



The Methodist Church

Bolton and Rochdale District

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District Newsletter – October 2017

Welcome to the Bolton and Rochdale District Newsletter.

This edition includes details about events, dates for your diaries, training opportunities, vacancies, links and contacts. If you have any information to share then please contact us so we can include in future editions. Please share this newsletter around your churches, circuits and contacts.

Synod Presentations:

At our Joint Synod on 2 September we were involved in workshop presentations on the following issues: Housing and Homelessness, Hate Crime, Living Wage and Health and Social Care. The Powerpoint presentations can be downloaded: <https://barmd.org.uk/content/synod-presentations-social-action>

Vacancies:

Development Worker at Newchurch Methodist Church, Rossendale Circuit

The deadline for this has now been extended to 31st October. Please see attached job description and person specification. For further details please contact Martin Kemp:
mkemp@askingfisher.co.uk

Events & Dates for your diary:

For District Diary Dates visit the District Website: www.barmd.org.uk

Come and join our Choir!

'Give me your hand' – a musical for peace by Darren Garfield. Come and join our choir; rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45-7:45pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Market Street, Farnworth, BL4 8EX. Everyone's Welcome!

Wednesday 4th October: MWiB District Day

10.00am – 3.00pm at Tottington Methodist Church, Market Street, Tottington, Bury, BL8 3LJ
Speaker: Gill Dascombe, Former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference.
Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

Tuesday 10th October: All Together Now

10am – 3pm. All together now explores what it means to be an intergenerational Church community. It will help you to think intentionally about a being a Church of different generations. The conference includes reflections on theory as well as practice, and you'll also have an opportunity to see intergenerational ministry in action! A one-day conference streamed live.
Join others to explore what it means to be an intergenerational church, how we can be a church of different generations.

Where: The Triangle Community Church, New Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5QP

Free Lunch provided (therefore booking essential) - book with Rob at NWMannNetwork@gmail.com and he will send you full details. If you are unable to book on line please let Revd. Hilary Howarth know as she is happy to book for you: 01204 291698.

16th October: Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly

All are welcome to attend the Annual Assembly of Greater Manchester Churches Together. The theme is One in Mission, and the guest speaker Bishop Mike Royal, director of the education charity TLG and the Cinnamon Trust.

The assembly also showcases the work of Street Pastors, Redeeming Our Communities, The Message Trust and Prayer Storm.

It takes place at Salford Cathedral Centre, M3 6DP, beginning with food at 5.00pm and ending at 9.00pm. Admission is free, and booking is on-line through Eventbrite.

Saturday 28th October: World Federation Day 2017

Gender Equality in the 21st Century (based on Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality)
10.00am – 4.00pm at Side Door Methodist Church, Lacey Road, Grimsby, Lincolnshire DN34 5BH

Thu 2nd November: Pre Advent Quiet Day

10am – 3pm for all Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Employees in the Bolton and Rochdale District.
Bookings now being taken via the District website.

Journey of the Magi – A festive, witty and thoroughly Christmassy event for your church

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website or by emailing touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk

Training Opportunities:

DMLN (Discipleship Ministries & Learning Network): North West & Mann Region

See: www.methodist.org.uk/nwm

Our DMLN Team have various events and training coming up so please visit the website for further information of what is coming up this year - <http://www.methodist.org.uk/learning/network-regions/north-west-mann-region/key-areas-of-work-for-201718>

Growing through Conflict Foundation Day

For church leaders - lay and ordained

Times All days start with refreshment at 9.30am, concluding at 4pm.

What do I need to bring? - A short completed questionnaire to identify your own response to conflict
- A 'live' experience of conflict

How much will it cost? The course is free. Please bring your lunch.

For more information contact Brec Seaton: seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk

To book your place email Rob Glassonbury: nwmannnetwork@gmail.com

Venues and dates:

Monday 9th October - Chorlton Methodist Church, M21 9JG

Saturday 14th October - Lancashire District (Venue to be confirmed)

Wednesday 18th October - Court Hey Methodist Church, Liverpool, L14 3NU

Tuesday 31st October - Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury, BL8 3EH

Resources:

- **All We Can:** www.allwecan.org.uk
- **Thornleigh Christian Hotel** - <http://www.thornleigh.org/>
- **Bible Society:** www.biblesociety.org.uk
- **Children's Bible stories:** www.childschapel.org
- **Connexion website:** www.methodist.org.uk
- **DMLN:** www.discipleshaped.org/events/date
- **Methodist Women in Britain:** www.mwib.org.uk
- **Methodist Publishing:** www.methodistpublishing.org.uk

Quiet Days at Chapel in the Fields

We are offering Quiet Days at The Chapel; October 11th, November 8th, November 18th, December 13th, January 13th, February 14th, March 14th, April 14th, May 9th.

9:30am for 10:00 start and finish by 3:15pm

Spaces will be limited so please contact tcif15@gmail.com if you would like attend. We are asking for £10 donation for the day to include a simple lunch.

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Fundraising:

Christian Aid: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Join Will Aid 2017 it's good for everyone!

To find out more, visit <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/gifts-in-wills/will-aid>

Action for Children: www.actionforchildren.org.uk

East Africa Famine Appeal: <http://www.allwecan.org.uk/>

All We Can: 'Chirp for Joy' this Harvest!

Inspire your church to 'chirp for joy' at God's creation and make a practical difference through All We Can's Harvest Appeal.

Share stories from Zimbabwe and the Bible of how it is possible to overcome challenges.

Download or order All We Can's free inspiring resources, which include worship materials, a talk and a sermon, interactive activities, an unforgettable film and more!

www.allwecan.org.uk/harvest

How to become a Fairtrade Church:

The three goals: To be part of the campaign by becoming a Fairtrade Church, please register with us. www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-community/faith-groups/fairtrade-churches