

# NEWS FROM THE NW SYNOD 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018



## **TRAVELLING TO THE SYNOD MEETING!**

**17<sup>th</sup> 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.  
If you would like written directions, please contact the office.**

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## 1: Moderators Snapshot



What an amazing 4 days. Last week from Thursday to Sunday I, and my team of four (Leo Roberts, Daleen Ten Cate, Marion Tugwood, and Dave Fraser), sharing in the Cumbrian ecumenical county's Moving Mountains mission. It was an opportunity initiated by the Archbishop of York with Bishops, Moderators and Methodist District Chairs bringing teams to all parts of Cumbria to engage in mission organised by the local Christian communities.

The mission began (snapshot) with the opening service in the Auction Mart (still smelling of sheep from the previous day) at Penrith, followed by us gathering to form a "heart" shape outside in the car park with media pictures taken by a drone. Then my team headed off to the west coast to Workington area for an exciting 4 days.

How was it exciting? ....in that churches of all denominations (and independent churches too) worked closely together to lay on events....in the array of opportunities created for Moving Mountains to be involved in the different communities across the Workington area....and most of all in that the Gospel was able to be shared with people through these opportunities.

Is that it? Yes – for the team. No – for the area. The Christian communities will continue doing what they have been doing. The hope and prayer is that Moving Mountains has given them inspiration and a greater vision of what they can achieve together in serving Christ, and that there really are things that they can only do together if they are to see Jesus move mountains in people's lives.

Please pray for:

- Cumbria churches as they build on the 500+ events held across Cumbria (involving 33 teams) and continue to share the Gospel
- the ways in which we can work in partnership within our local areas, and to take seriously the call to be "one" in Christ for the sake of others (read Jesus' prayer in John 17)
- Mission Council as it meets next week in Swanwick with a myriad of papers and issues to consider, and for the wisdom and discernment to see what will aid the work of local congregations in sharing the gift of Christ with all.



## Stepwise Programme Assistant Church House, London

**Permanent Contract**  
**21 hours per week**  
**Salary: £15,167**

‘Stepwise’ is the United Reformed Church’s exciting new intergenerational programme for discipleship development. With roll out to start in September 2018, the programme will be offered through a combination of groupwork, mentoring and online delivery. In this role you will be at the forefront in supporting the team delivering ‘Stepwise’, covering all aspects of the administration and being the first point of contact for participants.

You will be competent in administration and basic book keeping as well as having excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Experience of supporting training programmes and online learning environments would be a distinct advantage.

It’s new and evolving– come and be a part of this journey with us!

**If you are interested in working for us and can meet the above requirements, please contact us/see our website for an application form (noting that we do not accept CVs):**

**Human Resources Office, the United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT**

**T: 0207 691 9874**

**E: [recruitment@urc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@urc.org.uk)**

**W: [www.urc.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.urc.org.uk/vacancies)**

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Monday 9 April 2018**

**Interview date: Monday 23 April 2018**

### 3: **Worship & Praise Event Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**



What is it? ...An evening to worship, pray & rejoice in the Lord & welcome a move of the Holy Spirit in this "Church on the corner".

Who is involved?? ...Event led by Musicians & Worship leaders from various churches in the area!

Who is invited to come? You are! Bring others!

Where is it? Poulton URC, corner of Tithebarn & Queensway

What time? 7.30pm

Event organised by: Alan Hodgson, Worship Leader, St Thomas Church. Blackpool & Still Waters Ministries within URC Poulton

#### **Obituary Notes**

Revd Dr David Byron Evans - known as Byron - died on 21 February 2018 at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Byron served at Dunvant, Swansea (1947-50); Tabernacle, Haverfordwest (1950-57); Retford (1959-67); and Worksop (1986-91); and as Dean of Studies, Greenwich School of Theology in association with NW University of South Africa. Byron was still serving as an examiner up until his death.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday 21 March, 12.30 p.m. at St. Swithun's Parish Church, Chapelgate, Retford, DN22 6PL.

Please remember his wife and family in your prayers.

Mrs Helen Lidgett  
Synod Clerk  
East Midlands Synod