



The Methodist Church

Bolton and Rochdale District

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District Newsletter – May 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 this 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

Rooted: A young adult's Christian network at Harwood Methodist Church. The group is for students and young professionals who are 18+, of any denomination. This group aims to connect young adults to other people, to churches and to God. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, at various locations. For anyone who would like more details please email rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk. We also have a Facebook group, www.Facebook.com/groups/rootedbolton which the young adults can join. If you would like us to send you posters and other advertising material, including material for church notices, then please let us know.

8th-15th May: Prayer Initiative "Thy Kingdom Come"

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before the Day of Pentecost. The week of prayer will culminate in "Beacon events" around the country over Pentecost weekend, where people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith. Further info available online at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/latest-updates/liturgical-resources-for-thy-kingdom-come.aspx>

20th May: My Heart Strangely Warmed 10am-5.15pm Moravian School Fulneck, (LS28 8NT)
Lutheran, Moravian and Methodist Churches are holding a day of music, workshops. academic discussion and worship. See: "Events" on www.reformation500.uk

20th May: Action for Children Annual Morecambe Bay Sponsored Walk

A cross bay walk from Arnside to Kents Bank with refreshments at Abbott Hall Hotel afterwards. To register (£10 fee and sponsorship required) call Diane Goodier on Tel: 01925 850856 or email: diane.goodier@actionforchildren.org.uk

2nd-4th June: Methodists for World Mission Annual Conference

At Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick. Please see: www.mwm.org.uk

10th June: "We Are One Walk" from Salford Cathedral to Manchester Cathedral.

22nd-23rd June: Presbyteral Session of Conference

24th - 29th June: Representative Session of Conference

25th June: Ordination Services

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-201617>

District Safeguarding Officer: Graham Kay

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Past Case Review (PCR) report “Courage, Cost and Hope”: available to download at:

www.methodist.org.uk/media/1683823/past-cases-review-2013-2015-final.pdf

Dignity and Respect – Thursday 4th May

Understanding of bullying and harassing behavior and ways to respond - For church leaders - lay and ordained.

This day will consider our understanding of, and approaches to, dealing with bullying and harassing behaviour. Through case studies we explore possible responses in the way we communicate — considering areas such as transactional analysis, working with high conflict people, the emotional life of conflict and underlying experiences that inform behaviour towards others.

Venue: Chorley Methodist Church

Date: Thursday 4th May

Time: 9:30am coffee for a 10am start, until 4pm.

To book a place on one of the days, please email Rob Glassonbury: NWMannNetwork@gmail.com

Time Management, Boundaries and How To Say No

Thursday 11th May at Maghull Methodist Church (Please book by 4th May)

Tuesday 20th June at Doxey, North Stafford (Please book by 13th June)

Bookings via Rob at: NWMannnetwork@gmail.com

31st July - 4th August: Cliff College Summer School

For those training in Worship Leading and Preaching. To book see: www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/ss

Or contact Ministry Development Officer for Worship & Local Preachers; Bob Bartindale at:

bartindaleb@methodistchurch.org.uk

Fundraising:

Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2017 <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>

Nejebars story: Nejebars doesn't have a safe place to call home

Nejebars fled Afghanistan with her family after the Taliban threatened to kill her husband, Noor, who was a teacher. It wasn't an idle threat - the Taliban first blinded, then murdered, another member of their family. 'The last days and weeks in Afghanistan were the hardest,' says Noor. 'When I went to work, my heart was beating harder. I didn't know if my family were going to be alive when I got back.'

Action for Children: details on their website: www.actionforchildren.org.uk

URGENT APPEAL: East Africa Famine Appeal

All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of The Methodist Church in Britain are appealing for financial support to enable them to respond to immediate needs in South Sudan and help avert famine in other countries on the verge of disaster.

Please, if you are able to help donate online at:

http://www.allwecan.org.uk/current-appeals/east-africa-famine-appeal?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8037321_AWC%20Famine%20Appeal&dm_i=BVI,4S9MX,3A7Q7Y,I05FO,1

Post; send a cheque payable to "All We Can" to: All We Can, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR stating your gift is for the East Africa Famine Appeal.

Phone; on Tel: 020 7467 5132 or TEXT EFAM17 £10 to 70070 (for example for £10 or amend the amount by changing £ in your text)

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

Resources:

Refugee Crisis: All We Can Refugee Booklet now available online at:

www.allwecan.org.uk/fundraising-packs/refugees-to-all-the-people-we-can

- **All We Can:** (ex MRDF) www.allwecan.org.uk
- **Bible Society:** www.biblesociety.org.uk
- **Children's Bible stories:** www.childschapel.org
- **Connexion website:** www.methodist.org.uk
- **District website:** www.barnd.org.uk
- **DMLN:** www.discipleshaped.org/events/date
- **Methodist Women in Britain:** www.mwib.org.uk
- **Methodist Publishing:** www.methodistpublishing.org.uk