



# The Methodist Church

## Bolton and Rochdale District

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## District Newsletter – January 2018

### 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.

### Events & Dates for your diary:

For District Diary Dates visit the District Website: [www.barmd.org.uk](http://www.barmd.org.uk)

### **Sunday 14th January service with Rev. Loraine Mellor (President of the Methodist Conference)**

10.30am at Christ Church, Mytham Road, Little Lever BL3 1JE  
Being disciples, making disciples. Day by day.

### **Sunday 14th January: “Give me your hand” A Musical for Peace by Darren Garfield**

6.15pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Market Street, Farnworth BL4 8EX  
(Free admission, donations received)

### **Sunday 28th January: “Give me your hand” A Musical for Peace by Darren Garfield**

4pm at Victoria Hall, Bolton Methodist Mission, Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AS  
(Free admission, donations received)

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Lay Employees Resourcing Day**

The day for workers will be in the North Manchester area (Venue TBC) and run from 9.30 – 3pm and will include some time to Network with each other, to Study together in an interactive Bible Study and some development workshops.

Bookings are via the DMLN bookings email [NWMannNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:NWMannNetwork@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: ‘Building Resilience Workshop’**

At Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre, Cassidy Close, Manchester, M4 5HU.

Registration 9.30 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start. Finishes at 2.00 p.m. Lunch provided.

The ‘Building Resilience Workshop’ will look at how establishments can protect themselves in the event of receiving a suspicious package; we will share awareness around:

- Initial actions to take
- Remove, Remove, Remove guidance
- Management of the people and premises prior to the arrival of emergency responders

This event will be an ideal opportunity to network with other religious establishments and share experiences and existing emergency procedures in place.

Key Speakers will deliver short presentations around the safe management of suspect packages and initial actions to take. There will also be presentations from the Counter Terrorism Unit along with the North West Ambulance Service.

If there any agencies who would like to book a stall at this event, please contact Nicola Barnes via [barnesn@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:barnesn@manchesterfire.gov.uk)  
For further information on this event, please contact Yasmin Bukhari, Bridging Cultures Co-ordinator via [bukhariy@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:bukhariy@manchesterfire.gov.uk)  
Places can be booked online via - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-resilience-workshop-tickets-41697569553>

### **Saturday 24th February: Training for Mentors on the "Worship Leading and Preaching" Local Preachers & Worship Leaders course.**

At: Walkden Methodist Church starting with coffee at 9-30 and running until 12 noon.  
More information from Jasmine Devadason - [devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk)

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Preachers training day - Preaching the Gospel Powerfully**

10am to 4pm at Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury BL8 2EH

The event will be led by Ben Jack, who is one of the most prominent preaching evangelists in the country. Ben is employed by The Message Trust and preaches to thousands at events around the world with remarkable results. He also heads Advance, which is a movement that develops, encourages and endorses preachers; and which is growing exponentially throughout the UK and elsewhere.

The aim of the day is to encourage and equip us to become better at preaching the Gospel in a way that touches people's hearts and satisfies their hunger for the truth about Jesus.

This training day isn't just for Local Preachers and ministers. It will benefit anyone who wants to be better at proclaiming the Gospel, whether from a pulpit, at a youth club, in a school or in a park.

On a practical note, drinks will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

For more details, please contact Richard Selby by email: [Richard\\_J\\_Selby@hotmail.com](mailto:Richard_J_Selby@hotmail.com)

### **5-7<sup>th</sup> March: Connecting Disciples 2018**

Lay employees Conference at Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. See: <http://www.methodist.org.uk>

### **17<sup>th</sup> March: JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) Conference**

10am-4pm at Central Hall Manchester. "Brave New World - Faithful living in a time of change"

Tickets available online via Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brave-new-world-faithful-living-in-a-time-of-change-tickets-40506828013>

### **17<sup>th</sup> March – Black Dyke Band**

At: Victoria Hall, Bolton 7:30pm start. Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS

Tickets are £15 each (or £13.50 each for 6 or more) the Box Office is open Tue & Thu 10am-2pm and Saturdays 10am-12noon or available online through the website:

<http://www.boltonmethodistmission.org.uk/event/black-dyke-band-world-class-brass/>

### **Big Church Day Out (BCDO): 26-27 May in West Sussex & 1-2 June in Cheshire**

If you're not familiar with us, the Big Church Day Out (BCDO) is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider church that creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for 2 exciting days of worship and celebration. BCDO is held on two sites- Wiston House in West Sussex and Capesthorpe Hall in Cheshire. In 2018 BCDO South celebrates its 10th event, plus we will be returning to Cheshire for BCDO North's second year. The Big Church Day Out has grown year after year, and in 2018 we will be expecting around 40,000 to gather between the North and South events. The Big Church Day Out draws together tens of thousands of Christians from all over the UK and Europe to worship and celebrate all that is good. It's a one-of-a-kind expression of church unity that's as vibrant and varied as its wonderful guests. Whatever your age, denomination or musical taste, you are welcome to join us for two days of discovery and enjoyment you'll never forget. [www.bigchurchdayout.com](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com)

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Ordinands Testimony Service for Rev Jez Hackett**

6pm at Heaton Park Methodist Church, (Bury Circuit) Bury Old Road, Prestwich, M25 1JA

## **1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> June: Connecting Disciples 2018**

Lay employees Conference at Cliff College, Derbyshire. See: <http://www.methodist.org.uk>

### **Training Opportunities:**

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

See: [www.methodist.org.uk/nwm](http://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:**

Growing through Conflict Foundation Day - For church leaders - lay and ordained

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March** in the Bolton & Rochdale District

Consider your 'conflict style' and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and begin to consider some tools to de-escalate conflict.

For more information contact Brec Seaton [seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk)

To book your place email Rob Glassonbury [nwmannnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nwmannnetwork@gmail.com)

### **Connexion:**

#### **Thy Kingdom Come, 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We are delighted to invite you and your churches and communities to take part in Thy Kingdom Come, a global, ecumenical call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost 2018.

As many of you will know, Thy Kingdom Come began in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Today, Thy Kingdom Come aims to equip individuals, families and churches to pray, so that through prayer, people will be empowered by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Methodists are already involved in Thy Kingdom Come in a number of ways, but we are delighted to say that the Methodist Church is now a formal partner in the initiative, as an expression of the Church's commitment to personal and social holiness and to paying attention to God through prayer.

There are many ways to get involved. A number of churches across the Connexion will host Thy Kingdom Come Beacon events in 2018, and Thy Kingdom Come 'champions' who will promote the initiative across the Connexion. A wide range of resources are already available through [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for use by churches, including materials for prayer walks, prayer stations and service templates. Further resources are currently being developed with particular reference to Methodist contexts and charisms.

Further information, along with suggestions and resources for prayer, will be available on the Methodist Church's website and at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) We do hope that you and your churches and communities will join us in engaging with Thy Kingdom Come and in uniting in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost 2018.

Yours in Christ,  
Jill Baker, Vice-President of the Conference  
Lorraine N Mellor, President of the Conference  
Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Conference

## **All We Can Conference - 20<sup>th</sup> January**

10am to 6pm at William Booth College, London SE5 8BQ

You are invited to an engaging day of inspiration, challenge and action. Join special guests Rev Dr Calvin Samuel, the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, and inspirational worship leader Geraldine Latty, to celebrate how change happens when we all work together. Find out more and book your free place at [allwecan.org.uk/conference](http://allwecan.org.uk/conference)

For details of current appeals visit: [www.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.allwecan.org.uk)

## **Vacancies:**

### **Community Activities Enabler**

Three Year, fixed term part-time contract (15 hours per week)

Offering a salary of between £7000 - £8000 depending upon qualifications and experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic person to create and lead a number of community groups to extend the outreach of Manchester Road Methodist Church, Haslingden.

These groups will try to meet the needs of local people in areas such as tackling poverty, supporting people living with dementia, and providing learning opportunities. Connecting with community organisations and non-church people will be important, as will developing teams of volunteers to facilitate these groups

For an Application Pack please contact: The Circuit Administrator, Circuit Office, Wesley Hall, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LQ Email : [weshall@btconnect.com](mailto:weshall@btconnect.com) Phone : 01254 661333

Only fully completed application forms will be considered. Previous applicants need not apply.

Closing Date for Applications is 12noon Monday 5 February 2018

The short listed applicants will be invited for interview on Monday 19 February 2018

There is a genuine occupational requirement for you to be an active member of a church recognised by Churches Together in England. You will be supervised by the minister of Manchester Road Methodist Church. The Methodist Church is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

### **Mission Centre Manager**

Part Time post at Hebden Royd Methodist Church, Market Street, Hebden Bridge.

Hebden Royd Methodist Church is seeking to employ a part-time Mission Centre Manager to help in its mission to the local community.

We are committed to sharing God's love with our community and working within it and alongside it.

We are therefore looking for a person who will assist us in proclaiming our faith through our building, volunteers and fellowship.

We need someone who will build on existing relationships and help make the Church a visible Christian presence within the local community.

We are looking for a Christian who is...

- A trouble shooter and problem solver for managing the building within the constitution and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- A pastoral person with a heart and passion for those who work in and use the premises.
- Able to communicate with all users and have good interpersonal skills.

The post is for 12 hours a week which are flexible to the requirements of the job and will be initially for 3 years.

Payment will be £8.75 per hour with 28 days holiday p.a. pro rata, to include 8 public holidays.

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) that the post-holder is a Christian (see Person Specification). The appointment is subject to a clear Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service – Enhanced check.

For an application pack and full details please email: [office@calderdalemethodists.org.uk](mailto:office@calderdalemethodists.org.uk) or call 01422 359639 or write to Calderdale Methodist Circuit Office, Salem Methodist Church, Richmond Street, Halifax, HX1 5SX

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Interview date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## **Resources:**

- **Action for Children:** [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)
- **All We Can:** [www.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.allwecan.org.uk)
- **Bible Society:** [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)
- **Children's Bible stories:** [www.childschapel.org](http://www.childschapel.org)
- **Christian Aid:** <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>
- **Connexion website:** [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)
- **DMLN:** [www.discipleshaped.org/events/date](http://www.discipleshaped.org/events/date)
- **Methodist Women in Britain:** [www.mwib.org.uk](http://www.mwib.org.uk)
- **Methodist Publishing:** [www.methodistpublishing.org.uk](http://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk)

## **Quiet Days at Chapel in the Fields**

We are offering Quiet Days at The Chapel; February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Spaces will be limited so please contact [tcif15@gmail.com](mailto: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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**Bread of Life – A deeply moving and captivating performance for your church this Lent and Easter.** Springs Dance Company is delighted to be returning with its much sought after and highly praised production Bread of Life, for churches, cathedrals, festivals and schools. A reflection on the last supper, Bread of Life celebrates the meal of bread and wine with Jesus, the ever present King. This Lent and Easter rediscover the living, breathing Bread of Life, through this stirring depiction of how God is building a community of love with Jesus himself at the centre.

“Wonderful performance so moving - reminded me what the relationship with Jesus is meant to be like.” “A powerful and moving performance.” “Amazing, heart-felt, inspirational.” Audience Feedback from Bread of Life 2017

**Springs would love to hear from anyone interested in hosting a performance of Bread of Life. Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or call 07876 752 910**

## **Calling all choirs! Calling all choirs!**

The Octagon Theatre in Bolton is embarking on a season of productions in different locations and venues across the town next year from May 2018 through to autumn 2019, as the theatre building is getting a complete face-lift to transform it into one of the most accessible theatres in the country! One of the off-site shows is Gulliver's Travels and the Octagon would like to invite local community choirs to be involved in the spectacular finale of this production which takes place in the amphitheatre in Queen's Park from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August.

If you think members of your church choir would be interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact Norma Rutherford on the following email: [norma.rutherford@octagonbolton.co.uk](mailto:norma.rutherford@octagonbolton.co.uk)

## **Association for Church Editors Awards**

Please see [www.churchmag.uk](http://www.churchmag.uk) Closing date for entries is 5th February 2018.

## **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](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-community/faith-groups/fairtrade-churches)