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1: **Vacancies at Church House**

We have a variety of vacancies at Church House currently, the adverts for which are attached.

They are:

1. **HR Administration Assistant**
2. **Safeguarding Officer**
3. **Secretary for Church and Society**

Please feel free to share these amongst your contacts as appropriate.

All vacancies and job application packs to download can be found on the vacancies page of the website here: <http://www.urch.org.uk/vacancies.html>

If you have any queries please contact the HR office.

Thank you. **Helen Bird - Human Resources Officer**

2: **Church gives out cash to worshippers**

Usually those coming to worship are asked to give money to the church through the offering, but in a bizarre turn around, worshippers at Chorley United Reformed Church's next Café Service will be given money instead.

The church will be exploring the Parable of the Talents – a story Jesus told where people were given money and expected to use it to make a profit.

Taking the story to heart, Chorley URC will be giving everyone £2 to take away and put to good use. With up to two hundred worshippers at the Café Church service, the scheme could prove expensive, but the hope is that £1,000 or more will be raised to provide much needed educational materials for young people in Africa.

The minister, Rev Martin Whiffen said "We are hoping that people will use the money creatively. For example by buying ingredients for cakes to sell or perhaps by buying a bucket and shampoo and offering to wash cars. It is a bit of a risk, people could just walk off with the money, but somehow I don't think they will".

The church will find out how successful the scheme has been at its October Café Church service, when people will be asked to return the profit they have made as part of their Harvest offering.

For more details : call Revd Martin Whiffen on 01257 273222 or 07989 140537, or email him at martinwhiffen@btinternet.com

3: News from the Metropolitan Church



In his, almost, last act as pastor before leaving the Metropolitan Church for his placement and studies to become a URC minister, Andy Braunston baptised two new members of the Church on Sunday 6th September. Arnold Ntsem is a Christian from the Central African Republic and Moe Askari is a convert to Christianity from Iran where he was raised as a Muslim. They, alongside 7 others, were admitted into membership of the Metropolitan Church - one of our two mission projects. At the end of September these new members, and 20 other members

of the Metropolitan Church will become members of their host congregation, Wilbraham St Ninian's which will become one church with two congregations. The morning congregation will have a local focus whilst the afternoon congregation will continue with a specific ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people across Greater Manchester.