



NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 14TH NOVEMBER
2018

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1: Missional Partnerships - Get-Together's in Lancashire



- October was an extremely busy but fruitful month for the Lancashire Area when Partnerships Get -Togethers in all four Partnership Areas took place. Every church was asked to present one of their Mission activities. The events helped people to see that they are all part of God's Mission, part of something bigger. They felt inspired and less isolated and experienced that they were part of a bigger picture (Partnership), and together they have a huge impact on their communities and God's work. Moreover, they learn to build relationships and support each other with their mission activities and started to work together as partnership.

One of the members expressed it as follows:

"Now we as a congregation have been given the opportunity to form a partnership with the other URC congregations in our area, to get to know each other, to use each other's strengths and support the weaknesses, to learn from each other and together make a greater impact on our communities"



2: Forton URC November 2018

For the past few years the windows of the small church at Forton have been giving concern. The lead used to hold the glass in place was corroding badly. This November thanks to a generous anonymous donation which has part funded the project, the two west window has now been restored and a protective covering has been added. This will not only protect the windows but make the church warmer.



Further fundraising is coming from our first **Nativity Crib Festival on November 29th to December 2nd 10.30 -3.30pm. We have a collection of over 60 different cribs and Nativity displays to view. Christmas (Mince Pies) refreshments also on offer.**

Anyone willing to allow their Nativity to be displayed please contact the sec at susanredmayne@hotmail.co.uk



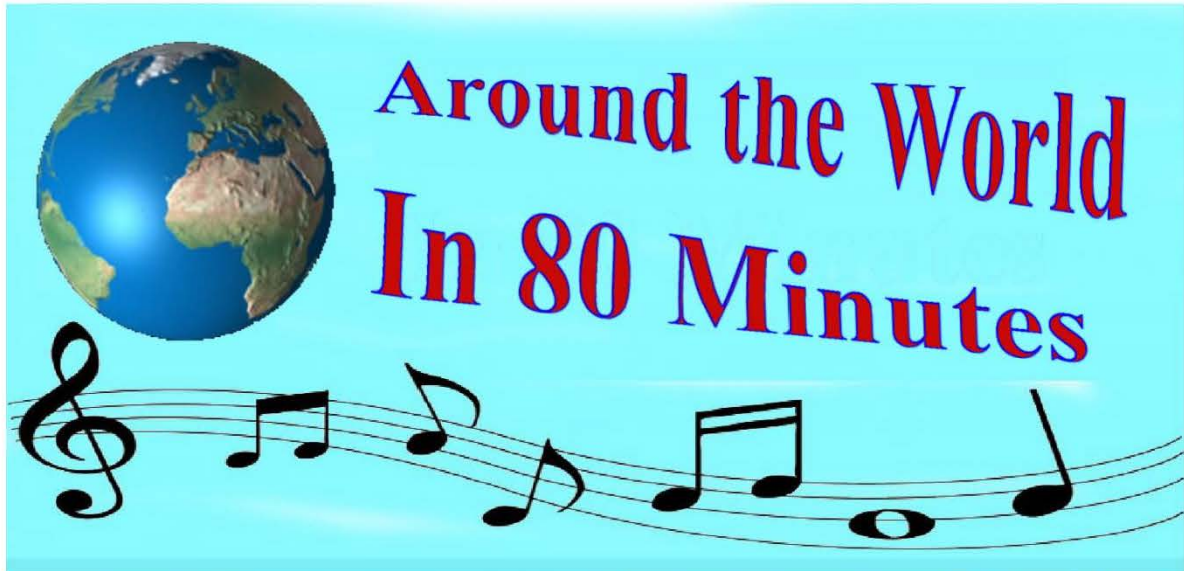
3: Burnley & Nelson United Reformed Church 'Singing for those affected with dementia'

Burnley & Nelson United Reformed Church are hosting a workshop on 'Singing for those affected with dementia' on **Thursday 29th November 2 - 4 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EVENT.**

The Minister and Church Secretary of Burnley & Nelson URC attended one of Maddy's workshops in Leeds some time ago and were inspired to set up their own 'Musical Memories' dementia singing group.

Maddy works for Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, a local expression of the Church Urban Fund, on a partnership project with a programme for older people in Middlesbrough. She studied Community Music at York University and has since worked in a variety of community settings with all age groups. She has a particular interest in older people and people living with dementia, and has been leading Singing for the Brain groups in the Teesside area for three years. This session will look at how music can reach out to people with dementia, helping to evoke memories, establish human connection and create feelings of wellbeing. It will be based around the format of an Alzheimer's Society Singing for the Brain session, but there will be space for conversation and questions, as well as opportunity to think about how it ties in with our Christian mission to serve our communities.

Altrincham United Reformed Church
Presents:



a musical extravaganza with the
Cantus Bravura Choir

Leader: Daphne Sumblor

In support of charities for the homeless

7.30 p.m. Saturday 24th November 2018

at

Trinity Hale URC, Cecil Road, Hale.

REFRESHMENTS and RAFFLE

Entrance: £5 children **£3**

Tickets available through church members, or ring 929 9747
or, pay at door.