



NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 5TH JUNE 2019

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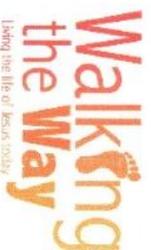
A gathering for serving URC Ministers and CRCWs,
including Synod-appointed Local Leaders

Refreshing your Ministry

Tue 19th to Thu 21st November 2019
High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

Walking in the Spirit
Keeping in step with the Spirit as we Walk the Way

Organised by GEAR
the Group for Evangelism and Renewal
within the United Reformed Church.



Refreshing your Ministry



www.gear.org.uk

DATE Tue 19th to Thu 22nd November 2019
Starts with lunch on Tuesday.
Concludes with lunch on Thursday.

VENUE High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

COST £180 (£40 booking fee, balance due by 30th September)
You may be eligible for an EM2/3 training grant, and
should enquire of your Synod Training Officer.



SPEAKERS:

Neil Hudson, London Institute of Contemporary Christianity
John Proctor, General Secretary, URC
Steve Uppal, All Nations Christian Centre
Other sessions will be led by the GEAR team.

This gathering builds on the previous successful events in recent years and includes teaching input, Bible studies and worship, space for prayer plus valuable down-time with colleagues away from regular responsibilities. This is for serving URC Ministers and CRCWs, and this year is extended to include Synod-appointed Local Leaders, and retired ministers who are in pastoral charge.

Please book me a place at the "Refreshing your Ministry" event.
I enclose: £40 booking fee* or £180 full payment

Cheques

Payable to 'GEAR' & sent to Rev John Paul,
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Name: _____
Address: _____

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Please tell us on a separate sheet if you have any special needs/requirements.
* booking fee is non-refundable, and is required in order for a place to be booked.

An invitation to all URC ministers, stipendiary, self supporting and CRCWs and those serving in LEPs. Please consider coming along to this conference. I attended for the first time when it last ran in 2017 and it was a great event. An opportunity to worship together, to engage with speakers and to share in fellowship together.

You can book in by filling in the form above or by following this link and booking online:

<https://www.gear.org.uk/events/refreshing-your-ministry/>

If you want any further information don't hesitate to contact Richard Bradley on 01706 369622 or

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2: Bispham URC Ladies Friendship support Toilet Twinning

We are a group of about 20 members meeting every Tuesday evening from Sept to May. We sometimes have a quiz but often we have speakers on a variety of subjects.

Daleen very kindly came along to talk to us about Toilet twinning in some of the poorest areas of the world. Many of us did not realise the enormity of the problem existing where people did not have access to the basic essentials in life, such as a toilet, clean water and hygiene education.

Normally our speakers ask for a donation to aid their funds, some do not expect anything but when we asked Daleen about a fee she suggested that we might give a donation to toilet twinning or perhaps even sponsor a toilet.

During the course of a year the members pay a small weekly fee which, after expenses, we can donate to various charities.

At our AGM it was decided that we would twin our church toilet and we were delighted to receive the photo of the result.

It has made us realise how fortunate we are, being able to take things such as clean water for granted.



3: South Area Summer Events – Everyone is welcome

Trinity Community Church, The Amani Centre, Moss Lane East, Moss Side, M16 7DG

Sunday 23 June 1 00 pm

The Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox MP

Shared lunch at 1 00 pm and concert at 2 30 pm with Dovedale Singers and Hideaway Youth Project.

Free but donations invited for Hideaway Youth Project.

Sale United Reformed Church, Sale, Montague Road, M33 3BU

Saturday 29 June 3 00pm

Pre Wimbledon Afternoon Tea – Pimms, Strawberries & Cream £7

Fund Raiser for Church Funds

Ashton on Mersey URC, 10-12 Whitefield Road, Ashton on Mersey, M33 6NZ

Saturday 27 July 2 00 to 4 00 pm

Cream teas and Strawberries and Cream

Raffle and all proceeds are for Christian Aid

4: News from Hest Bank URC



Last Friday Revd. Susan Seed, the Rector of St. Luke's church, Slyne with Hest, whose buildings we share, Helen Bennett, URC elder, and myself, Val Gill, URC secretary, completed a month long challenge to run 100 miles each in the month of May. It was not an easy challenge for any of us as, although we all run, we did not previously run anything like 100 miles in a month, and Susan has three parishes to look after, Helen is a theatre nurse and has some long shifts, and I am 71 years old. To complete the challenge meant running an average of about three and a half miles per day, quite doable if we were to run every day, but becoming unmanageable if we missed too many days. We did it, running our final mile together on Friday afternoon with a group of about 30 supporters, and raising £2,500 towards the cost of our new church hall, which is now under construction. We have raised more than enough to upgrade our roof insulation, which was our primary target. We were interviewed by Joe Wilson from radio Lancashire and were included in his Sunday morning broadcast on 2nd. June.

We all enjoyed the challenge and feel fitter at the end of the month. I enjoyed the runs I did with Helen and Susan. We didn't run fast, so it was a nice sociable time and a chance to get to know one another better, and the runs I did by myself were pleasant in the Spring sunshine, with trees bursting into leaf and bluebells and other wild flowers. We all enjoyed following the nesting swans on our local canal, and were pleased to see the cygnets hatch at the end of the month.