



# The Methodist Church

## The Cumbria District

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### NEWS BULLETINS: June 2019

June 2019    27<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>    The Methodist Conference at Birmingham

#### Save the Dates:

**Farewell Service for the Revd Richard Teal and Mrs Susan Teal  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Penrith Methodist Church.**

PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE IS 4 PM

**Welcome Service for the New District Chair the Revd. Dr James Tebbutt will be held on the  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at Penrith Methodist Church at 7pm**

### 100 Days of Prayer

"There's no template for this. It's not another 'initiative'. Just pray! "

So says the Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson, as she encourages as many people as possible to join together in '100 Days of Prayer' to seek God's lead for our future vision to continue to grow his Kingdom here in Cumbria.

The God for All vision has provided a wonderful bedrock from which to grow and nurture disciples of Jesus, whilst also offering new ways of 'being and doing' church across the county. So why 'reinvent the wheel'? Instead let's look towards how we can refresh our ecumenical vision. And together our churches need to work out what this looks like.

So Bishop Emma is asking church communities across the county to join as one in '100 Days of Prayer', a time of reflection and contemplation as we open our hearts to God's guidance. It begins this weekend - on Pentecost Sunday - and will end on September 17, to be followed by 100 days of listening, taking us through to Christmas Day.

## **PROPERTY MATTERS**

Dear all

I have been asked by Mr Jim Irving to draw your attention to the Following link regard PROPERTY. PLEASE CLICK ON - Thank you

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/grant-programmes-2019-2023>

Message from Tim Jeffries in Barrow

Hello everyone

South west Cumbria united area are getting ready to host synod in September. If you were at the last synod you will have heard my colleague Sophie tell you all about our amazing community charity shop re:new. In order to function we rely on donationed items from our churches and the general public. Most of our church folks wardrobes are now looking rather bare as in the wise words of St. John "anyone who has two shirts, give one to the poor!"

Perhaps your having a clear out this summer, could you consider passing it on to your synod representative who will then bring it to the re:new donation drive at September synod. Many thanks for your consideration and blessings to you all.

Tim Jeffries  
Charity shop manager

### **North West & Mann Learning Network Region**

Like many of us, I have been re-reading Colossians recently, and I am struck by Paul's opening thanks to the people of Colossae. It is a real encouragement with words like hope, thank God, bearing fruit, growing, faithful, learning, praying, joyfully.

The children & youth work enablers over the last three years of their posts have been listening to the needs of volunteers who work in our churches with children and young people, and there are a few repetitive messages coming from that, one of which is that when volunteers are thanked it makes a huge difference.



Why not dig out the Methodist Service Book and recommission the volunteers working with children and young people and say of them as Paul says of the Colossians: "in our prayers for you we always thank God, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints... we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding".

There's lots in this newsletter that will resource these volunteers as well as many others involved in church leadership.



Please do put the link to our subscribe page on your websites and in your notice sheets and we too can then communicate directly with the excellent Methodists in this region.

## Calendar of Events in this edition of the Newsletter

- Tuesday 11 June - Deadline for ONE programme applications
- Saturday 22 June - Vocation Exploration Day
- Tuesday 25 June - Time management, boundaries & how to say no
- Tuesday 25 June - Children and youth participation training day
- Friday 28 June - Children and youth participation training day
- Saturday 29 June - Dalit Theological response to exclusion
- Wednesday 10 July - Line managing Lay Employees
- 5 to 9 August - Worship : Leading & Preaching summer school
- Saturday 5 October - Take Time training day (advanced notice as this event is limited to 25 places)

Keep on reading for more information on all of these events.

\* If booking with Rob, please tell us where you heard about the event.

**Before that here's some good news about a new online resource which is accessible all the time!**



Most Christians agree that prayer is a good idea.

How to approach prayer, however, isn't always so clear.

We have produced a suite of resources called Simple Prayer. This includes the existing the Simple Prayer Guidebook which you may have picked up at events with us this year, and we have also produced three films with a flyer pulling out questions from the films.

"The aim is to make exploring prayer straightforward and accessible." Edel McClean

We are hopeful that they provide a way to consider how you think and feel about prayer. The intention is to help you to find an approach to prayer that suits you, the realities of your life and your personality.

The prayer that suits you will deepen your friendship with the God who yearns to spend time with you. That friendship deserves all the time and energy you give to exploration.

You will find all three films here. The flyer with the questions is going online this week, with The Simple Prayer Guidebook, and over the next few weeks the guidebook will be adapted so it can be 'read' online like a book. In September there will be hard copies of all of this available, so save your ink and read it online for now!

## Bread making facilitator - Somewhere Else, Liverpool City Centre Methodist Church

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Bread making facilitator - Somewhere Else, Liverpool City Centre Methodist Church  
description

Closing date: 12noon 11 June 2019

Interview date: 11 July 2019

Are you or does someone know sound like this?

- Vibrant, committed and open to new and exciting leadership opportunities in a city centre setting
- Passionate about participating fully in all aspects of a diverse and inclusive Christian community

Want to know more about the role about?

- Reaching out with 'outrageous hospitality' to all who cross our threshold
- Developing your practical and spiritual leadership skills
- Growing the work to connect with local young people and showing them by example how special and rewarding a life with Christ can be

What's in it for you?

- An exciting opportunity to use your gifts and skills, learn and hone new ones, explore your vocation/calling in a unique environment of acceptance, and flourish with our support.
- Train with a group of 10 others doing similar roles across the country

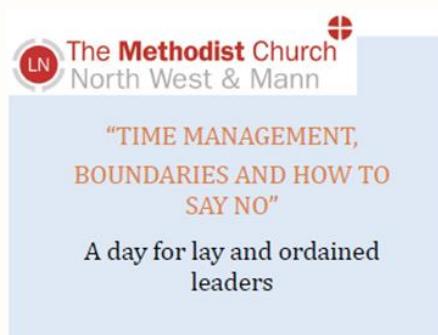
22 June is the next **Vocation Saturday**.

The focus is Biblical perspectives on Vocation. The session is interactive exploring a range of things including how God calls people in the Bible and today, how does God call people to a vocation. The Bible reveals some very unlikely characters involved in some very unlikely work for God!

This event is at Ashton Methodist Church, Preston, when you book in we will send you all the info about travel and parking etc.

Booking with Rob \*

Next Connexional year we will run two more of these days to complete the five session cycle for this current group. In the meantime, we are reviewing this piece of work, so again, watch this space for more information about exploring your calling.



There are still some places on the '**Time management, boundaries and how to say no'** day. If a day like this would be of value to you, please book soon.

Aims of the day:

- To pray and reflect on Jesus' approach to time
- To identify some of the pressures on time in ministry
- To teach discernment as a counterbalance to busyness

- To teach some practical time management tools

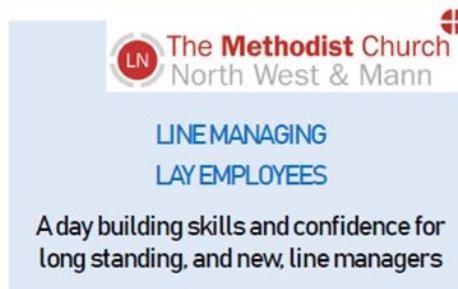
Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019

Time: 10:30am to 3:00pm (refreshments from 10:00am)

Venue: Shevington Methodist Church

Booking with Rob \* and we will send out full venue details etc to you. Deadline for booking is Tuesday 18 June.

Please bring your own lunch.



The **line managing lay employees day** is nearly full so if you do want to come please book your place very soon.

Date: Wednesday 10 July 2019

Time: 10:30am to 3:00pm (refreshments from 10:00am)

Venue: Walkden Methodist Church

Booking with Rob \* and we will send out full venue details etc to you. Deadline for booking is Wednesday 3 July.



A **Day Conference on Dalit Theological Response to Exclusion**: this is going to be another truly excellent day for all theologians, both the enthusiast who is always asking 'where's God in' things and also for academic theologians. All the presenters are Dalit theologians, one of whom is Jasmine Devadason from our team and another is Raj Patta from Stockport Circuit – if you were at the Bible month day earlier this year you will have experienced Raj before and know how excellent a communicator he is.

Date: Saturday 29 June 2019

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Venue: Conference Room C1.18 Ellen Wilkinson Building, University of Manchester, M15 6JA  
Bookings via Jasmine



### **Children and Young People's Participation Training**

Are you involved in work with children and young people?

If so there is a day to explore these three questions...

- 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?

This day addresses all these questions, and there is space for you to ask other questions too to meet your needs.

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.

There are two dates to choose from, in the North and South of the Region...

Date: Tuesday 25 June

Venue: Lancaster Quaker Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TX

Date: Friday 28 June

Venue: Knutsford Methodist Church, Princess Street, Knutsford, WA16 6BY

Time: 10:30am to 3:00pm (refreshments from 10:00am)

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

To book, [please contact Rob](#) \* (including any dietary or access needs) by 18 or 21 June respectively.

Please [click here](#) for a flyer.

Watch out on social media for the hashtag #NWMParticipation for info about the days to build the confidence of adults to enable children and young people to participate in church life and their own discipleship.



### **Worship : Leading & Preaching Summer School**

Here's last years' summer school cohort and here's what some of them said

"The short few days have had a potentially life-long impact on my Christian journey – something I simply was not expecting – but God has worked powerfully"

"I have been inspired, enthused and encouraged by the whole experience. The lectures and the fellowship were wonderful"

"My calling has been re-affirmed and I have been supported every step of the way"

Are you studying to become a Methodist Local Preacher or Worship leader?

Then the 'Worship: Leading and Preaching' Summer School is for you!

Open to all aged 18 years+ (but remember our last newsletter when we told you about the weekend for young local preachers, meaning there's something for everyone)

During the week, the sessions will be based on the "Explore" material in Worship Leading and Preaching, and will assume that students have completed the "Prepare" sections prior to the

## Summer School.

Opportunities for discussion about building portfolios and other aspects of the course will also be available, and we will share worship and fellowship together.

A great opportunity to meet with others from around the country who are in training.

Four streams will be provided for Worship: Leading & Preaching, covering (i) Modules 1 & 2, (ii) Modules 3 & 4, (iii) Modules 5 & 6 and (iv) Modules 7 & 8

[Email to book.](#)



### Taketime Together Training

- Do you want to help people encounter Jesus, in a gentle, accessible way?
- Do you want to support seekers, inside and outside your church?
- Do you need a simple way to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus?

"Taketime is a way of reaching beyond the Church using accessible meditations that help people to encounter Jesus"

The meditations are either online or you can gather in small groups.

This day will help you understand the Taketime vision and give you the knowledge and skills you need to start a Taketime Together Group and how to get online.

Whether you know you want to lead a group or you just want to find out more, you are welcome to attend. If you are interested in leading a group, we would encourage you to attend with someone else from your church or community who might learn and lead alongside you.

Find out more and have a go at using the meditations [on the website.](#)

Where: Ainsdale Methodist Church, 688 Liverpool Road, Southport

When: Saturday 5 October

Time: 9:30am to 4:00pm

Cost: While there is a cost for Taketime leadership training, the Methodist Church's NW&Mann Learning Network are meeting this cost in order to support this work in the North West.

To book or find out more, [contact Rob](#) \*



Every year we work with your District to host a day just for **lay employees**.

We are planning for next year already.



Here's a few quotes from this year which we hope will whet your appetite for what's to come:

"I just wanted to say a big thank you for today's event. It did exactly what it said on the tin! I found the restful intensity (if that's not an oxymoron) of the day really beneficial."

"I appreciated the space and opportunity to network and learn more about the work being done by other lay employees."

"What made the day meaningful for me was the effort put into the day. I felt cherished."

So, watch this space for more information in September.

## Iona Community – Autumn Residential Programme

Although our own residential centres remain closed for refurbishment, the Iona Community is delighted to announce that it will be running an autumn residential programme based at the St Columba Hotel on Iona. Against the vermillion and purple sunrises and softer pace of the island in autumn, these retreats offer the chance to pause and take stock of life – to gather in what is ripe, to clear the ground and prepare for what lies ahead.

We are absolutely delighted to have 3 exceptional people leading this year's programmes: poet and award-winning translator of Rilke and Meister Eckhart, Mark Burrows; long-time Wild Goose Resource Member, Jo Love; and art historian and popular speaker Debbie Lewer – who also led our wonderful Easter 2018 retreat.

Dates are as follows

### **18th – 23rd October:**

**Ripening in Wisdom: Elder Poets as Sages of the Harvest of Life**  
*Mark Burrows, Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Bochum*

### **23rd – 28th October:**

**Kicking Leaves and Kindling Fires**  
*Jo Love, Wild Goose Resource Group*

### **28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

**Lightening the Dark, Darkening the Light: Exploring the Shadows of Art and Faith**  
*Debbie Lewer, University of Glasgow*

Fuller descriptions of the programmes can be found by visiting <https://iona.org.uk/island-centres/bookings/ae2019/> and following the links

Based at the lovely St. Columba Hotel, each programme is 5 nights; prices start at £735 per person and include continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, accommodation and programme charges. Places can be reserved via the [St Columba website](#) or by phoning the hotel on 44 (0)1681 700 304

Any queries can be directed to Pat Bennett: [pat@iona.org.uk](mailto:pat@iona.org.uk)

# Playtime National Conference

Dear Mrs Hulme

Workshop registration for Playtime National Conference is now open for booked delegates! If you've not yet bought your ticket, we highly recommend booking today so that you have the best chance of getting a place in your favourite sessions.

We have dozens of workshops available, to name just a few:

- Ways to respond effectively to a toddler's difficult behaviour
- Support parents in helping their children nurture a faith that lasts
- Help create a safe space for parents struggling with their mental health

There's a whole host of things to look forward to on the day, like hearing from our popular speakers, worshiping together, exploring the resource area and tucking into a packed lunch made just for you.

Toddler group leaders have found the day incredibly helpful and it's a great way to invest in your team too.

We hope to see you there!

Helen Lock  
Playtime Coordinator

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