

BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT SYNOD 13.4.13 – INFORMATION SHEET

- 1. District Vision Consultations – Please come along to any of the following:
“How can the District equip your discipleship and church growth?”**

Tuesday 23 April, 7.00pm

Whitley Methodist Church, Whitley, Wigan WN1 2QR

Tuesday 30 April, 7.00pm

Chew Moor Methodist Church, St John’s Road, Bolton BL6 4HA

Wednesday 1 May, 7.00pm

Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way, Rochdale OL11 4PZ

- 2. Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Event at Bolton Road Methodist, Bury**
An opportunity for preachers (lay and ordained) and worship leaders from around the District to meet for fellowship and develop preaching skills will be provided when Mr Brian Thornton, Vice- President of the Methodist Conference 1999-2000, and currently LWPT National Advocate visits the District.
Saturday 1 June 2:00pm ‘Telling Stories’ - session led by Mr Brian Thornton
Sunday 2 June 6:00pm Evening Worship - preacher Mr Brian Thornton

- 3. THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG**

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May at Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Calling all musicians & those who have an interest in Worship

Saturday Afternoon 3pm

Workshops on -

1. How we Worship?
2. Music and Worship?
3. Audio and visual systems – what is possible?

Saturday Evening 6pm

“Festival of Fellowship”: Music, Stories of Faith & Food

Sunday Morning Worship

8.30am Prayer Meeting

10:30am This is my Story, This is my Song

A buffet tea will be provided for those who come to workshops on Saturday and stay to the evening event. Please ring Victoria Hall on 01204 522569 for catering.

- 4. Supportive Resourcing - Thursday 13 June 7.30pm at Bolton Road, Bury**
One of the main challenges for the church is finding approaches to making our different resources work so we can ‘do’ mission. The dream is to move from ‘can’t afford it’ to ‘this is the money we have so how can we use it for mission’. This may be an aspirational dream, but if there are examples and experience we can call on elsewhere in the Connexion, we should be interested. We have invited Mr Andrew Slim to our District. Andrew is presently part time Finance Officer for Manchester Circuit and also for Salford Circuit. We propose an informal gathering in which Andrew can present an introduction for the evening highlighting some pertinent points from his experience. After a time to share local experiences and challenges in groups we will set a significant time to have a collective question and answer session.
This event is for church and circuit treasurers, stewards and all who are interested. (Please register your interest via the district website)

- 5. Youth Event:** A Grand Night Out on Saturday 22 June at The Grand, Clitheroe
Book at: www.mandsmethodists.org.uk

6. District Service “Trickle Up and Travel On” - Tuesday 23 July 7:30pm

Venue TBC – please check the District website.

An informal celebration and sharing of the work and projects carried out through the District ‘Trickle Up’ Funding.

A thanksgiving and farewell service for:

Wendy Beard – District Development Enabler

Alison Parker – District Training Officer

Mark Street – District Evangelism Enabler

7. Rochdale and Littleborough Community Engagement:

Thrum Hall are to launch a community choir launch Monday evenings in June at 7pm. Open to all children and adults. The songs performed will all hold a message.

Whitworth are continuing their monthly street challenges. Recent ones include praying for the community, visiting the shops on the high street for prayer requests, giving out hot cross buns at Easter. Making various rooms into prayer spaces ready to welcome the local school and change our shop window to fit the theme of the street challenge. Further information from Rev Helen Johnson on 01706 646566

8. District Website - www.barmd.org.uk

District Diary Dates and upcoming events are listed on here as well as the facility to book onto Training Courses. If you have a circuit event you would like to publicise please email Jill on revpm@me.com

9. President and Vice-President Visit 10 – 13 May 2014

Sunday 11 May 6:30pm – District Service at Thrum Hall, Rochdale

10. Truth and Lies about Poverty – Please take the time to read this document prepared by the Joint Public Issues Team of the Baptist Union, Methodist Church, the Church of Scotland and the United Reform Church. It is uncomfortable but important reading. For further information:

www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/truthandliesaboutpoverty

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Safeguarding Coordinators and Trainers annual training morning	20.4.13	9.30am-1pm	Walkden Methodist, Manchester Road East, M38 9AN	Register via www.barmd.org.uk
Ordinands Testimony Service Len Pereira and Siân Street	19.5.13	3:00pm	Kingsleigh Methodist, King Street, Leigh, WN7 4LR	District Office
Pentecost Celebration Event	19.5.13	6:00pm	Victoria Hall, Bolton, BL1 2AS	Mary 01204 546138
Big Day Out	29.6.13	10:30am – 7:00pm	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool	Synod Office 0161 707 9117
District Service 'Trickle Up and Travel On'	23.7.13	7:30pm	Aspull Methodist, Wigan, WN2 1PP	District Office
Representative Synod	7.9.13	9:30am	St. Andrews, Rochdale, OL16 1TU	Mr Robert Graham