

NEWS FROM THE NW SYNOD 7TH MARCH 2018



TRAVELLING TO THE SYNOD MEETING!

17th March @ Westbury Gardens Blackburn BB1 1XF.

The Book of Reports will be circulated shortly to Synod Reps and Ministers. Please note the book of reports will include the postcode for those who use Sat Nav.
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1: Moderators Snapshot



Giving away Bibles on Sunday at Central URC, Darwen. What a joy and a privilege to be involved in sharing with a Church who have taken the step of giving away Bibles to those without – in the snapshot to some of those adults and children who are going through the legal processes seeking asylum, with all the strain and pressure that puts upon them.

Eugene Peterson puts a scripture I learnt as a teenager into language which captures the essence of these verses in a fresh way:

But don't let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

(2 Timothy 3:14 – 17, The Message)

Please pray for:

- those opportunities we have for being salt and light in the world, and to those in desperate need of justice, mercy and peace; especially families who have fled their homes, seeking asylum, and living with great uncertainty in their lives
- the opportunities we have to freely offer the Word of Life to people in our communities, and the challenges every congregation faces in finding fresh ways of connecting people with the Gospel
- all the churches (all denominations) in Cumbria as communities receive teams led by Bishops, Methodist District Chairs, and Moderators as part of the Moving Mountains Mission: for the Holy Spirit to breathe Life into individuals and communities through this exciting opportunity from Thursday to Sunday (8th – 11th) this week.

2: 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:
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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.

3: Rural Ministries Annual Conference Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire 8th-9th June 2018

Sharing our God led experiences in a missional sense should inspire and encourage us. We should be challenged to view the culture and community that we are part of through God's eyes, how might that change your church mission activities? What might you be led to stop and engaged to start something new? Together, we will enjoy two days of fellowship, discussion, learning and sharing based on John's Gospel.

We are delighted that our teaching sessions will be led by Rev Canon Dave Male who has recently been promoted to Church of England Director for Evangelism and Discipleship. He is highly respected for his expertise and is very experienced in helping churches implement missional strategies. We believe those attending will benefit greatly from his sessions. Our times of worship will be led by Sam and Sara Hargreaves of engageworship.

The conference cost is just £90 per person including accommodation on the 8th June, all meals and delegate packs. Full details of the event and booking information can be found on our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

If you have any queries, then please feel free to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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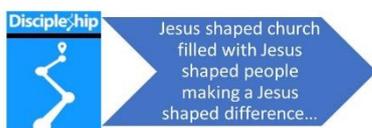
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Rural Ministries, BM Box 3716

London, WC1N 3XX

4: Synod Youth Day...

Jesus Shaped Church



Well, a day for young people while Synod is meeting...

Synod is organising a day event at Westbury Gardens URC in Blackburn (where Synod meets) on March 17th for Secondary school aged young people and older.

A full programme of activities focusing on Jesus-Shaped-Church.

PLEASE pass this information/invitation on to the young people who are connected to your church.

Encourage them to come along and help them to do so by offering them a lift.

Please feel free to come along - but let Leo know if you are so that he can sort out numbers, resources - and Jaffa cakes. Cadge a lift off whoever is going to synod from your church 😊:)

Please share as widely as you can... but remember to let Leo (cydo@nwsynod.org.uk) know if you are coming, or bringing someone with you!

5: The Big Speak Out – Nottingham University, 6-8th July For 11-18 Olds, a chance to have YOUR say on issues that the wider church is struggling with...

North Western Synod will fund the conference cost (£126/62.50) for young people, including Pilots, who apply – but applications need to be made as soon as you can!

The Big Speak Out
Nottingham
6 to 8 July 2018

A weekend of fun, faith
friendship, fellowship and
finding a voice for 11-18s –
come and have your say!

For further details visit
www.unc.org.uk/tbso

... open to all 11 to 18 year-olds
associated in any way with the
URC – and will engage with the
URC's 2018 General Assembly

Organised by **PILOTS** for all URC Youth

Dinner Friday 6 to Lunch
Sunday 8 July inclusive
Full Cost £125 per person
- Pilots will pay half so
ONLY £62.50!

The Big Speak Out
The University of Nottingham,
Beeston Lane, Nottingham,
Nottinghamshire, NG7 2RJ

Book your place at www.unc.org.uk/tbso before 4 May 2018
or contact the Children's and Youth office for a booking form
If financial help is required please contact Children's and Youth office

children.youth@unc.org.uk 020 7916 8683

Leaders are welcome to accompany groups and attend
the Leaders Gathering (£125 per person – please ask local
church or synod for help with funding)

For all young people aged 11 to 18 years old

There is also a “Leader’s Gathering” – so if you bring your young people you won’t be twiddling your thumbs for the weekend!

6: GREENBELT Youth Ambassadors The United Reformed Church is a partner with Greenbelt and is looking to appoint some Youth Ambassadors in our synods who will promote the event. Ambassadors get to event Greenbelt free of charge... so it's worth applying!

If you are interested, please contact Leo Roberts (cydo@nwsynod.org.uk) and he will send you an application form.

7: U name it...a new gathering for Church young people

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**A new gathering
FOR CHURCH
YOUNG PEOPLE**

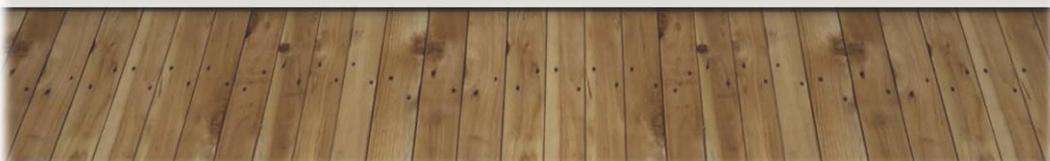
**Sunday 18th March
3:00 - 4:15**

Christ Church South Manchester
Parrs Wood Road (in the church
hall)
Corner of Parrs Wood Road / Fog
Lane
Didsbury
Manchester
M20 6EE

**FOOD // FUN //
DISCUSSION //
GAMES // NEW
FRIENDS**

Led by 2 qualified youth leaders –
permission slips on arrival.

*** WE STILL HAVEN'T THOUGHT
OF A NAME YET. ANY IDEAS?**



8: Mission Praise Music Edition...wanted! We have been trying everywhere to buy a second-hand copy of the Complete Mission Praise Music Edition, the 25th Anniversary edition, published in 2009.

The ISBN number is **978 0 00 728602 7**

The book is black, hardback, and contains 1250 songs and hymns.

The problem we have is that this edition has been replaced (yet again!), this time by a new two-part version which doesn't meet our needs. We only need one extra copy for one extra singer.

Very happy to pay, of course, and to meet postage costs.

Stephen Cornish (The United Church Hyde)

Please contact the Synod Office on 0161 789 5583 or alternatively email office@nwsynod.org.uk.

9: Death of the Revd Michael O'Hara We have received the sad news from South Western Synod that one of their retired ministers, Rev Michael O'Hara passed away Thursday Feb 22nd in the Royal Devon & Exeter hospital, Exeter. He had been poorly on and off for the last couple of years.

Michael served at Buckingham & Tingewick 1967 – 83, Potterspurty & Paulerspury 1974 – 83; East Grinstead 1983 – 99; Balcombe 1988 – 99; Chapel Street Sidmouth 1999 - 2002

Michael and his wife Mary, and sister Jill were members at Chapel Street URC and transferred to Primley when their church closed last January.

A service of Celebration of his Life will be held at Primley URC on March 15th at 11am and will be led by Rev Iain McDonald. Please remember the family in your prayers.

10: Stories of Hope

Register here

Friday, 27 April 2018 – 10.00am to Friday, 27 April 2018 – 4.00pm

Manchester Methodist Central Hall

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

United Kingdom

Join us for Christian Aid's first North West conference! Connect with other supporters to share ideas and engage more with Christian Aid's movement for justice.

There will be the opportunity to hear from the Bishop of Manchester and from our Haiti Country Manager, Prospery.

Find out more about our brand new campaign, and so much more!

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Suggested donation: £8 to cover catering costs.

For more information, contact **Bex Turner** (01925 582 817).