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1: Legal Trust & Property Officer – new appointment We have now appointed a new member of Staff, Mrs Adelle Hartwell, who is the Legal Trust & Property Officer for the Synod. Adelle's contactable details are as follows: -

Email: trust@nwsynod.org.uk

Mobile: 07740 112628

Adelle is delighted to be working with the United Reformed Church and looks forward to meeting you all ☺

2: Organ Recitals at Albion Church Saturday 7th July at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8.00 including Tea/Coffee. Composer and Recitalist, Malcolm Archer, currently Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College.

Thursday 19th July at 1.00 pm. David Price from Thailand. David was educated in Stockport and spent his early years teaching in the area. Admission free but donations for Albion church will be welcome. Tea/Coffee refreshment.

3: Christian Aid Harvest 2018 Together we're powerful This Harvest, we stand together with women like Aster in Ethiopia. As we celebrate and praise God for providing all we need, we also stand with our sisters whose harvests are uncertain.

For the once-overburdened Aster, life was a constant struggle, simply because she is a woman. Farming, cooking, carrying firewood – no matter how hard she worked, she was unable to save enough money to support her family. But Aster refused to be beaten by poverty. She came together with women in her village to set up their own shop, powered by solar energy. With training from our partner, Aster and her sisters turned this shop into a thriving business that benefits her, the community and the environment.

In Aster's own words:

'Coming together as a women's group, it's like adopting sisters; another family. We share happiness and sorrow together. They share my burden and help me face my challenges.'

Solar energy has given Aster's village not just literal power – they once had no access to electricity – but also the power to change their lives. Now Aster and her sisters can save for the future, make their children proud, and challenge traditions while caring for the planet. All this in an environment where climate change hits women and girls the hardest.

This Harvest, your gift goes further. Every £1 you give will be worth £5, thanks to funding from the European Union. That's five times the number of lives you can transform this year.

Together we're powerful. And together, we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.



Our Big Shift campaign

Climate change damages God's creation and denies our sisters and brothers the chance to thrive. Yet HSBC – one of the world's biggest banks – is choosing to pour millions of pounds into dirty fossil fuels around the world. Aster and her sisters are using solar power to lift themselves out of poverty. Will you stand together with Aster and speak out?

Tell HSBC to make The Big Shift away from fossil fuels and into renewable energy today. Visit caid.org.uk/big-shift to learn more about our campaign and take action.

4: Celebrating the changing face of our community

Celebrating the Changing Face of Our Community

St Augustine's Church
(Thicketford Road BL2 2LP)
Saturday 7th July
Time: 11.30am-3.30pm



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Free Multi-Cultural Celebration
Everyone welcome !!!
(Love to see you in your traditional clothes)

Bolton
at Home



Bolton
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OF ENGLAND

The Methodist Church



Tonge Children's Centre



5: Making Space - A URC conference for local church children's, families and youth workers



For Those appointed (employed or core volunteer leading this ministry) by local churches working with children and young people within local churches, ecumenical projects, local charities or the wider community.

Aim To gather together children's and youth workers for networking, training, listening, inspiration and growing community.

Where Rugby URC

We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to join us for quite possibly the first event of its kind run by the URC Children & Youth Work team.

Booking is ***OPEN*** and we already have had a handful of places snapped up. Click [HERE](#) for the Eventbrite link to the event with further info, including a skeleton programme and tips for local hotels etc.

The day will include:

Keynote	Space for children to be children and young people to be young people
My Space	Hearing from a variety of local church contexts
Your Space	Reflecting on your context and learning in a variety of ways
Our Space	Sharing, responding, moving forwards

There will also be an optional networking meal on Friday 5 October at 8pm at the Rupert Brooke Wetherspoons pub.

The 'early bird' ticket price is only £12.50 (rising to £18.00 for late bookings)

Please support and encourage key volunteers or workers in your church to attend this event.

6: The Conversation – Reimagining Ministry with Children and Young People.



Friday 7th & Saturday 8th December in Canterbury. Amongst the confirmed contributors are:

John Roberto
Andrew McDonough
Anne Richards
Neville Emslie
Beth Barnett

There will be a mixture of presentations, discussions, Pecha Kuchas and worship. Come for one day – or come for both. All the details are here: <https://theconversationuk.org/>

Light Party: An Alternative Hallowe'en – a FREE resource pack from Scripture Union

(Yes, I know it's early but you can't beat a bit of forward planning!)

Scripture Union's Light Party Pack is now in its 5th year and the numbers of churches taking part each year grow, which is such an encouragement.

Scripture Union produce the free pack to help individuals and churches to reach out to their communities and to share the light of Jesus as a contrast to the usual focus of Halloween. This year's pack includes lots of new ideas for games, creative makes, food and bible discussion for ages 5 to 18, as well as some ideas for all-age celebrations. On top of this, there's plenty of tips and advice to help churches share the light of Jesus with their communities this Halloween. And new for this year SU developed some follow-up material to make it easier for churches to continue to engage with the children and young people they meet at their Light Parties.

Packs can be ordered at www.lightparty.org.uk or by calling 01908 856000

- 7: News from Kendal URC** for the last 10 years, year 4 children from local Primary Schools have been visiting Kendal URC for a morning or an afternoon session during one week in June to jump on 'The Rainbow Roundabout' They move in groups of 5 or 6 around a series of activities and games in which they learn about the wonders of creation, wildlife and endangered species, places that suffer with lack of water, music from around the world and 'treasures' in the church itself. We close with the story of Noah's Ark (still relevant in a town that was seriously flooded 2 years ago) and the children make the parachute into the rainbow of hope and promise as high as they can.



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Please see below. Original email sent from Wales Synod.

I am writing to let you know of the sudden death of the Revd Kim Fabricius on Friday 29th June.

Following training at Mansfield College Oxford, Kim was Ordained in 1982 and Inducted to ministry at Bethel United Reformed Church, Sketty, Swansea where he continued to serve until retirement in 2013.

Kim was a fine theologian, an original thinker and a great wit whose life and laughter will be missed by so many people in Swansea and much further afield, not least by his widow Angie and their family and by the people of Sketty Uniting Church.