
News from the NW Synod 9th August 2017

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1: Albion United Reformed Church Heritage Day

Albion United Reformed Church, Stamford Street East, Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, OL6 6QQ.

Albion URC's Grade II* gothic style building was completed in 1895. Hammerbeam roof with angelic support as in the Palace of Westminster. Stained glass by Burne-Jones, installed by William Morris. Lewis Grade II organ playing intermittently. Pilkington tile war memorial designed by Gordon M. Forsyth and many names have been researched to commemorate WWI. Church marriage registers on display plus 19th century baptismal records. History board showing Albion's past from 1780s onwards with many artefacts on show.

Members of the congregation, dressed in Victorian costume will be available to share some of our history. This year there will be ALBION EXPLORER PACKS for use by children to help them discover interesting facts about this magnificent building.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Event contact over the festival: Jean Goodall.

Directions

Albion Church is on Stamford Street East, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6QQ: access is from Mossley Road (B6194) or from Park Parade (A635) heading towards Stalybridge - the church is signposted on the left after the telephone exchange / Albion Church traffic lights.

Website www.albionurc.org.uk



2: At Bury (with Freetown) URC

We had a very special occasion to celebrate. Ellen & Harry Driver were married some 60 years ago on this very day 6th August. They were married at New Road Congregational Church - our former church building on Rochdale Road.

To celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary Ellen and Harry had a cake which they cut at the beginning of the service. This was shared with the congregation when they had their tea and coffee after worship.

Many members and friends wished them well and gave them cards on the occasion of their special wedding anniversary. Ellen and Harry shared pictures of their wedding day together with a lovely card from the Queen congratulating them on their Diamond Wedding.

3: Revd Robin Diffey

On behalf of the Synod Clerk, it is with deep regret that we advise you of the death on Monday night of the Reverend Robin Diffey, retired minister living in Axminster. Robin had recently been admitted to hospital having suffered a stroke.

His ministries were at Chard 1963-68; Radipole & Upwey 1968-70; Mount Pleasant, Pontypool 1970-76; Horfield, Bristol 1976-88; Heavitree & Pinhoe, Exeter 1988-96 and Axminster, Charmouth & Seaton 1996-2005.

We will pass on details of the funeral arrangements once these are known.

Kind regards,

Hilary

Hilary Bradshaw

PA to the Moderator The United Reformed Church, South Western Synod Office

Hidden Wounds in Our Midst

How might we preach prophetically, facing the challenges of domestic abuse from a faith perspective?

What?

A day to explore how, through preaching, worship, prayer, listening and learning, we begin to discern the challenge the gospel poses for our relationships, calling us to repentance, and enabling restoration and healing. The purpose of the day is to equip those involved in pastoral care and anyone who preaches, teaches or speaks into the issue of domestic abuse.

Who?

Our keynote speakers are:



Kathy Galloway, a practical theologian, campaigner and writer on issues of peace, social justice, liturgy and spirituality.



Elaine Storkey, an experienced writer and speaker in relating the Christian Gospel to contemporary culture and author of 'Scars against Humanity,' which addresses the global incidence of violence against women.

The programme

The day includes worship, sermons by Kathy Galloway and Elaine Storkey as well as a range of workshops that explore key issues, such as scripture and theology, prophetic preaching, pastoral responses and prayer ministry, sociological perspectives, liturgy and communal action.

When + where?

Saturday, 20th January 2018, 9.30am to 3.30 pm at St Thomas Church, Stricklandgate, Kendal, LA9 4QG

Additional information

The costs are £20 per person, but do let us know if you require a reduced rate. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Further information, including the full programme, a list of workshop options, travel directions, information about parking near St Thomas Church and a booking form can be found at: <http://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk/event/wounds>. Or phone us on 01768 807765.

The deadline for booking is Thursday, 30th November.



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