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Every other month I meet with a group of God's people in each Synod Area – always a privilege and a joy to share together in worship, work and concern for the witness of God's folk in each of our congregations. Of course we give each group a name – in this snapshot it's the South Area Pastoral Committee meeting at Heald Green URC yesterday. Sometimes I wish we could come up with another word than "committee" for those who gather together, volunteers from across our congregations, to share and pray and work so that the light of Christ might be sustained in the 135 communities around the Synod.

Please pray for:

- the Pastoral Committees in each of the Synod Areas, as they continue to strive to ensure that we truly are partners in the Gospel, with a mutual responsibility for the care and support of each other
- each Pastoral Committee as each year the need arises for new members to be identified from across the congregations in each Area
- each of our congregations – that we may discern under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the different gifts which each member has been given for the building up of all God's people in each congregation, and in serving Christ faithfully together.

2: Heald Green URC This Year we are celebrating 150 years of a Church Building on our present site.



Over the years the Church has served the Community in many varied ways and we are still working to this end.

Having recently completed the refurbishment of our Church Hall we are having an Open Morning with displays of by-gone history and present day organisations which include a Dance Group, Patchwork and Quilters, Pre School Play Group, Pensioners Plod and Sugar Craft on **Saturday the 2nd December 2017 between 10 am and 2 pm.**

So why not pop in for a tea/coffee and cake and take a look at what goes on at Heald Green United Reformed Church

Wilmslow Road Heald Green SK8 3BH

3: News from Christ Church South Manchester After several delays and many months Christ Church South Manchester are ready to open the doors of their Parris Wood Road church building again. The last service was held on Christmas Day 2016, and since then worship has been held in the church hall. We are having an open day on November 25th and a service of dedication on November 26th to which everyone is warmly invited. We hope that our church building will now match the warm welcome that everyone receives from our congregation, with new heating, modern toilets and kitchen and a far more accessible entrance. Our hall is already used by the community, but hopefully our new improved facilities will mean that the building will be viewed as available, comfortable and inviting premises and will be widely used by the community which we serve.

4: Nativity Resources Still wondering what to do about the nativity with your children/Young people? The Bible Society have got it covered! And it's free! <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/pop-up-nativity/>

5: Lancashire Festival of Hope



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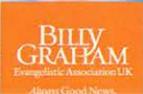
Luncheon on **16th November 2017 1:00pm**
Hilton Blackpool, North Promenade Blackpool FY1 2JQ



Guest Artist **Lara Martin**

Pastors, come and catch the vision for the **FESTIVAL OF HOPE**. Bring two of your church leaders and join us for this time of worship and prayer.

For bookings, RSVP at:
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