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1: **Traidcraft Meet the People Tours**

If you are looking for a holiday with a difference, it's worth looking at Traidcraft Meet the People Tours. Not many people know that small groups of people can travel to far-flung destinations and gain an insight into the country's people and culture by visiting fair trade producers and development projects far removed from any tourist trail. Stella Clarke at Garstang URC is afraid the Traidcraft tour to Vietnam may be cancelled, due possibly to reaction to Brexit. It's a 19-day tour leaving on 25 October, goes from North to South Vietnam, includes 6 producer visits - helping to preserve traditional skills and generating income for small-scale artisans - and 9 tourist visits. No need to be directly involved in Fairtrade, just an interest in Traidcraft and Fairtrade products and a desire to embark on an unforgettable trip. Visit

<https://www.meetthepeopletours.co.uk/holidays/location/2016-2017-Tour-Programme/605> for Vibrant Vietnam, email traidcraft@skedaddle.co.uk or phone 0191 2651110. *Stella Clarke (Garstang URC)*

2: **Job Vacancy - Manager Wharton & Cleggs Lane Community Centre, Little Hulton**

Wharton & Cleggs Lane Church & Community Centre is a Methodist/URC ecumenical partnership in Little Hulton. It is part of the Farnworth & Worsley Methodist Circuit. The Church has a Trussell Trust Foodbank, Dad's Shed, Men's Health Group, as well as an Allotment and Gardening Group in the extensive grounds of the Church. Additionally, there is a community cafe which runs weekly on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to provide maternity cover at this exciting community initiative for a minimum of 10 months.

Job description is below and further details can be obtained from Sally Cooper Phone: 07776 441440 e-mail: sally13uk@yahoo.com

Maternity Cover - Part Time Vacancy Community Centre & Café Manager

Core responsibilities

- Manage the Community Centre at Wharton & Cleggs Lane
- Maintaining an overview of the community café with a particular focus on Thursdays
- Working with Gardening Group and 'Dads Shed'
- Oversee running of the community projects and ensuring compliance with Hygiene and Health & Safety legislation along with the safeguarding requirements of the volunteers including Vulnerable Adults.
- Keeping appropriate records of work undertaken and prepare reports as required
- Attending appropriate training courses

Potential responsibilities

- Recruitment and retention of volunteers
- Link with the wider community to promote the community activity
- Linking up with relevant professionals

Hours

12 - 16 hrs per week (mainly Tuesday and Thursday) (Number of hours negotiable)

Salary

paid at living wage

Annual £5248 to £6864

Paid monthly £429 to £572

Term of Employment

Minimum of 10 months

Accountability

The Post Holder will be employed by the Wharton & Cleggs Lane Church & Community Centre. The Post Holder will be under the supervision of the Minister working alongside other volunteers and the Community Centre Management Team (group of 3 or 4).

Further details and application form can be obtained from: Further details and application form can be obtained from:-

Sally Cooper Phone: 07776 441440 e-mail: sally13uk@yahoo.com

3: Egerton URC

Egerton URC entertained guests from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan who are visiting the NW synod in a study tour. Two are staying in the homes of the Egerton congregational and three in the nearby Darwen Pastorate. They are part of ten guests spread in the NW Synod. The five Taiwanese guests entertained the BBQ crowd with songs in a wonderful summer evening of occasion of fellowship.

**4: Revd Arnold Harrison celebrates 50 years of ministry**

Recently retired minister and ex Yorkshire Moderator and now member of Hale URC Revd Arnold Harrison preached at Central URC Darwen, formerly Duckworth Street, to celebrate 50 years on the ministry. Central was his first church in 1966. The service was enhanced by three visitors, part of a party of 10 from Taiwan, who were visiting Darwen and the North Western Synod. They explained their visit and sang local Taiwanese songs as part of the worship.



5: Church Hymnary 4 on Sale - £2.50 a copy!

The publishers of Church Hymnary 4 (the official Church of Scotland hymnbook) rebadged it for sale in England with a different title - Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise - as the original title doesn't have a resonance in England as it does in Scotland.

The hymn book is exactly the same as CH4 - same introduction and same numbering system. Unfortunately it didn't sell very well and so the publishers, from time to time, sell copies incredibly cheaply.

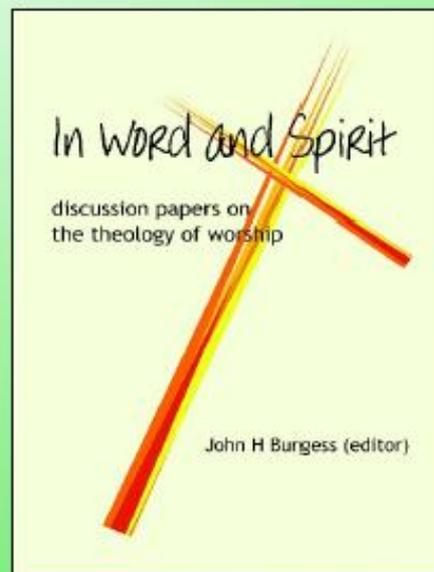
Canterbury Press' Summer Sale is now on and words editions are priced at £2.50 (normally £12) whilst full music editions are on sale at £6 (normally £27). Large print versions are only available in the CH4 branding. This is a great opportunity to buy CH4 at a bargain price. Churches might like to supplement their usual hymnbook with this book which is also rooted in our tradition and has a range of traditional and modern hymns. You can order online via <https://canterburypress.hymnsam.co.uk/features/sale-hymn-books>

6: In Word and Spirit

In Word and Spirit is a collection of discussion papers on the **Theology of Worship** by members of the United Reformed Church, previously presented to conferences and meetings of the Theology of Worship Group.

Contributors:

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Richard Goldring
Brian Harley
Michael Jagessar
Peter Stevenson
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Contents:

The publication includes papers on the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures, preaching and worship in the post-colonial and contemporary contexts.

Available as a kindle book from Amazon
(www.amazon.co.uk) £1.99

Available as a paperback (from John Burgess
email: books@spiritualseekers.co.uk) £5.75 incl p&p

For further information contact: john@spiritualseekers.co.uk

7: Death of Revd (David) Glanville Rees

To all Church Secretaries, Ministers and retired Ministers

It is with sadness that we report to you the passing of the Revd (David) Glanville Rees, retired minister living in Southport.

Glanville died this morning aged 96. Glanville had a very fruitful ministry:

London Road, Neath	1948 – 52;
Llandudno	1952 – 62;
Sefton Park, Liverpool	1962 – 67;
Norris Green, Liverpool	1977 – 82;
St. George's, Southport	1982 – 89;
Tranmere, Wirral	1989 – 92

Our thoughts and prayers are with Glanville's family and friends. We will let you have funeral details when they are available.

Best wishes

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NORTH WESTERN SYNOD ANNUAL RETREAT THE WINDERMERE CENTRE

4.30pm Friday 14th – 1.30pm -
Sunday 16th October 2016



Seeking Shalom

Led by

Reverend Ruth Dillon

Cost £125

Booking Form

North Western Synod Retreat 14th -16th October 2016

The Windermere Centre

Full board from Friday evening meal up to and including Sunday lunch

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:.....

Telephone:..... email

Special dietary requirements:

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Other requirements:

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Please return this booking form along with a cheque for £125 made out to URC North Western Province Trust Ltd. to **Michele Jarmany, 6 Mearley Syke, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 1JG** by **Saturday 18th September 2016 at the latest.**

For further details email michelejarmany@hotmail.com or Tel. 01200 442389

9: Learning & Development Officer/ Support and Development Tutor



Northern College, Manchester and North Western Synod of the United Reformed Church are looking for a

Learning and Development Officer/Support and Development Tutor

The College and Synod are looking to fill a post which we believe is a creative opportunity for co-operation as we each work towards a common goal – the equipping and building up of the people of God across the URC.

The post holder can negotiate their home/working base during the application and interview process.

Applications from URC ministers of Word and Sacraments or CRCW, and from ministers of Word and Sacrament within CTBI and/or WCRC, will be welcomed.

The closing date for applications (which should be submitted to the North Western Synod office marked for the attention of the moderator, Revd Andrew Mills) is 2nd September 2016.

Shortlisting will take place during the week beginning 5th September 2016. Short-listed candidates will be informed by the end of that week.

Interviews will be held on 16th September 2016.

FURTHER DETAILS including a job descriptions may be obtained from:

Revd Andrew Mills, Moderator, North Western Synod via the Synod Office admin@nwsynod.org.uk

Revd Dr Rosalind Selby, Principal, Northern College, rosalind.selby@lkh.co.uk

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE NW SYNOD OFFICE: Either by email - admin@nwsynod.org.uk or by post - United Reformed Church Synod Office, Franklin Street, Eccles, Manchester, M30 0QZ.



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (CYDO)

Mersey Synod of the United Reformed Church
seeks to appoint a **Children's and Youth Development Officer (CYDO)**, including being part of the
National team.

Salary: £29,000 - £34,000 per annum depending on experience

Full-time post of 37.5 hours per week

We are looking for someone

- With a nationally recognised qualification in Children's or Youth or Community work with at least 2 years' experience in children's and youth work
- To inspire and encourage children and young people
- To be committed to sharing the Gospel message willingly and enthusiastically
- To develop and implement children's and youth work
- To work proactively and directly with churches

The post holder will be working from home with office based work as appropriate in the Synod Office in Wavertree, Liverpool.

If you are interested in working for us and can meet all of the above requirements, please contact Mrs Denise Holland, Office Admin Assistant, at the Synod Office for an application pack, or download from website www.urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Email: adminassistant@urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Or telephone 0151 722 6590.

(Please note that we do not accept CVs)

Closing date for applications: Friday 30th September 2016

Interview dates: Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October 2016

There is an occupational requirement for the job holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 Part 1, Schedule 9. Any appointment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance.