

# NEWS FROM THE NW SYNOD 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018



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**Synod next meets on Saturday 13 October 2018 at Oasis, Salford**

## 1: Moderators snapshot



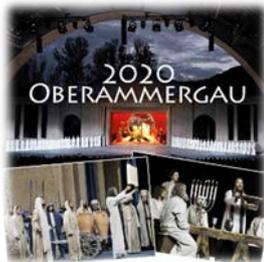
It was a delight on Saturday to preside at a special service at St Peter's House Chaplaincy, Manchester, to celebrate the work of the Mandarin speaking chaplaincy both in Manchester and in London and to mark the conclusion of the ministry of Revd Shou-Hui Chung after 12 years. We were all grateful to Mrs Angela Bogg (Board member of St Peter's Chaplaincy, and member of Shou-Hui's management group) for coordinating everything and organising us so well.

It was good that representatives from the URC, CWM and Taiwan were able to share in this occasion. In the snapshot (with Shou-Hui and her husband Wei-Hsiang 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from right) the representatives from Taiwan are the Revd Tek-In Tan Programme Secretary for Evangelism Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and the Revd Wen-jen Cheng Former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from left). Revd Wayne Hawkins Mission Secretary Europe, represented the support given by the Council for World Mission. The United Reformed Church was represented by the Revd Paul Whittle (Eastern Synod Moderator, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and the Revd Dr Michael Jaggesar from Church House (far right). The Revd Nigel Uden, next Moderator of General Assembly, was the guest preacher but managed to elude my best marshalling efforts for the photocall!

Please pray:

- for the new forms for the Mandarin Chaplaincy both here in Manchester at St Peter's Chaplaincy and at Lumen United Reformed Church in London, and for those who will minister in Christ's name in those places with fresh and exciting opportunities opening up for Christ's love to be demonstrated
- for the partnership of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, the United Reformed Church and the Council for World Mission in continuing to shared ministry engaging with the 100,000 staff and students across the four Manchester Universities
- for the partnerships which all our congregations are forging both locally, and across a wider area, that these will support the growth of discipleship and God's mission to every local community.

## **2: A Pilgrimage to Austria and Oberammergau 16 - 23 September 2020 from Revidge Fold United Reformed Church**



Mal Breeze, Community Minister in Blackburn is organising a trip to the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play and has some spare places available and anyone interested in going should contact Mal for more information on 01254 674862 or Email [malbreeze@me.com](mailto:malbreeze@me.com) as soon as possible. If you haven't been before it's an experience not to be missed. A savings scheme is being set up for those interested in making use it.

**3: News from Wilmslow URC** Ny Ako Madagascan Christian group will be performing in Wilmslow URC halls on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. They're a semi-professional group, funded by Scripture Union in Madagascar, who tour regularly in the UK. 2018 is a special year because it's the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gospel arriving on the island, brought by Welsh Missionaries. Ny Ako come to the UK at the end of a European tour taking in Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium and France. They will have been part of major celebrations in Wales before they come to Lancaster and then Wilmslow. On Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> they perform at the Welsh Chapel, Oaker Avenue, West Didsbury at 2.30pm.

Their infectious blend of lively music, colourful costumes and dancing, cultural sharing and Christian faith is a real gift not to be missed. You don't need a ticket – the performance is free. If, however, you come ready to buy some beautiful Madagascan handmade crafts you will not be disappointed.

*Ny Aiko*  concert

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