

NEWS FROM THE NW SYNOD 6TH DECEMBER 2017



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Like many of you I was involved in worship on Advent Sunday as we marked the start of a new Church year and the preparations to celebrate the coming of Christ. At Bank Top URC (Bolton) we explored one of the lectionary passages from Isaiah 64 (“You are our father, Lord. We are like clay, and you are like the potter.” verse 8) and thought about how Advent is a time when we can be shaped and fashioned by God to be his disciples in the light of Christ’s coming. The snapshot shows a few of those present holding a tray of clay with thumbprints from the whole congregation – a mark of being shaped together by God in Christ – alongside the traditional Advent candles with the first being lit this week.

Please pray that

- many in our communities will enjoy and engage with the opportunities to celebrate through special services this festive season with our congregations
- each person in our congregations may be inspired through this season of Advent to walk more closely with Christ Jesus as his disciples today
- we will continue to pray and seek to work more closely with our sister congregations across the Synod, and our ecumenical partners in each local community, so that in our partnership we will more faithfully bear witness to the coming of the Light of the World.

2: General Assembly 2018 The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church will next meet from Friday 6 July to Monday 9 July 2018.

Ministers and Elders wishing to express an interest in representing North Western Synod are asked to be in touch with the Synod Clerk (brianjolly322@btinternet.com) before Friday 5 January 2018.

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Organisation: St. Peter's House

Role: **Director of Engagement and Development**

Salary: This is a 0.8 FTE salaried post at £ 36,050 FTE, pro-rated to £28,840 pa with a defined contribution pension scheme.

We're looking for a Director of Engagement and Development. This person will be part of the core team and will work alongside the Chaplains and Warden of St. Peter's House. We're looking for someone who is an independent thinker, works well within a team and has experience of forming partnerships to further enable the objectives of St. Peter's House Chaplaincy CIO.

It's an exciting time at St. Peter's House. We've been re-imagining what chaplaincy looks like for a vibrant twenty-first century university community and we're looking for a person to journey with us. The potential here is vast; three Higher Education Institutions, 85,000 Staff and Students, a significant building, a growing staff team and a supportive board. We've recently refurbished our café 'Milk & Honey' and held three successful pop-up lunches.

It's been a time of change at St. Peter's House and that brings both challenges and opportunity. Over this past year we have addressed many of the challenges that we were facing, and now we're looking forward with great anticipation to the opportunities that are now coming out way.

Application packs available by phoning 0161 275 2894. If you'd like an informal conversation then please do phone or email adam.scott@manchester.ac.uk to arrange a suitable time.