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1: Synod Roadshows to be held at the end of February / beginning of March 2018

A further round of **Synod Roadshows** at which the elders of our churches can further consider our strategies for sharing in **Missional Discipleship and Missional Partnerships** are being held in late February and early March.

The dates times and venues of the Roadshows in Lancashire, Central and South Areas are given below;

Please share these dates and times with the elders of your churches.

It would be most helpful to attend a roadshow in your area but if this is not possible it will be ok to attend a roadshow in another area. Roadshows will focus on arrangements for Missional Partnerships in the area in which they are held.

It will be important for every church to be well represented at one or both of the Roadshows in your Area.

South Area Friday March 2nd

- Bramhall, Robins Lane off Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall SK7 2PE at 2.0 pm – 4.0 pm
- Macclesfield & Bollington, Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA at 7.0 pm– 9.0 pm

Lancashire Area Wednesday 28th February

- Darwen Central, Duckworth Street, Darwen BB3 1AT at 2.0 pm – 4.0 pm
- Bispham, Cavendish Road, Bispham FY2 9JR at 7.0 pm – 9.0 pm

Central Area Thursday 1st March

- Radcliffe, Blackburn Street, Radcliffe M26 3WQ at 2.0 pm – 4.0 pm
- Alkington, Manchester New road, Middleton Manchester M24 1LB at 7.0 pm – 9.0 pm

2: Out loud Reading of St Mark's Gospel

The Pastorate of Radcliffe Stand & Farnworth URC's are holding an

OUT LOUD READING OF MARK'S GOSPEL

on Saturday 3rd March 2018 commencing at 10:00am.

This will take place at Radcliffe URC Blackburn St, Radcliffe, M26 3WQ
with a break mid-way for refreshments and bacon butties!
Everyone welcome, there's plenty of parking!

A great article in the Whitehaven News - please note though that due to Mike's work commitments we have had to change the day to a Friday. The first concert will be on FRIDAY MARCH 9 @ 12.00 noon

- ### **3: Lunchtime concerts to be held at Whitehaven church**
- Striking music by the world's greatest composers are set to ring out at lunchtime concerts in Whitehaven. A great article in the Whitehaven News The first concert will be on FRIDAY MARCH 9 @ 12.00 noon. Please click on the link for more information.



<http://www.whitehavennews.co.uk/news/Videos-Lunchtime-concerts-to-be-held-at-Whitehaven-church-0ddafec0-8129-46fa-92bd-f7f997c30086-ds>

Mike Farrer - Organist

4: The Knitted Bible



5: A Date for your Diary Revd Shou-Hui Chung's appointment at Chaplain to Taiwanese and Mandarin Speaking Students ends after 12 years in July this year. To mark the occasion a special service will be held at St Peter's House on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 2 00 pm. The Moderator will preside and the guest preacher will be Revd Nigel Uden, Moderator Elect of the General Assembly. The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan will be sending representatives and those coming from Church House include Revd John Procter and Revd Richard Church. The Mandarin Choir will be singing at the service.

During her ministry, Shou-Hui has visited many churches in the Synod and so we hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

More information from Angela Bogg, angela.bogg@btopenworld.com, telephone 0161 881 3521.

6: The United Reformed Church Worship Workshop



Worship Workshop

An opportunity to learn together, share together and support each other



in this workshop we will explore how to design and use prayers in worship



EVERYONE WELCOME

the same workshop is repeated three times

The 14th April at Roby URC at 10.00am

or

28th April at Short Street URC at 10.00am

or

12th May at Sale URC at 10.00am

Discipleship

7: FREE TO A LOVING HOME! (will need collecting)

Trinity URC Lancaster has downsized and so no longer has room for the following items:

Communion table



Length – 60''/152 cm
Width - 29.5''/75 cm
Height - 36''/91.5 cm

Side table



Length – 42''/106.5 cm
Width - 24''/61 cm
Height - 30''/76 cm

53 small melody editions of Rejoice and Sing

Used but usable!

If you are interested in any of these items please contact Lynne Cadzow on lcadzow@BTinternet.com
Measurements are not guaranteed 100% accurate!

8: Singing Hymns Again for the First Time! Saturday 17 march 2018 at St Andrew and St George URC Bolton St George's Road, Bolton BL1 2BS 11.00 am – 3.30 pm

This year the Progressive Christianity Network annual meeting will be hosted by the United Reformed Church in Bolton town centre. The AGM is the occasion to meet members from across the network, to conduct the election of trustees and the presentation of accounts but also this year to sing hymns and songs again FOR THE FIRST TIME!

You may be tired of some of the outmoded hymns and unimpressed with some of the happy-clappy songs. You enjoy a good tune and a hymn which inspires you. Well this day is for you!

Under the guidance of two experienced musicians and an opportunity for all of us to contribute our ideas on good hymn choice, we shall hear and enjoy singing a selection of songs and hymns plus some theological reflection which will give us fresh hope! please come and join us!

Programme

Arrive anytime from 10.30 am with time to have a coffee and meet friends – or at 12 noon for the singing.

11.00 am Welcome and the AGM of PCN Britain - Papers for the AGM, including nomination of trustees, will be sent to members from the office

12 noon – 1.00 pm A RADICAL SING – IN! - Led by PCN members and under the musical direction of Andy Thomas and Anne Padget

Opening songs followed by small group breakout with a chance to share knowledge of good and bad hymns

1 00pm – 1.45 pm Lunch bring your own or slip out for a sandwich

1.45pm – 3.00 pm

Singing and reflecting upon hymns and songs around the themes of God, Jesus, Peace, Justice, Creation, World Faiths, Illness, Life and Death and whatever else you might suggest!

There is no charge for the day (although we hope to take a collection to cover costs) but it would be helpful to know how many people hope to attend. We also would like to hear about any song or hymn you wish to share on the day. Please therefore contact: Jim Hollyman at: jimhollyman@ntlworld.com so that we know how many to expect.

Words and music of hymns or songs may be sent to Adrian Alker at: adrian.christine@googlemail.com

9: Pastoral and Development Worker with Older People

The **Methodist Church** 



The Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit
of the Methodist Church
in association with the
Northallerton United Reformed Church,
is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and proactive



Pastoral and Development Worker with Older People

This is a new post to start on 1 September 2018 and we would welcome applicants with experience and knowledge of working with older people with dementia and other vulnerabilities. This role presents a great opportunity to share God's love in the community.

Flexible 40 hours per week

Salary of £19,187 per annum plus pension and training opportunities.

The post holds a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian.

For further information please contact:

Revd. David Godfrey MA.

Email. david.godfrey66@icloud.com tel. 01609 773620

For an application pack please contact:

Mrs C Wilson

Email. circuit.admin@northallertonmethodistchurch.org.uk tel. 07808 627964

The closing date for applications is Thursday 22 March 2018 at 17.00 hrs.

PARISH NURSES

Parish nurses are currently registered nurses who help people of all faiths and none...

- ...To maintain their health and well-being by providing health education
- ...To recover their health and wellbeing after surgery or temporary illness
- ...To remain independent and self-manage any long term condition
- ...To have as much quality of life as possible in the final stages of life.

They do any or all of the above with an intentional focus on spiritual care.



Parish Nursing
Ministries UK

Parish Nursing Ministries UK are the national infrastructure charity for parish nursing in the UK- providing training, resources and ongoing professional support for nurses and their Churches/Christian

organisations.

SEMINAR for CHURCH LEADERS & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

THURSDAY MARCH 22nd 2018,

1.00 for 1.30 pm till 4 pm

St Thomas's Church, Kendal. LA9 4QG

Bishop James Newcombe, Bishop of Carlisle & CofE Lead *Bishop* on *Healthcare* writes:

Jesus sent people out to heal and to tell people that the Kingdom of God was near them. Parish nurses work in the community around the church, promoting whole-person health to all, inspired by faith. I warmly commend this seminar to you and hope it will result in more of this inspirational ministry among us.

Revd. Richard Teal, Methodist Chair of Cumbria District writes: *Here is an opportunity for our churches to do something to help people stay as healthy as possible with the added ingredient of prayer should they so wish....Let's find out more. See you there!*

RSVP by March 15th 2018 to: Dr Alison Fleetwood, GP:

healing.adviser@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

More info contact Alison or take a look at www.parishnursing.org.uk

Programme:

1.00: Light lunch and tea/coffee

1.30: Welcome and short prayer:

Revd George Briggs, Vicar, St Thomas's Church, Kendal

1.35: Introductions: Dr Ros Moore, CEO, Parish Nursing Ministries UK

1.45: Health challenges in the North West: NHS speaker

2.00: Role of the Church in Community Transformation:

Ven Vernon Ross, Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, Carlisle Diocese.

2.10: Overview of Parish Nursing philosophy and practice:

Dr Ros Moore

2.30: A GP perspective:

Dr Alison Fleetwood, GP and Carlisle Diocesan Healing Adviser

2.40: Case studies:

- Morecambe Bay (Ruth Macdonald, Parish Nurse and NW Coordinator for PNMUK)
- Scorton (Carol Newton, Volunteer Parish Nurse)

3.00: Practical arrangements and costs:

Dr Ros Moore

3.10: Questions and discussion:

Chaired by Dr Alison Fleetwood

3.30: Next steps for churches/Help available from PNMUK:

Revd Dr Helen Wordsworth, Founder/Director, Parish Nursing Ministries UK

3.50: Final remarks: Ven Vernon Ross

4.00: Closing prayer: Ven Vernon Ross