
News from the NW Synod 29th March 2017

Newsletter



Please remember to book your tickets for the North Western/Mersey Synod Big Day Out (£8 an adult ticket before 17th April £10 after) only 2 weeks 5 days to get your **CHEAPER TICKETS!**

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1: Moderators Snapshot Double snapshot this week! At least once a year in each Synod Area the retired ministers and spouses gather together for a time of worship, fellowship, consideration of current matters, and a splendid lunch together. Our retired ministers continue to exercise widely varying ministries as they are able, providing invaluable support for our congregations in many parts of the Synod. The snapshot shows some of the Lancashire Synod Area gathering, though not all in the picture are retired. The Revd Dr Rosalind Selby, Principal of Northern College (left) had come to speak about patterns of training for ministry today (together with one of our students in training Cath Atkinson – 2nd from left on front row). The needs of the Church have changed, and patterns of training are more varied and everyone appreciated Rosalind's insights from her perspective as Principal.



The second snapshot is of Revd Nigel Adkinson (behind lectern) and Revd Marion Tugwood leading our closing worship at Synod on Saturday. We were wonderfully hosted by the folk at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC in their recently refurbished premises – and bacon butties were a wonderful start to the day. The agenda was full, and plenty of discussion took place around the proposed Synod strategy for resourcing the ministry of all God’s people across our congregations. In addition, following intensive conversations recently with central Committees and Church House staff, a substantial resolution was passed to go to Mission Council concerning the future of the Windermere Centre and offering to support its future work with lay ministry development.



2: University Chaplain St. Peter's House Chaplaincy, Manchester

St. Peter's House hosts the ecumenical chaplaincy to The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Northern College of Music. An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Chaplain who will bring multi-faith knowledge and experience to the work of the team.

The role will suit a collaborative, highly motivated, creative, mission minded person, either lay or ordained.

Salary £35,000 with contributory pension scheme.

For more details email: sph.reception@manchester.ac.uk or see: www.stpeters.org.uk.

Closing date: **10 am on Tuesday 18 April 2017.**

3: Revd Leslie Guthrie It is with sadness I write with news that Leslie Guthrie, one of our retired Ministers, passed away peacefully on 23rd March after a stroke.

Leslie was living in the Isle of Man and had previously served at:

Church of Scotland –1986;
Finch Hill 1986 – 1993;
St. Andrew's, Douglas 1986 – 2009.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jean, and their family and friends.

The service to celebrate Leslie's life will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Glencrutchery Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 5HZ on 5th April at 1.15 pm.

4: Children and Youth Work Training 23.09.17 and 21.10.17 - Save the date(s)!

It used to be called 'HotPot' but we've changed the name to the much more memorable "North West Christian Children and Youth Work Training" (Leo wasn't at that meeting...)

23rd September at Nazarene Theological College in Didsbury

21st October at Fulwood Free Methodist Church in Preston

A day of issue-based workshops for children's and youth workers looking at how churches can help with the 'momentous occasions' faced by children and young people including bereavement, moving to a new school, parental separation...

More details in the next few weeks but, for now, put the date of the training that suits you in your diary.

5: News from Sefton Road URC In January we welcomed eight new Members into our Church family. We enclose a photograph of six of them along with the Minister Rev. Brenda Willis who brought them into our membership.



6: Job Advert Kendal Methodist Circuit is looking to appoint a Local Pastor to work alongside Sandylands, Stricklandgate and Fellside Methodist churches. Full details and application pack on our website: www.kendalmethodistcircuit.org.uk Fixed term appointment from 1 September 2017 until 31 July 2021 Salary £22-23.5K – plus housing Closing date 21 April 2017 at 12 noon Interviews on Tuesday 2 May 2017 There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the holder of this post to be a Christian.

7: HELP! Does any Church use a Digital Hymnal? Sale URC's Digital Hymnal has gone missing/stolen. Can you please pass an enquiry to other Churches in the area who might also use similar equipment so that Jerry can contact a UK distributor for a replacement, as the equipment they had was an American model.

If any Church can help please contact me at 0161 962 5718 or 07940893308.
Many thanks
Jerry Cutler

8: Save the date for the NW Synod Annual Retreat



Friday 27th to Sunday
29th October
The Windermere Centre
“WHO’S GOT TIME?!”



Led by Revd. Sarah Moore

Cost £150

To reserve a place contact Revd. Michele Jarmany

01200 442389

michelejarmany@hotmail.com

The Windermere Centre

Cost £150

North Western Synod Retreat to 29th October
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
£150 made out to URC North Western Province Trust Ltd. to:

**Michele Jarmany,
6 Mearley Syke, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 1JG
by Saturday 30th September 2017 at the latest.**

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