



Bolton & Rochdale Methodist District

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District Newsletter – May 2019

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.

Upcoming Events

Thy Kingdom Come: 30th May – 9th June 2019 www.thykingdomcome.global

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ

The first of the Methodist resources for Thy Kingdom Come is now printed and ready for distribution! This year's Methodist Novena is titled *I Hear You Differently*, and is written by Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President Elect of the Methodist Conference 2019/20. This booklet of daily reflections contains beautiful images, prayers and readings to encourage, challenge and inspire us through nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

There are printed copies for you to distribute throughout your Circuits, which can be ordered free of charge from www.cpo.org.uk/tkcmethodist (postage costs will need to be paid for).

A *Methodist Service Resource* is also available, written by the Revd Hilary Cooke. This resource provides an order for service which includes hymns, prayers, readings, and reflections, and will be downloadable from the Methodist Church website.

The Songs of Praise Choir of the Year Competition filmed at The Victoria Hall will air on BBC One on 19th & 26th May and 2nd June 2019.

Precious memories lunch and chat afternoons (every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from 12.00 -2pm at Christ Church, Mytham Road, Little Lever, Bolton, BL3 1JE.

A friendly group for people living with memory loss, anxiety and depression with their Carers, family and friends.

If you are looking for a free, safe, relaxed and welcoming environment to have fun and laughter together, join us for a light lunch and a chat!

There is also the option of table games, fun with music, gentle exercises, arts and crafts and entertainment.

Dates for your diary: visit the District Website: www.barmd.org.uk

Vacancies:

For details of the various jobs around the Connexion please visit:

www.methodist.org.uk/jobs

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

Training Opportunities:

Worship: Leading and Preaching course tutors' training

The Continuing Development Days for Current Tutors of the W:LP course are:

8th June 2019, 28th November 2019. The purpose of the days are:

- For those tutors who have students' who have had portfolios submitted in that period to hear feedback
- For all tutors to be given additional training and support to help them develop as tutors.
- The focus of the training is chosen in response to areas of weaknesses found Connexionally in portfolios.
- To hear Connexional updates relating to the course and to give feedback to the Learning Network to feedback to Connexional colleagues.
- To meet other tutors, build connections and support.

Please book through Rob at nwmannnetwork@gmail.com

For further details contact Jasmine Devadason at devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk

GDPR:

General Data Protection Regulation came into effect on 25th May 2018.

Training and resources from TMCP are fine tuned for The Methodist Church context:

<https://www.tmcp.org.uk/about/data-protection>

Learning Network: North West & Mann Region

See: www.methodist.org.uk/nwm

Our Learning Network 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>

Resources:

- **Action for Children:** www.actionforchildren.org.uk
- **All We Can:** www.allwecan.org.uk
- **Bible Society:** www.biblesociety.org.uk
- **Children's Bible stories:** www.childschapel.org
- **Christian Aid:** <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>
- **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

Our Daily Bread Ministries.....not just the daily devotionals.

The team are willing to come and share with you, please contact them directly either by email on churchministry_uk@odb.org or by phone on 015395 64149.

Quiet Days at Chapel in the Fields

We are offering a monthly Quiet Day at The Chapel over the next few months on the second Wednesday, 9:30am for 10:00 am start, finish by 3:15pm.

Spaces will be limited so please contact tcitf15@gmail.com if you would like attend. We are asking for £10 donation for the day to include a simple lunch.