



District Newsletter – June 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

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

8th June: Thy Kingdom Come: Prayer in Bolton Town Centre

11:00am – 2:00pm on Bolton Town Hall Square

Come and join us - let's spread the Good news of Jesus

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

For more information please contact Revd Thandeka Sibanda on 07494 532441

8th June: People on the move... a North West conference exploring issues of migration

10am – 4pm at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester (M1 1JQ)

Keynote presentations, stories, workshops, stalls and creative exploration on the theme.....

"Why and how should faith communities respond to migration?"

With The President and The Vice-President of The Methodist Conference

Further information available from Rev. Ian Rutherford (City Centre Minister) on

ianr7@hotmail.co.uk or 0754 8846173. Book your Tickets via Eventbrite

Participation Training Day

North West and Mann Regional Forum Youth and Children's Work Enabler Project.

A day of training for children and youth workers and volunteers to give you confidence in participation skills and to equip you to train others.

Why might we want children and young people to participate in church life?

What will the impact of their involvement be? How might we best do this?

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This day addresses all these questions, and there is space for you to ask other questions too to meet your needs. As well as chance to think about what we mean by participation, there will be lots of practical ideas and resources for support, as well as the opportunity to be equipped to run a participation workshop for toddlers', children's, and youth teams in your church and Circuit.

Tuesday 25th June Lancaster Quaker Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TX or Friday 28th June Knutsford Methodist Church, Princess Street, Knutsford, WA16 6BY

10:30am-3:00pm (Refreshments from 10am)

Lunch, refreshments and all your resources will be provided so booking is essential.

To book, please contact Rob (including any dietary or access needs) on:

NWMannNetwork@gmail.com by 18th or 21st June respectively.

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.

26th June: The Time Is Now

The time is now to raise our voices! On June 26th Christian Aid will join with our friends in the climate coalition to challenge and persuade the UK Government to up its ambition on climate change and act now to ensure that we create a world in which everybody can thrive. We'll come together to draw a line in the sand and send a clear message to MPs that enough is enough, and they need to act now. We'll bring together supporters and churches, bringing a powerful moral voice to our calls for action, we'll pray together, celebrate our faith in action, lobby MPs and energise one another for the campaigning to come. Will you join us? For Christian Aid supporters there will be faith-based workshops, and a walk of witness, and of course joining the mass lobby meeting your MP. The guide includes details for the day and top tips for lobbying MPs amongst other useful and interesting info such as what is happening at 2pm! If you would like to join us for any of the workshops or the speaker event, please sign up separately to the main lobby at www.thetimeisnowfaithevents.eventbrite.com



Saturday September 21st 2019 at 10am: Morecambe Bay Sponsored Walk

Join Action for Children for a cross bay walk from Arnside to Kents Bank with refreshments at Abbot Hall Hotel after the walk. Registration is £10 for each adult walker and sponsorship is also required. To register, or to find out more, please contact Helen Noble on 01925 415097 Or email helen.noble@actionforchildren.org.uk

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

Vacancies:

Circuit Administrator

Rochdale and Littleborough Methodist Circuit in the Bolton and Rochdale District is seeking to appoint a Circuit Administrator.

The role consists of providing administrative support to the Superintendent Minister, Circuit Ministers, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Committees and to be appointed as Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Hours: 16 hours per week with flexible working. Salary: £12 per hour

The appointment will be for 3 years in the first instance with the possibility of renewal.

Further details and Application Pack are available from Diane Hardwick

Tel: 01706 644134 or Email: milnrowhardwicks@gmail.com

Prospective candidates are welcome to discuss details of the role.

Closing Date: Friday 21st June

Expected date of interview: Tuesday 2nd July

Interview Venue: The Bridge Centre, Smithy Bridge Road, Littleborough OL15 0DY

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

www.methodist.org.uk/jobs

Safeguarding:

Advanced Module Training Dates – please visit the Events section of the District Website to book places on these training days.

Policies and guidance – the most recent are now available on the Methodist Church website:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-ministers-and-office-holders/safeguarding/policies-procedure-and-information/policies-and-guidance/>

District Safeguarding Officer: New email address

Kev Brabrook - boltonandrochdaledso@dso.methodist.org.uk

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

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 -

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/learning/network-regions/north-west-mann-region>

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>

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:

- **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

Refugee Week 17-23 June

From the Methodist Church Fund for Human Need - for Refugee Week, 17th to 23rd June 2019: Because a significant proportion of FHN's emergency payments go to refugees and asylum seekers here in the UK, we are sending help this year for preachers who are appointed to lead worship on Refugee Sunday, 23rd June.

This help is in the form of two attached documents: one is our April Newsletter with a focus on Refugees and the other is a collection of service notes and contacts that our Secretary has prepared. There are also some brief PowerPoint slides including some stories of those we seek to help. We are sending these things because of our true concern for those who are facing hardships of every kind, in every way and all at once, way beyond what most of us would ever be called to endure.

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.

London City Mission – Together in the Gospel

As one of the most diverse cities on earth, London is a huge mission field. Together with the city's churches, **London City Mission** shows God's love in practical ways and shares the life-changing message of Jesus with the least reached of our capital - those living in poverty, on the margins of society or from other religions. We seek to partner with churches, to reach out more effectively to the least-reached and to integrate those who decide to follow Jesus into a loving church family.

For over 180 years, the gospel has been at the heart of all we do, because London needs Jesus. We depend almost entirely on contributions from individuals and churches to run these ministries. Will your church partner with us and help to share the good news with the least reached people of London? For further details and to receive a **Together in the Gospel** partnership brochure for your church, click on www.lcm.org.uk/togetherinthegospel