
News from the NW Synod 5th April 2017



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 1 week and 5 days to get your **CHEAPER TICKETS!**

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This week one of our four Synod Area Pastoral Committees met in the Central Area. The 10-strong committee wrestled with all manner of concerns involving the very varied mission situations of our congregations in the Central Area. One of the strengths of the committee is the way in which many forms of ministry are present and contribute different perspectives about how we can best support our congregations in their worship and witness. These ministries include those in local Church leadership, those involved in fostering ecumenical relationships, NSMs (Non Stipendiary Ministers), Church Related Community Work ministry, Lay Preachers, those with finance hats, and Stipendiary Ministers, and more. We are blessed in our common life with those who are willing to serve our wider partnership in the Gospel and bring these many different outlooks to shape the support we offer to one another.

Please pray for:

- the work of our four Synod Area Pastoral Committees as they seek to facilitate the support we can offer across all our congregations in mission and ministry
- the Area and Synod Pastoral Committees as they participate in shaping the work of missional discipleship and Missional Partnerships across the Synod following the work of our recent Synod Meeting
- the continuing development of all the gifts of God's People through many different ministries so that "From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16)

2: Revd Chris Tolley died peacefully on Thursday 16th February following a long battle with severe ill health that caused him to retire last autumn from the South Pembrokeshire Pastorate.



Prior to moving to Pembrokeshire in 2012, Chris had served at Over, Winsford and Northwich 2003-2012 and Nantwich 2010-2012.

A service of celebration will be held at St. John's Church, Tenby (Warren Street, Tenby SA70 7JT) at 2.00pm on Monday 6th March followed by burial.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, Suzanne, and with their family and friends

3: News from Trinity Barrow in Furness The exhibition ran from 27th. March to 1st. April. About eight schools participated as well as several Brownie Packs and three Church Groups. It was amazing to see the ingenuity in the use of materials and the interpretation of the various stories.



4: News from Heald Green URC On Tuesday 11th April (Tuesday in Holy Week) at 7.30pm Heald Green URC are hosting an reflection on the Way of the Cross put together by Andy Braunston using clips from Mel Gibson's the Passion of the Christ, music - mainly from Handel's Messiah - and reflections written from the perspective of the Centurion. There will be time for silent prayer and thought as we mark Holy Week together. Friends from neighbouring churches are welcome to join in with Heald Green and Gatley as we mark this special time in the Church's year. For more details contact Andy Braunston via frbraunston@gmail.com

5: News from Albion Church

United Christian Singers
Musical Director Anne Wildo
Accompanist Martin Stuart
present

Music for the Easter Season
with songs from



by Carol and Jimmy Owens



by Schönberg & Boublil.

Sunday 23rd April 2017
7:00pm
Admission Free
Retiring Collection in aid of Albion Church
Albion United Reformed Church
Stamford St E, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6QQ
Enquires 0161 344 0157

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Embroidery	Knitted items	Candles	Jewellery
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Entrance Fee £1 – Includes one free drink

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6: News from Alkrington & Providence URC

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



His Stand for the Gospel was the beginning of the
Protestant Reformation

Alkrington & Providence URC, Manchester New Rd,
Middleton M24 1LB

Would like to invite you to an exhibition on the:-

Life & Times of Martin Luther

On Saturday 15th April 2017 between 12 -4pm

Exhibits include:

Luther's Family, A Changing World, A Lightning Bolt
Life & Education

The 95 Theses, Luther's Writing, Here I Stand,
In the People's Language

Theologian Dad

Final Words

Refreshments will be available