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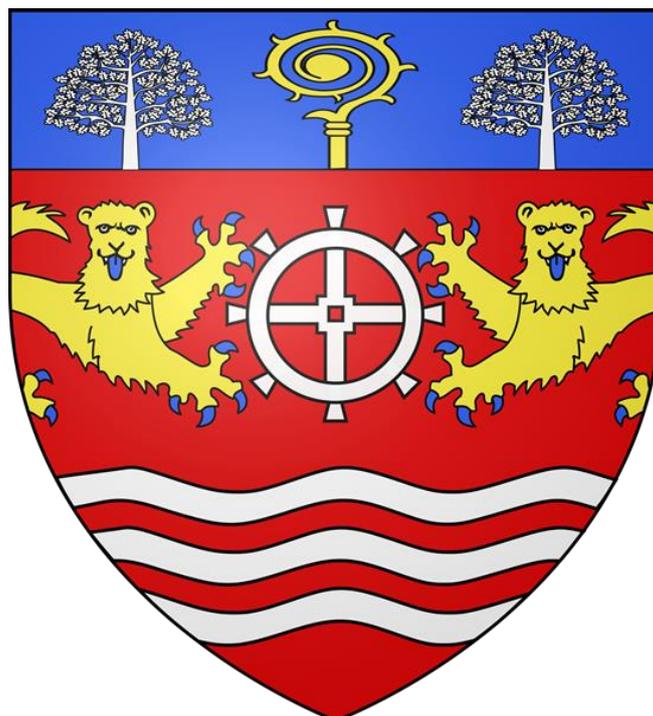
**1: Moderator's snapshots** An unusual image this week – the crest of a small town in France, reeling after the tragic events in their town. Yesterday the world was shocked at the murder of the Roman Catholic priest, Jacques Hamel. His murder by IS extremists took place in the church of St Etienne-du-Rouvray, a suburb of Rouen, during the celebration of the morning Mass. He has been described as a dedicated priest who was, at the age of 86 could have retired many years ago, courageous and dedicated his life to service within the church “until my last breath”.

A tragic event like this always makes me pause, and wonder whether I too view my discipleship of Jesus Christ to the extent where there may be consequences for me through that service of our Lord. What might be the price of walking in the Way?

Let us pray for

- the community in St Etienne-du-Rouvray
- the leaders of nations, once immediate anger is past, to strive for a resolution that results in peace
- those in our local communities who seek to support and encourage the working together of those of all faiths, and none, for the good of their community
- for those placed in prominent roles of Christian leadership within local communities as they uphold the concerns of the Gospel and God's people

**During August the “Moderator's Snapshot” will take a summer break, and return refreshed in the Autumn as our work together within the Synod gains momentum again after the summer “recess”.**



**2: Deane URC – Vera’s Bon Voyage** A well known and much loved Vera Dudley is now living in Cambridge. Vera will return to take our Choir Sunday Service on the 21st August at 10.30. All are welcome to share in this service and fond farewell.

Maria Settle and the Deane URC family.

**3: Macclesfield & Bollington URC:** Activity Week, Monday **15th - 19th August**. Anyone is welcome to join us. However, for catering purposes and for the mystery tour, it would be helpful if you would contact me on 07979 570175.

Barbara Davis (Church Secretary)

Time	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>
10.00am	Welcome & Coffee	Welcome & Coffee	Welcome & Coffee	Welcome & Coffee	Welcome & Coffee
10.30 – 11.45	To start off our week of fellowship and fun <b>‘music medley’</b>	‘Seaside Special’ Fun and frolics for all <b>Julia</b>	‘Seaside Crafts’ With <b>Julia</b>	Poetry and reflections <b>Marion</b>	Games, fun, prizes and much more <b>Judy and friends</b>
11.45 – 12.15	‘Strange Plants’ <b>Alasdair</b>	Quiz Time	‘Seaside Crafts’ With <b>Julia</b>	<b>Early Lunch</b> and ‘mystery tour’	Games, fun, prizes and much more <b>Judy and friends</b>
12.15 – 1.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Early Lunch</b> and ‘mystery tour’	Lunch
1.30 – 3.00	‘The three H’s, 2016 edition’ <b>Alasdair</b>	Film time with ice cream and popcorn	Musical Samba Medley <b>John and Sali</b>	<b>Early Lunch</b> and ‘mystery tour’	Lunch
3.00-3.30	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> <b>Transport Home</b>	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> <b>Transport Home</b>	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> <b>Transport Home</b>	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> <b>Transport Home</b>	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> <b>Transport Home</b>

**4: Death of the Revd Ernest Marvin** We regret to inform you of the death of the Revd Ernest Marvin who died in Summerfield Nursing Home, Cheltenham on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

Revd Marvin’s ministries were Lockleaze 1957- 72, St Andrew’s Sheffield 1973 – 82 and St Columba’s Cambridge 1982 - 96.

Funeral arrangements are awaited and will follow in due course.  
West Midlands Synod Office

**5: Death of the Revd Geoffrey Satchell** It is with sadness that we report to you the passing of the Revd Geoffrey Satchell, retired minister in Anstey, Leicestershire. Geoffrey died on Monday 18th July 2016 in hospital aged 93. Geoffrey had a very fruitful ministry following his ordination in 1950:-

Burnham-on-Crouch 1950-55; Harlow 1955-61; St. Aubyn's, Upper Norwood 1961-68; High Cross, Tottenham 1968-77; Brookmans Park 1977-88; Synod Clerk, Thames North Synod 1981-92.

Geoffrey and his wife were both members at Loughborough URC and Geoffrey was also the Retired Ministers contact in Leicestershire for many years, being a point of contact and helping to organise gatherings.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Margaret, and all the family. We will let you have funeral details when they are available.  
East Midlands Synod

## 6: Christian and Jewish Holocaust Study Day 2016

July 2016

You are invited  
to a Christian and Jewish

# Holocaust Study Day

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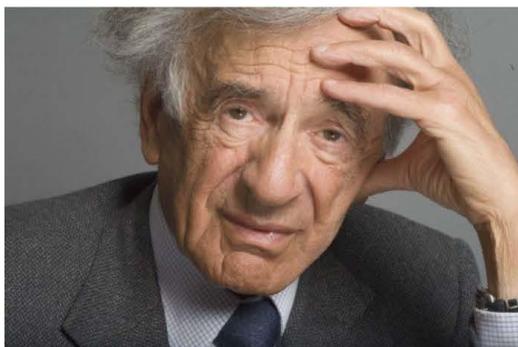
Presented in conjunction with the Council of  
Christians and Jews, Manchester

At Menorah Synagogue

**Thursday**  
**10 November 2016**

**9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Advance booking is required



*Elie Wiesel, born Transylvania 1928,  
transported to Auschwitz 1943,  
Nobel Prize for Peace 1986,  
died USA 2 July 2016.*

Eli Wiesel said:

*“For the survivor death is not the problem.  
Death was an everyday occurrence. We  
learned to live with Death. The problem is to  
adjust to life, to living. You must teach us  
about living.”*

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Our programme of lectures  
includes special guest  
speakers, leading figures in  
Jewish and Christian religious  
and academic spheres, who  
bring expert insight and  
inspiring narratives. We will  
feature a personal testimony of  
the Holocaust.

Although most of our audience  
are Christian clergy, educators  
and students, the event also  
attracts many members of  
Christian and Jewish  
congregations, and persons of  
any faith are welcomed.

For a detailed invitation, which  
will be sent in the first week of  
September, please email  
**hsd@menorah.org.uk**, or  
phone **Eric Roth on 0161 485  
6051**.

Complementing the National  
Holocaust Memorial events in  
January, our study day takes a  
primarily religious viewpoint,  
and strikes an optimistic tone  
for the future.

As in previous years, we will  
have a stimulating, informative,  
and often spiritually satisfying  
day which is a real contribution  
to inter-faith relations. Our  
organising committee, with  
Jewish and Christian members,  
looks forward to welcoming  
you.

Please mark 10 November in  
your diary, and tell your  
colleagues and friends.

There is no admission charge,  
but if you would like to help us  
cover the costs of this event, a  
donation of £5 on the day  
would be very welcome.

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**6: Lawrence Moore** Dear Friends, Many people in our Church have appreciated the work done by Lawrence Moore as the Windermere Centre's Director for the last fourteen years, and have wondered what arrangements are being made to thank him when he steps down from this role in a couple of months. Lawrence intends to work more freely and widely in the future, in supporting the learning, mission and growth of the church. Colleagues at the Windermere Centre now tell us that if anyone wishes to contribute to a leaving gift, a rather unusual and creative arrangement is in hand. The information below is available for all who are interested, and may be circulated in your local or synod networks, if you wish.

John Proctor,  
General Secretary

#### **FROM THE WINDERMERE CENTRE**

Following Lawrence Moore's resignation as Director of the Windermere Centre, many have wanted to acknowledge the outstanding contribution he has made in his fourteen years' service to the church in this role. Rather than collecting for a physical gift for him, in the spirit of Lawrence's unique ministry and his ongoing commitment to working on a pay-what-you-can basis, an online crowdfunding page has been set up to enable people to make a contribution towards supporting him financially for his forthcoming work to resource the church.

The crowdfunding page, and further details, can be found at: <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/lawrence-moore-pwyc>. Alternatively, cheque, cash or card payments can be made via the Windermere Centre (email [windermere.centre@gmail.com](mailto:windermere.centre@gmail.com), call 01539444902, or send post to The Windermere Centre, Lake Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 2BY).

This gift is intended as a surprise for Lawrence, so please try to avoid bringing it to his attention. All contributions need to be made by 6pm on 2nd September in order to be presented to Lawrence on his last working day, 4th September.

**7: Resources for planning permission** Andy Braunston has devised two sessions on Mission which have already been used in three of our Synod Churches. He has put them on Powerpoint with sound files so make them easy for other churches to use.

These sessions could be used at Elders' Meetings or an Away Day for Elders (or for a whole Church away day). They are designed to be discussion starters on helping a church think about and plan its mission.

The first session looks at how Christian understanding of mission has changed during our lifetimes to something less concerned about the expansion of the institution of the Church to something more based on the holistic values of the Kingdom of God.

After this an Eldership would be encouraged to spend a meeting looking at some specific areas of its life it would like to work on.

A second, follow up session, then helps an Eldership turn those ideas into specific goals which can be monitored over the following 2-3 years.

A group facilitator would need to have a computer with a good speaker for a small group or the use of a larger space with data projector and sound system. The Vision 2020 summary statements would be needed for the first session. A link to those statements is included on the website.

These sessions might be helpful to a church in vacancy preparing its profile, a church wishing to plan its mission over the next 2-3 years or any church that wishes to think more deeply about what mission is. The sessions are freely available to those who wish to use them.

You can download the sessions here

<http://www.nwsynod.org.uk/resources/82-two-sessions-on-mission>