

NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 27TH JULY 2018



From now until the beginning of September the newsletter will be sent out on an occasional basis rather than every week.

- 1: **Pet Service at Heald Green URC**
- 2: **Home Communion set wanted**
- 3: **Jesus-Shaped Church**
- 4: **Are you running a holiday club, 'stay and play' or other mission opportunity for children this Summer?**
- 5: **Making Space - A URC conference for local church children's, families and youth workers**
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- 7: **Want to share the light of Jesus this Halloween**
- 8: **Safer Car Wash App**

1: Pet Service at Heald Green United Reformed Church Wilmslow Road, Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 3BH

Pet Service

Saturday 18th August 2pm

All (not too) great creatures and small welcome!



Bring along the four legged, feathered or furry members of your family along for a blessing



Time of remembrance for past pets



Pets are kindly reminded to bring along a human, who will be responsible for them during the service.

RSVP Lee Battle leebattle@hotmail.com

Refreshments afterwards.

Heald Green URC, Wilmslow Road, Heald Green.

2: Home Communion set wanted If anybody has a spare Home Communion Set that they would like to donate to a church in Lancashire, please contact Daleen ten Cate at 07934854 241 or e mail: Daleen.TenCate@nwsynod.org.uk

3: Jesus-Shaped Church The 'Jesus-Shaped Church' material for young people is being used across the synod by a number of churches to help young people think about Missional Discipleship.

If you have young people in your church and are unsure how to start the conversation, why not invite the Children and Youth Development Officer, Leo Roberts, to come and lead a session or two? Leo is one of the co-authors of the material and would love to be involved.

You can contact hi on cydo@nwsynod.org.uk

4: Are you running a holiday club, 'stay and play' or other mission opportunity for children this Summer? As schools break up for the summer many churches will offer some sort of summer activity for children and young people. If your church is running a holiday club, 'stay and play' or other mission opportunity, Leo Roberts (Children and Youth Development Officer) would really like to visit. Please invite him along!

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.

Contact Leo Roberts for a chat about this if you wish on 07812 339550

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/>

7: Safer Car Wash App The Clewer Initiative is a 3 year project funded through the Church of England to support wider Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care.

Modern slavery is hidden in plain sight on our high streets. The National Crime Agency thinks there are tens of thousands of people being exploited in the UK, forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence. Some of those people are being exploited in **hand car washes**, which in recent years have sprung up across the country in their thousands. Many of those hand car washes are legitimate businesses, but some of them are not. Police raids in hand car washes in towns and cities up and down the country have unearthed victims living in horrendous conditions.

The **Safe Car Wash app** has been developed to allow the general public to engage with the problem, it is a new tool that will enable the largest community intelligence gathering exercise ever attempted in the United Kingdom.

Download the free app onto your smartphone and then when you are using a hand car wash, simply open the app and complete a short survey about the working conditions of the car wash. You can use it without confronting anyone. In the first month of use the Car Wash App located 59 car washes that involved Modern Slavery.

8: Want to share the light of Jesus this Halloween



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- Top tips for planning and promoting your Light Party
- Key church figures offer their thoughts and tips for sharing Jesus at Halloween