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## News from the NW Synod 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

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- 1: **Holiday at Home - Sale URC**
- 2: **URC Exploring Vocations Day - 4 November 2017**
- 3: **Christians Walking With Pride**

**1: Holiday at Home - Sale URC** Holiday at Home' at Sale URC, 16th & 17th August. This was a 2-day event for those living alone or housebound in the local community. Activities, talks, sing-along with lunch and refreshments. Much appreciated by those who came along and most satisfying for those who put on the event.



2: URC Exploring Vocations Day - 4 November 2017



# Is it I, Lord?

Ministry Enquirers' Day  
Saturday 4 November 2017

10am-4pm

Westminster College, Cambridge



- Explore opportunities for service through the United Reformed Church
  - Ask the questions that are on your mind and heart
- Hear from people engaged in a variety of lay and ordained ministries
  - Listen for the voice of God as we worship and pray together

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**3: Christians Walking With Pride** Each year, Manchester (LGBT) Pride begins with a huge parade through the streets of Manchester. One group which has taken part in the Parade for the past few years is “Christians Walking With Pride”, an ecumenical group of LGBT Christians and others, although the majority are from URC congregations.



It is an important Christian witness, particularly in the face of the years of rejection LGBT people have suffered by some in the church who had lost sight of God’s message of universal, unconditional love. As a result, many LGBT people are highly distrustful of the church and religion. Sadly, it is the experience of many LGBT Christians that it is harder for them to “come out” as Christian in the LGBT community than it was for them to “come out” as LGBT!

Please pray for this event and all those participating.

All are welcome to come and join with us in the Parade: we assemble at the Roman Fort in Castlefield on Liverpool Road

from around 12noon on Saturday 26 August.

You can read more about this at: <http://pridechristiansmanchester.org.uk/>

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