



## NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD

12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

# Newsletter

### **Synod Office 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

The Synod Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February to enable staff to attend the Northerly Synods Networking event. For any urgent matters please use the contacts for officers in the Synod Handbook.

- 1: Training and Development Co-ordinator for Safeguarding**
- 2: Lending a hand at the FORTON URC "Pop-up-Cafe"**
- 3: Duvets for charity projects**
- 4: Lay Preachers Day 7<sup>th</sup> March @ Penwortham**
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## 1: Training and Development Co-ordinator for Safeguarding



# Training and Development Coordinator for Safeguarding

Home based  
3 year fixed-term contract, 35 hours per week  
Salary: £34,019

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### **Are you passionate about equipping people with skills and resources to safeguard the vulnerable?**

The Safeguarding team is looking for a committed team player to enable and support the United Reformed Church to develop and coordinate its safeguarding training programme.

You already work in the field of safeguarding with extensive knowledge of legislative guidelines and statutory guidance related to protection of children and adults at risk. You have experience of developing policy and practice guidance, delivering training and enabling others to do so.

You have excellent interpersonal and communications skills with the ability to work co-operatively and collaboratively in a variety of settings using differing media. Experience of working in safeguarding within a faith-based charity context would be a distinct advantage.

We can offer you a flexible and friendly work environment with a generous final salary pension scheme.

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**If you are interested in working for us and can meet the above requirements, please contact us/see our website for an application form (noting that we do not accept CVs):**

**Human Resources, the United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT, 020 7691 9874  
recruitment@urc.org.uk [www.urc.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.urc.org.uk/vacancies)**

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Monday 24 February 2020    Interview date: Friday 13 March 2020**

*This post requires an enhanced DBS certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service.*

## 2: Lending a hand at the FORTON URC "Pop-up-Cafe"



With just a few members, the tiny Church at Forton reached out to the Community in an amazing effort, supplying Refreshments to customers and friends at Robinsons Seeds and Plants nursery at the beginning of February 2020. By kind permission of the Church Secretary, Mrs. S. Redmayne, the proceeds from the sales of hot drinks, soup and cakes prepared by Church members, helped to boost much needed funds for the on-going maintenance of this Grade 2 listed Church.

"Pop-up Cafe" customers enjoyed their Refreshments as well as friendly conversations and Christian fellowship.



## 3: Duvets for charity projects

The end of each academic year approximately 2000 duvets are discarded by University of Manchester and MMU students.

Manchester Student Homes in Partnership with Manchester City Council, are looking for a charities that may be interested in taking some of these duvets and reusing them for any purposes in order to prevent them from ending up in landfills.

If you are interested, please contact: Dr Christos Hadjarapis | Community Cohesion Intern

Manchester Student Homes | Unit 1-3 Ladybarn House | Moseley Road | Fallowfield | Manchester | M14 6ND | 0161 275 7756 | [www.manchesterstudenthomes.com](http://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com)

## 4: Lay Preachers Day 7<sup>th</sup> March @ Penwortham

Lay preaching matters. In fact, all our worship leading matters. So, thank you for all that you do to support the work and worship of Christ's Church.

You are invited to join with other worship leaders and preachers from across the synod on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Penwortham URC in Preston. (a flyer is attached). The day will have two key leaders. Alison Adam a former member of the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group and Kae Gray our Synod Green Apostle. Alison will encourage us by sharing new hymns which are set to established tunes, Kate will help us think about how we can weave green concerns into our regular acts of worship. We will also share in worship together. Anyone who would find this fellowship time helpful is invited. That might be you as a worship leader, it might be a minister, it might be your music leader etc. please let me know if you will be coming along as we need to book lunch and order resources for those who lead worship. Do let others know about this day and if you know of folk from other denominations who regularly lead worship in our churches please let them know about this day.

As this is the start of a new year for our budgets a reminder to all of you who are synod recognised or nationally accredited lay preachers that there are grants available of up to £250 per year to support your ongoing learning and development. Please contact the office for the claim forms.

This year we will be increasing the synod's participation in Stepwise the national training scheme. If you know folk in your church who are interested, make sure they know that the registration fee can be claimed back from the synod.

The discipleship Enablers have made me aware of some the support needs they are hearing about and where that can be helped by the Ministries Committee we will do so. Hopefully we will have more news in the next few months.

May God's blessings be with you and your work  
Martyn Coe

## 5: GOOD NEWS from WHARTON & CLEGG LANE CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

**We are delighted to inform you that our new building is almost ready for occupation.**

We would like to invite you to come and help us celebrate this wonderful achievement

The opening service will take place on

**Sunday 14 June 2020**

**at 2.30 p.m.**

and all are welcome.



If you will be joining us, please would you inform

Keith Mann, email: [keith.mann.astley@talktalk.net](mailto:keith.mann.astley@talktalk.net) This is for numbers for catering purposes.

**A big thank you to all who have helped us to achieve our goal to keep God's work in Little Hulton. God Bless, Joan Adams**