



NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 19TH SEPTEMBER
2018

Newsletter

Synod will held at Media City Church an Oasis URC Partnership on 13th October.

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1. Synod 13th October Stewards needed MediaCityUK Church has the pleasure of hosting the up-coming Synod (Saturday 13th October) but as we are a small group we could do with some help to make the day run smoothly for all. The following roles are needed:
Stewards: Inside: be at places around the building to direct and guide (Morning)

Stewards: Car Park: to be outside and direct cars and people to the right place (before the start of Synod and at the end of the day)

Sign in: Sit at a desk and help give out relevant paperwork (morning)

Refreshments: help to serve tea/coffee at the beginning of the day, at lunch time and in the afternoon at the end.

It would be good know how many volunteers we have by Monday 1st October please

If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Stuart Nixon at Stuart.Nixon@oasismediacityuk.org or on 07905452989

2: MediaCityUK Church, a partnership between Oasis UK and the URC As a church, our vision is all about Connecting with God, Becoming like Christ, and Changing the World. We are a very welcoming, community-focused church, meeting weekly through our Cafe Church and Sunday Celebration meetings. Our meetings are very informal. Every meeting has a free meal, a time to get to know each other and space to get closer to God in a relaxed, café style environment. We seek to create community, supporting one another on our personal and spiritual journeys, to become the best version of ourselves.



For more info please see our MediaCityUK Church Facebook page or our website www.mediacityukchurch.org.uk

We have the following volunteer opportunities available.....

VOLUNTEER to support the delivery of café church on a Thursday evening, in particular a person who is passionate about Young People and who, under the direction of the leadership team, can support relevant activities for young people, create an environment for youth to grow spiritually and encourage mentoring and discipleship.

VOLUNTEER to support the delivery of café church on a Thursday evening, in particular a person who is able to give time on a rota to prep, cook and serve food in a family friendly environment. A valid Level 2 Food Handling and Hygiene Certificate would be desirable but training to this level can be provided.

VOLUNTEER to support the delivery of Playspace parent and toddler group on a Thursday morning, in particular, a person who would be able to set up the toys, chat to and engage the parents and toddlers during the session (games, crafts, etc,) and help provide refreshments.

Being part of this team will be challenging but also rewarding. Volunteers will grow in faith and confidence, especially in meeting people from all walks of life and many without faith. You will gain experience and be part of a new way of being church based on relationship building.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions please contact Revd. Stuart Nixon by email on Stuart.Nixon@oasismediacityuk.org or telephone 07905452989

A Full DBS Check and references will be required for these volunteer opportunities.

3: VACANCY YOUTH WORKER – OASIS HUB MEDIACITYUK

PART-TIME, 4 HOURS PER WEEK (0.1 FTE)

ONE YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT

SALARY: £2,017 per annum (£20,171 FTE)

Oasis Hub MediaCityUK have an new opportunity for a **Youth Worker** to work alongside the Hub team to deliver a programme of activities and opportunities that support the personal and social development of the young people within the local community based in Salford.

Key responsibilities will be:

- Supporting the Hub Team to deliver a full youth programme at our Friday evening youth club session
- Contributing to the planning, delivery and evaluation of the youth work curriculum.
- Delivering activities that empower young people and encourage personal and social development
- Working in partnership with local services (e.g. IYSS, the Youth Alliance)
- Support young people to engage in volunteering and leadership opportunities

The successful post holder must have:

- A relevant professional qualification in Youth & Community work (Level 3 or above)
- Experience working in a youth/community setting alongside other statutory and voluntary organisations
- Ability to function in diverse settings and with a wide range of professional agencies
- Be self-motivated, resilient, with excellent organisational/administrative and inter-personal skills

As part of the package, Oasis offers:

- A pension scheme, currently offering 7% employer contribution
- A generous holiday allowance, starting at 25 days per year (plus 8 Bank Holidays)

If you are interested in this position, please email recruitment@oasisuk.org to receive an Application Pack. (CVs alone will not be accepted).

Completed applications should be returned by **Midday Monday 8th October 2018**.

Interviews will take place in Salford **Wednesday 17th October 2018**.

Oasis is committed to making a difference to the lives of the communities it works in, and as such you must show a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the values and behaviours which flow from the Oasis ethos.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks.

Oasis supports Equal Opportunities. Registered Charity No. 1026487

4: News at Forton URC As a small Church in the North West Synod, FORTON URC has had some exciting events recently. After the Summer break, "Open Church" started with a visit from "Coverdale Puppets" from Liverpool. There was so much laughter and Fellowship and a message of Christian love. On the following Sunday, two members from St. Georges at Marton, Blackpool, arrived at 9.15am worship with a very special gift. This was the font used for baptism at their Church, but now needing a new home, due to the closure of St. Georges this Summer. The font was dedicated in 1956 and the story of the marble inset bowl was that Dr. Charles Robertson-Wilson brought back from Iona a lovely piece of marble which was fashioned to fit inside the wooden font. Pictures show how the front of FORTON URC had space for a puppet show and then



room for the iconic font.

Submitted for next Newsletter by Joyce Holden (Elder at FORTON URC)



Greater Manchester Churches Together presents: Annual Assembly 2018



**Guest Speaker: Rachel Lampard from Churches Working for
Peace & Justice (Joint Public Issues Team)**

Date: 15 October 2018

Time: 5pm– 9pm

Place: Salford Cathedral Centre, Salford M3 6DP

Please book your tea & ticket through eventbrite.co.uk

PRAYER & ACTION

**Featuring:
Edel McClean
Bishop Mark Davies
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Prayer is where the action is—John Wesley

6: Providence Church New Mills – Pool table free to a good home Providence Church, New Mills, has a full size pool table we no longer need. We are giving it away but whoever wants it would have to pay to have it removed.

Please contact Valerie Dangerfield at valdangerfield@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



URC North Western Synod Safeguarding Newsletter - Summer 2018



Welcome to the latest Safeguarding Newsletter. In this edition you will find information relating to:

- A review of the Church Safeguarding returns
- Safeguarding training around the Synod over the forthcoming months
- DBS requirements
- CCPAS emergency contact number

Review of the Church Safeguarding Returns

I'm pleased to say that there was a better response to returning the safeguarding returns which were sent out at the end of 2017, although having reviewed the contents, I did identify some common themes:

1. *A significant number of Safeguarding Coordinators **did not** have up to date DBS checks*
2. *Some churches had out of date policies and procedures and are not being reviewed every 12 months*
3. *Some safeguarding coordinators have never had any safeguarding training*

I am hoping that after the forthcoming training, churches will be supported to ensure that they become fully compliant with safeguarding guidance as outlined in Good Practice 4

Intermediate Safeguarding Training

Plans are in place to deliver combined intermediate safeguarding training sessions for the following:

- ❖ Ministers
- ❖ Church Safeguarding Coordinators
- ❖ Accredited Lay Preachers
- ❖ Synod recognised Lay Preachers
- ❖ People with some leadership responsibility

The first training session is:

Thursday 27th September 2018 6-9pm

Carver Church, Windemere

The training is being delivered in Missional Partnership areas. The additional dates will be circulated shortly. Please choose whichever venue is more convenient for you. To book a place on the training please contact the synod safeguarding advisor (details below) or the synod office as soon as possible (0161-789-5583)

Basic Awareness Safeguarding trainers needed!

A basic awareness training package has been developed for church volunteers/ workers with the hope this training will be delivered by people who have the suitable skills and abilities to cascade this training within their church and possibly groups of churches in their area. **If you feel you have the ability and qualifications to deliver this training, please get in touch with the synod safeguarding advisor**

DBS requirements

Each church should have at least 1 verifier who can initiate and verify all online DBS checks. Please ensure that you have reviewed all active roles within the church and considered whether a DBS check is necessary. Although there is no agreed URC definitive list, consider roles involving children and adults, particularly those who lead sessions. For more information contact the Synod Safeguarding Advisor

CCPAS emergency contact

If you need safeguarding advice relating to children (under 18yrs) and adults at risk, particularly out of hours (after 5pm and before 8am) or if you cannot contact the Synod Safeguarding Adviser, please contact the CCPAS 24hr helpline on 0303-0031111, although in cases of emergency or you feel that someone is in immediate harm please contact the local police on 101/999 and/ or the local safeguarding team for your area

"A coordinated approach. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility" (Working Together 2018)