

NEWS FROM THE NW SYNOD 21ST FEBRUARY 2018



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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
- Alkrington, Manchester New road, Middleton Manchester M24 1LB at 7.0 pm – 9.0 pm
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2: News from Cheadle Hulme URC Our congratulations go to Philip Oliver of Cheadle Hulme United Reformed Church. Last week Philip was again inducted as elder. This year he will be 82 years old and has been continually in eldership since the age of 20. Philip is still very active in the church and has for the past 2 years chaired elder's meetings. Well done Philip and thank you for your years of faithfulness.

3: Cumbria Area - Moving Mountains Online Lent Course!

Want to do a Lent Course? Want to do the Moving Mountains Lent Course? Are your Mission Community or church's Lent courses inconvenient to get to this year? How about trying out attending an online group?

Cumbria is a large and diverse county and many people have busy lives. A Moving Mountains Lent Course study group, facilitated by Revd Sarah Moore, will meet online using the Zoom video conferencing platform on five Tuesday evenings during Lent.

- Week 1 - My Story Tuesday 20th February, 8pm
- Week 2 - Telling God's Story Tuesday 27th February, 8pm
- Week 3 - The Story Tuesday 6th March, 8pm
- Week 4 - Hearing the Stories Tuesday 20th March, 8pm
- Week 5 - Our Story Tuesday 27th March, 8pm

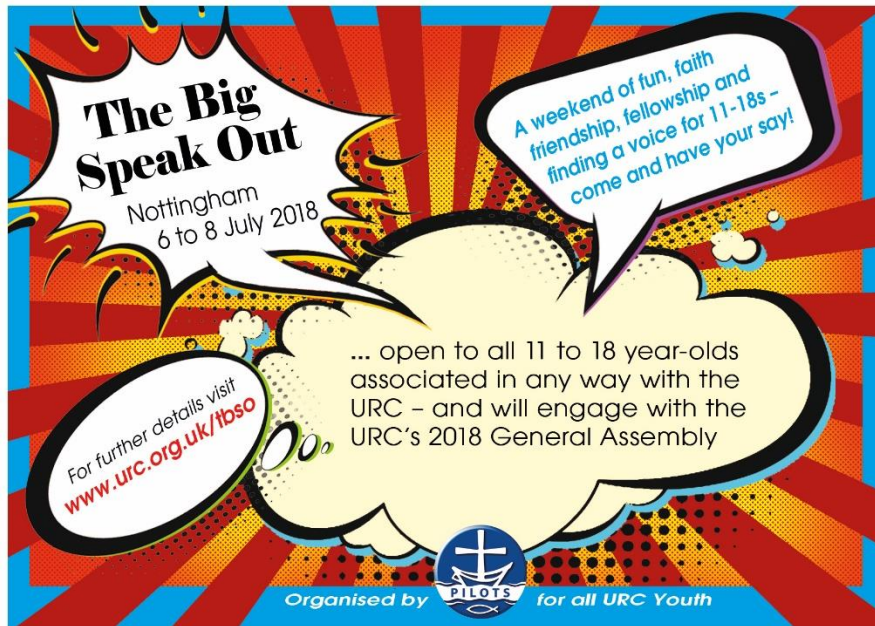
Zoom can be accessed online or through a dedicated App on a computer, tablet or smartphone. It is also possible to dial into sessions by phone. More detailed instructions about how to log in will be provided to those registering to take part. Participants may attend one, several or all of the sessions, either alongside or instead of attending a 'live' group. The course is open to everyone, whether your church is part of the Cumbria Area or not, and is free to attend.

Please register via the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/HD9Kuj88nZbjdUmw1>
The course booklet can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/ybnmsff5>

Please contact the Revd Sarah Moore sarah.moore@nwsynod.org.uk or 01539 724567 if you have any further queries.

4: The Big Speak Out – Nottingham University, 6-8th July

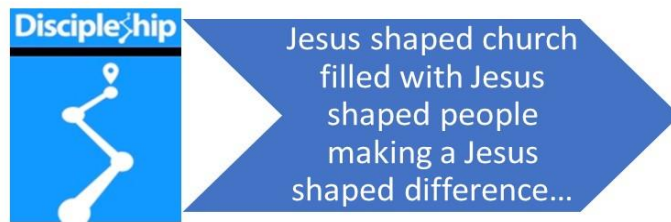
For 11-18 Olds, a chance to have YOUR say on issues that the wider church is struggling with... North Western Synod will fund the conference cost (£126/62.50) for young people, including Pilots, who apply – but applications need to be made as soon as you can!



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

5: 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 focussing on Jesus-Shaped-Church.

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!

6: Metropolitan Congregation



It was a great privilege to welcome 13 people to our membership preparation session this afternoon and to hear some of the experiences which have brought people into our church family and to the point where they are considering a formal commitment to our church.

Between now and the admission service scheduled for 22nd April, we will support all of them with our love and prayers as they respond to God's call to be here with us at this stage on their journey of faith.

Thank you to [Alan Poolton](#) for leading the session, to [Walt](#) for helping with the practicalities of the day, and to Kevin, Michael, Adelodun, Angel, [Ailsa](#), [Zenlita](#), [Cat](#), [Jean Marc](#), Alexis ([Jagouar](#)), [Ruth](#), Fabrice ([BlackSkin](#)), [Ive](#), and Gloria ([Gloscha](#)) for responding to the call to belong.

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

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

1. Communion table.



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

2. Side table.



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

3. Communion table chairs



1 with arms

8 with no arms



4. 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!