



NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 3RD APRIL 2019

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Eco Church Workshop

Date: 27th April 2019

Time: 10am-3pm

Place: Brockholes Nature Reserve

Preston New Road, Preston, PR5 0AG



(free time after the workshop to explore the grounds)

Speakers, workshops, activities to explore how we can tread more lightly on the earth

Contributors include:

ARocha (David Beattie, NW Regional Coordinator, UK), Churches in Lancashire and Ecumenical Friends



Are you at all passionate about the environment? Would you like to make some sort of difference to the way we treat our planet-home? Are you up for exploring how we can tread more lightly on the earth? Do you see that as something connected to following Jesus and making a Jesus-shapes difference to the world? Then, You have just *have* to come to this exciting **ARocha Eco Day at Brockholes!**

This day is not just for church members but for all people who use our church buildings: Uniform group leaders, mens groups, lady fellowship groups, Junior church leaders, Messy Church leaders, Elders, ministers, lay preachers, worship groups etc.

It's also a day out for great company and fellowship, enjoying God's creation in the grounds of Brockholes Nature Reserve.

I need to know numbers by the 10th of April. Please email Daleen ten Cate:

Daleen.TenCate@nwsynod.org.uk

You will need to bring:

One laptop per church

Pack lunch that can be enjoyed at the picnic benches (however, you are welcome to make use of the restaurant at your own cost- see menu)

Walking shoes (if you are planning to explore the grounds)

Brockholes kindly offered their venue at a very reduced cost and waved the parking fee, however they asked us to purchase our refreshments from them, therefore you will need to bring **£2** if you would like a tea or coffee.

2: Safeguarding training dates

A programme of Intermediate Safeguarding Training is being delivered by the Synod Safeguarding Advisor, Julie Rafferty. The training provides detailed insight into the responsibilities and obligations of safeguarding within a church. The training is a recommended requirement for people in the following roles:

- Church Safeguarding Coordinators
- Ministers
- Accredited/ Synod recognised Lay preachers
- Church members with leadership responsibility

The training dates are as follows:

1. Cumbria – Penrith – 9th April – 2-4.30pm
2. Lancs East – Blackburn (Westbury Gardens) – 10th April 1.30-4pm
3. Bolton & Salford – Tonge Moor – 30th April – 6-9pm
4. Lancs East – Burnley & Nelson – 15th May 6-9pm
5. Bolton & Salford – Worsley Road (Swinton) – 21st May 6-9pm
6. Cheshire East & Derbyshire – Glossop & Tintwistle – 23rd May 6-9pm
7. Lancs South – Leyland – 25th June 6-9pm
8. Lancs West – Poulton Le Fylde – 27th June 6-9pm

The Intermediate training is being delivered in the missional partnership areas. At least one training session will take place in each missional partnership, possibly two dependant on the size. The training programme is taking place between April and November 2019. People have the choice to attend ANY training session they wish.

Further dates are currently being confirmed for September, October and November in the other Missional Partnerships and will be released within the next week

Additional dates in Mersey Synod:

West Lancs – Wigan Trinity – 6-9pm

Wirral – Heswall – 4th June 6-9pm

If you wish to attend the training, please contact the Synod Office on 0161 789 5583 or office@nwsynod.org.uk or email the Synod Safeguarding Advisor on safeguarding@nwsynod.org.uk to book on the training.

Once you are booked onto the training, you will receive confirmation of this and exact details of the training and directions to the location.

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3: Calling All Artists!

Are you an Artist? Painter? Writer? into Drama? Then we need your help!

Salford CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) are looking to run an Art Project for children and young people to help them to promote mental wellbeing. The title of the project will be "Making the Invisible Visible". This title, along with the project has come from suggestions from the Participation Group of young people who help to improve the service and think up ways of promoting wellbeing among young people. But they need help from those who are artistic to help this project to work.

If you are artistic and would be willing to be involved, or want to know more, please contact:
Rev Ruth Watson at revruth@btconnect.com . Thank you.

4: Albion URC – Easter Experience

Albion United Reformed Church
Ashton under Lyne OL6 6QQ



Wednesday 17th April 2019

2pm-5pm 6pm-8pm

**Take time to reflect and pray
at the prayer stations which will have displays
recalling
the events of Holy Week**

Activities for Children

Come and go as you wish

Everybody welcome

www.albionurc.org.uk



5: Children and Youth Work news

Congratulations to Rose Hill United Reformed Church (Central Area) on achieving the Child Friendly Church Award – presented to representatives at the recent Synod meeting and accepted by all those involved in children's ministry (past and present!) this last Sunday.



Whilst at Synod, the young people who came worked on a '@manifesto'; outlining the issues that they felt were most important to them.

"We want to say this about:

Inequality – happens when there is a lack of respect. As a church, we must start to show more respect to each other and then we can challenge other people/power bases about inequality and their role in it.

Bullying – can take many forms including physical and cyber. It does not just happen to young people, but it almost always involved abuse of power. Often it is related to people who are seen as 'different' or not fitting in. This can include Christians.

Body Image – we all fail to meet up to society's definition of 'beautiful' or 'perfect'. Body image issues can affect everybody. Often it is our imperfections that make us different – and we are all beautiful to God and in our own ways. We must learn to be comfortable, as individuals, with who we are.

Climate Change – This planet is all we've got. There are no do-overs. Just because we don't think that what we might do locally will make a difference is not an excuse to not do it. The Church should use its power to challenge organisations/companies to be more environmentally responsible. But we must start with ourselves.

Gathered Youth Group Dates:

Lancashire Area: Darwen (Central church) 7-8:15pm, May 7th

Central Area: Bamford Chapel, 7 – 8:30pm, May 19th

South Area: Levenshume Inspire, 2 – 3:15pm, May 19th

Posters for these will be in a future Newsletter – please pass them on to the young people in your church.

Messy Church Training – How to make Messy Church a mission activity. FREE training at Bamford Chapel on Saturday, June 15th 2-4pm. See attached poster.

Pilots invite all children (aged 6-18) to a FunDay at St Annes URC..

O I do like to be beside the seaside



Come and join us and be a Pilot
for the day

Fun Day



At

St Amnes on Sea

On Saturday 13th July 2019



Come along and join in the fun



Crafts

Activities on the beach

(weather permitting)



Games

Worship



This event is hosted by Pilots but all accompanied children from age 6 are welcome

Please contact Anne Hatch on 01204 521800 or annhatch48@virginmedia.com for further details and to register



Leaders' Training Session

Saturday, 15th June 2019 2-4pm

Led by Dawn Savidge, Messy Church Trainer

At Bamford Chapel and Norderm United Reformed Church

Norden Rd, Bamford, Rochdale OL11 5PQ

FOCUS: HOW TO MAKE MESSY CHURCH MISSIONAL

To book your place, email Leo Roberts on

cydo@nwsynod.org.uk

Attendance is free of charge
(donations for refreshments gratefully received!)

