identify distorted thinking in your church
- Discover the creative power of fear
- Receive a number of emotional mental and physical approaches for developing a culture of invitation
- Learn best practice from Season of Invitation

Please Book Your Place on the A Season of Invitation training at

<https://urcnorthwesterntraining.eventbrite.co.uk>. The training sessions are free to attend, **and the first 10 churches** to register for the initiative will receive a free **Traidcraft Invitation Pack**

6: Albion Arts and Craft Fair

Albion United Reformed Church

Minister: Rev Alan Wickens, 119 Mellor Road, Ashton-u-Lyne OL6 6RW
Tel: 0161 339 0952
Email: alanwickens@tiscali.co.uk



Charity No. 511689

Web site address: www.albionurc.org.uk

Please reply to: Mrs. P. Jones, 9 Firs Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8PL
Tel: 0161 330 6272

ALBION ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR OCTOBER
SATURDAY THE 17TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 11.00 AM TO 3.00 PM

Dear Participant,

Thank you for offering to take part in our Albion Art & Craft Fair. We would appreciate your completing the attached form which will assist us in making arrangements for spacing. For those requiring one table the cost is £10.00 per table. If you require two tables it will be £15.00. To book your place please fill in the form below and return with your remittance if requiring a table. Please also sign to agree that all items on display during the day are at your own risk. Upon receipt of your confirmation to take part we will contact you again with full details of times of opening for setting up your display. This year the fair will again be on Saturday. The fair is becoming very popular for stall holders and for this reason we are asking for payments for table hire at the time of booking. Hurry as we are restricted to 30 tables. Hot lunches and snacks will also be available.

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Name of Group_____

Contact details_____

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF TABLES REQUIRED BELOW

ONE table Saturday£10.00.....

two tables Saturday..... £15.00

cheques to be made payable to ALBION URC.....Amount enclosed.....£.....

Post to Mrs. P. Jones 9 Firs Avenue, Ashton under Lyne , OL6 8PL

Or via PAY PAL on our website www.albionurc.org.uk

What crafts will be on display.....

Please sign below to agree that we have no insurance for works on display or for works left in the building overnight and that therefore arts and crafts are at your own risk.

Signed_____ Date_____

Albion U.R.C.

Stamford Street East, Ashton-under-Lyne
(Near the "Indian Ocean")

Heritage Day

This is part of the Civic Trust Heritage Weekend

Saturday 12th September 2015

10am to 4pm



Visit this Gothic Church find out about your local history and see Albion's hidden treasures	
The Burne-Jones Stained Glass	And for the Genealogists!
The magnificent Lewis Organ	Church Registers on display!
The Pilkington Tile Memorial	

For more information visit our Web Site www.albionurc.org.uk
Albion welcomes all visitors to join the Sunday Service at 10.30am
Refreshments on sale

8: Healing and Wholeness Retreats

To reserve your place please complete the application form and send it together with payment for the dates you will be attending. (Cheques made payable to 'Community for Reconciliation') to:

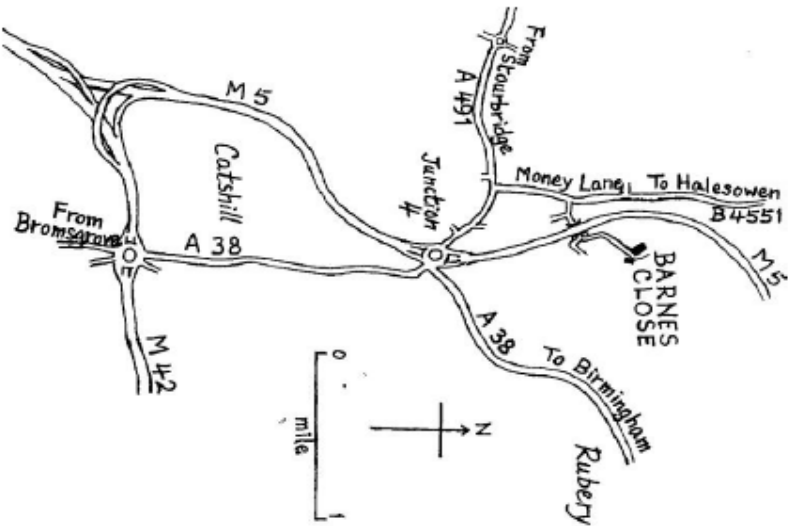
*Tan Ring, Community Coordinator,
Barnes Close, Chadwick, Bromsgrove, B61 0R4
(Email: cfenquiry@aol.com Tel: 01562 710231)*

How to find Barnes Close

Train: from Birmingham, New Street to Longbridge then by taxi or phone for a lift. Or to Bromsgrove then bus 007 (weekdays daytime only).

Bus: (govmnt Bus 42 or 145, 145A or 202, First Midland Red 144, National Express West Midlands 49, 63 or 98 to Rubery then taxi. First Midland Red 147 (Weekday daytime) from Halesowen to Bromsgrove, Droitwich Spa & passes the end of the drive. Alight on Money Lane at Malt-house Lane. (½ mile walk up drive). (Lifts can usually be arranged to & from Rubery or Longbridge)

Road: To junction 4 of the M5 motorway. Take the A491 towards Stourbridge for ½ mile. Turn right onto the B4551 (Money Lane) toward Halesowen. After ½ mile turn right into Malt-house Lane then bear left through tunnel under motorway. At end of tunnel turn left and Barnes Close is at the top of the drive.



www.cfbarnesclose.co.uk

Healing and Wholeness Retreat



Tuesday to Thursday
22nd to 24th September 2015
at Barnes Close

An opportunity to share our experiences in the healing ministry and to allow God to minister to us

*Please detach this form, complete it and return it to:
Ian Ring, Community Coordinator, Community for Reconciliation
Barnes Close, Chadwick, Bromsgrove, B61 0RA
as soon as possible, and in any event before 12th September 2015*

Please Reserve Me A Place On Healing Retreat

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth (if under 18)

Type of Room: Single Twin

Please give details of any special dietary or medical requirements:

I enclose £50 deposit
(cheques should be made payable to Community for Reconciliation)

Signed: Date:

Healing Retreat

4pm Tuesday 22nd September
to 3pm Thursday 24th September



**An opportunity to
Share experiences of healing ministry.**

**The programme will contain a mixture of
theoretical and experiential input.**

Opportunity will be given for God to minister.

**The programme is aimed the prayer and
healing ministry of the local church
rather than health care professionals**

Full Board

Cost £140 (Unwaged £120)

For Further information contact:
Ian Ring, Community Coordinator,
Tel: 01562 710231 Email: ofrenquiry@aad.com

9: Baked Alaska

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents *BAKED ALASKA* time to change the temperature
Riding Lights Theatre Company comes to **ROCHDALE** to serve up a sharp and deliciously comic slice of *BAKED ALASKA* - bringing interconnecting stories of the wild and unpredictable effects of climate change from the four corners of the earth.

Scientists, farmers, oil magnates, climate warriors, prophets, mothers, journalists and others just like you and me – we're all in the mix and hungry for a recipe of hope. In the struggle over power, some sound the warming bell, some blow hot and cold, while others make a pudding of the planet.

In the 'seriously funny' style for which Riding Lights is well known, *BAKED ALASKA* presents the reality of climate change like you've never heard it before, in a show fizzing with music and wit.

Wednesday 4th November 2015 7.30pm St Chad's Fold, Sparrow Hill, Rochdale OL16 1QT
Box Office: 01904 613000 Tickets: £12/£9 (concs) PLUS: We'd like to encourage young people to engage with issues surrounding climate change - groups of 8+ under 18s tickets £7.50 per person.

The show is presented in partnership with Christian Aid, Operation Noah and the Diocese of Lichfield, hoping to raise a compassionate voice in the run up to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris this December.

Ann Burden of Christian Aid commented: *"This year is a crucial one, ahead of the Paris summit in December. Climate change hits the poorest the hardest. We'd like to encourage everyone to get involved, raise concerns with local MPs and be part of the answer."*

For more information and a full tour schedule visit www.ridinglights.org/baked-alaska

Notes to the editor:

1 Riding Lights Theatre Company takes innovative, accessible theatre into all kinds of communities far and wide. Our aim is to create unforgettable, entertaining theatre in response to current issues and the hopes and fears of the world we share. Previous notable productions have included Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist* (with Belgrade Theatre, Coventry) the epic-scale production of the *York Mystery Plays 2012* (with York Theatre Royal and York Museums Trust) and *African Snow*, marking the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act (with York Theatre Royal). www.ridinglights.org

2 The Diocese of Lichfield is one of the largest within the Church of England, serving a population of 2 million in the West Midlands. We are committed to sharing in the care of God's creation, and the Bishop of Lichfield directed half of this year's Lent Appeal to the sponsorship of *Baked Alaska*, an environmentally-themed play. www.lichfield.anglican.org

3 Operation Noah is an ecumenical Christian charity providing leadership, focus and inspiration in response to the growing threat of catastrophic climate change. Operation Noah has produced a short document <http://operationnoah.org/what-we-do/ash-wednesday-declaration/>, entitled 'Climate change and the purposes of God: a call to the Church', which provides a theological basis for a Christian response to climate change. It has also published *Bright Now: towards fossil free Churches* as part of its Bright Now campaign. For more information about the work of Operation Noah visit operationnoah.org

4 Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities in around 50 countries at any one time. We act where there is great need, regardless of religion, helping people to live a full life, free from poverty. We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance in tackling the root causes of poverty as well as its effects. For more information about the work of Christian Aid, visit www.christianaid.org.uk

5 Christian Aid and Operation Noah are both members of The Climate Coalition, which along with sister organisations Stop Climate Chaos Cymru and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland is the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action on climate change and limiting its impact on the world's poorest communities. The combined supporter base of [our 100 member organisations](#) is more than 11 million people across the UK.

towards the 2015 United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris and beyond

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY

BAKED

*"Warming
entertainment"*
Evening Times

*"Making a
pudding of the
planet!"*
The Global Gourmet

Directed by
Paul Burbridge
Designed by
Sean Cavanagh

Written by
Paul Burbridge
and
Jonathan Bidgood

ALASKA

TIME TO CHANGE THE TEMPERATURE

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER: 7.30pm
ST CHAD'S, ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH
St. Chad's Fold, Sparrow Hill, Rochdale, OL16 1QT

Tickets: £12 / £9 (concessions) / £7.50 (under 18s in groups of 8+)
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