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Church

EAST MIDLANDS SYNOD

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Jesus said to His disciples: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

Jesus says to us 'Go'. We are to be out in our communities being salt and light and sharing the grace of Jesus with our friends and neighbours. Here in Lincolnshire, we are about to launch the Mission Shaped Ministry course to look at ways in which we can connect with our communities in new ways. As I go around the Synod, I see various places where new forms of being church are springing up. Messy church and cafe church are examples, but there are other forms of church that have sprung up because of the needs of particular situations. Let us look at our communities and discover new ways of connecting with them for it is unusual in these days that people will just come through our church doors and stay.

- Jesus says 'Make disciples'. Unlike other rabbis, who only wanted to have the most promising students as disciples, Jesus welcomed anyone who would come to Him (John 6:37). His preaching made clear the costs involved – the disciples could only expect to be treated in the same way as their Rabbi (Matthew 10:24-25; Luke 14:26-27; John 15:20). So Jesus instructed His hearers to consider if they were willing to reorder their lives completely around Him before they began to follow Him (Luke 14:28-33). For those who did respond to Jesus' call, however, there was the joy of being part of God's kingdom now (eg Luke 10:17) and the promise of enjoying God's renewed world forever. The URC has begun to look at discipleship seriously through 'Walking the Way, living the life of Jesus today' and there plenty of resources to help us grow in our discipleship. Have you read 'Holy Habits' yet?

Go and make disciples and remember Jesus' promise to us that He is with us always to the very end of the age. That is comforting!

*Robert Bushby*

Minister, Riverside Church, Sleaford & Synod Mission Development Officer

### PEOPLE

- **CORRECTION OF SERVICE TIME:** Please note that the time is **2.00pm** for the upcoming Ordination and Induction in the East Midlands Synod of **Andrew Mudharara**, who is to be ordained and inducted into the joint pastorate of Hinckley and Daventry United Reformed Churches. The service is to be held at Hinckley United Reformed Church, The Borough, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 1NL on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 2:00pm.
- It is with sadness that we inform you of the sudden death of the **Revd Kim Fabricius** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Following training at Mansfield College Oxford, Kim was Ordained in 1982 and Inducted to ministry at Bethel United Reformed Church, Sketty, Swansea where he continued to serve until retirement in 2013. Kim was a fine theologian, an original thinker and a great wit whose life and laughter will be missed by so many people in Swansea and much further afield, not least by his widow Angie and their family and by the people of Sketty Uniting Church.

### SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Jane Henderson, our CYDO & safeguarding officer is on sick leave. If you have any urgent safeguarding queries please contact Nicola Grieves, Eastern Synod Safeguarding Officer, [cydo@urceasten.org.uk](mailto:cydo@urceasten.org.uk) on 07515 721172 or Ioannis Athanasiou, URC Safeguarding Adviser, 020 7520 2729 [ioannis.athanasiou@urc.org.uk](mailto:ioannis.athanasiou@urc.org.uk)  
Any queries relating to DBS checks need to be directed as normal to DDC, 01162 603055  
General questions relating to policy and training can be directed to Jane who will respond when she is back.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

**BULWELL ARTS FESTIVAL** - runs from 7th-14th July - Bulwell United Reformed Church are pleased to host two events: -

**Hothouse Theatre's Nottingham Film Festival** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 4.15pm - 9pm

FREE With over 1,000 submissions from around the world, 24 films have been selected to be shown at the 2018 Bulwell Arts Festival. The audience will be able to vote for their favourite films in the 8 categories: Advert or Trailer, Animated Film, Artistic Film, Factual Film, Fictional Film, Foreign Language Film, Music Film and Young Person's film. All films are under 10 minutes in length and will give you the chance to see the very best in short filmmaking.

**Days of Judgement Discussion with Gary Davies**– Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm

FREE Join Bulwell artist Gary Davies as he discusses his artistic practises and the technical challenges he faced whilst depicting a personal reinterpretation of a Medieval subject, Days of Judgement. Powerpoint presentation.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

**WELLINGBOROUGH URC** - On Saturday, 14th July, 2018 at 7pm, there will be a concert at The United Reformed Church, High St, Wellingborough, Northants when we will be welcoming Frank Dooley, a singer/ songwriter in an evening of song. Frank has produced a CD, "Poppies in the Wind" as a tribute to those who fought in WW1. These CD's will be on sale at the event and all proceeds will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Entrance to the concert is £5 and all entrance fees will go to the HUB project of our church. Everyone is invited to join us.

## NOTTINGHAM NEW AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES FORUM

Invites you to Pathways into Mental Health and Trauma Services Workshop

Tuesday 17th July 2018 from 9.30am to 13.00pm

Life at the Centre on 22 Lower Parliament St, Nottingham NG1 3DA

FREE workshop open to all staff, trustees and volunteers

The session will look at the routes into the current mental health / trauma services and the local referral pathway, creating a road map of services that can be accessed by providers of support to new and emerging communities and BME groups/individuals.

The first part of the session will explore the subject of navigators /befrienders, mentoring and advocacy, identifying good practice and sharing ideas through presentations delivered by local successful projects.

The second part will focus on identifying solutions and making proposals for a pilot project on Gateway to Mental Health/Trauma Services to be implemented this year for the Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme.

The workshop is for all staff (paid or volunteers) from all local voluntary and statutory organisations, NGOs, community groups and any other local organisation or agency working with new and emerging communities, BAME and/or coming in contact with vulnerable people or delivering mental health support services.

To book a place please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pathway-into-mental-health-and-trauma-services-workshop-nottingham-tickets-47219720455> and fill in the form. You will only need to write your name and email address to register and book a place for yourself.

The session is organised by the Nottingham New and Emerging Communities Forum in partnership with Nottingham City Council Public Health and Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme. If you have any questions regarding this session please contact: [Minerva.hartley@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Minerva.hartley@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## URC MUSIC NETWORK LAUNCHES AS A RESOURCE FOR THE WHOLE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Recognising that music is such an important part of the worship life of our Churches, the URC Music Network has been developed to reflect the ways in which music making, worship leading and worship styles have developed over the past few years. URC Music Network exists to be a platform for discussion about music, sharing and reviewing worship resources, encouraging music making, and offering new music and texts. It is for musicians, worship leaders, ministers, accompanists, and those interested in music in worship - all with the opportunity to contribute to and share in the conversations on Facebook and Twitter and through a new website ([www.urcmusic.org.uk](http://www.urcmusic.org.uk)). Those interested in music can subscribe to a monthly eNewsletter, where a reflection, events and reviews are sent direct to an email inbox (sign up is via the website). Those wanting to share good news experiences, publicise events, review resources, or offer materials for the website are invited to contact [.urcmusicwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:urcmusicwebsite@gmail.com) with details.

## MINUTES OF MARCH SYNOD MEETING

The minutes of the March Synod meeting were issued to all members by e-mail or "snail mail" on Wednesday 27 June. We had one or two issues whilst sending the e-mails, if you haven't received your copy please contact Chris at the Synod office. Email: [admin@urc5.org.uk](mailto:admin@urc5.org.uk) Telephone: 0115 9609241

## GERMINATE CONFERENCE 2018

On Saturday 13th October 2018 from 9.30am-4pm at The Welcome Centre, 47 Parkside, Coventry, CV1 2HG

**Keynote Speakers:** The Rt Revd Dr David Walker and Revd Claire Maxim, CEO, Germinate

Through key note speakers, case studies and workshops, the 2018 Germinate Conference will explore what it means for rural Christians to do more than belong to their churches and communities. Both inspiring and practical, the day will bring together individuals, churches, agencies and networks involved in rural mission and ministry.

Tickets £60.00 until 20<sup>th</sup> September / Full price: £70.00

For more information or to book visit: <http://germinate.net/events/> Or call: 024 7685 3060

## WESTMINSTER COLLEGE - IT'S ADVENT! NOW WHAT? A COURSE FOR MINISTERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Advent is traditionally a time in our church calendar when we all find ourselves busier than usual both at home and across church life. Join us for It's Advent! Now what? for a rare opportunity to take 24 hours to stop, reflect, worship and be resourced for what lies ahead over the coming weeks. In the midst of high levels of activity, it is important as worship leaders that we have the chance to make space for ourselves, that we also may be ready to welcome the Christ child in mind, body and soul.

We still have spaces available on our Eldership on the Frontline course on 6th-8th July, Living the Life of Jesus through our Worship in August and September, and on our Draw Breath and Reflect upon day on 11th August. The Draw Breath day will be looking at God's Amazing Creation through Art and Photography. Those attending will be given the chance to think about how we can use image to enhance worship and develop our personal spirituality or our devotional life.

Further information about all of our events and details about how to book can be found here:

<https://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/rcl/study-sabbaticals/church-events>

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MISSION LEADER

Leicestershire – Groby, LE6 0FE - starting September 2018 or as soon as possible

Do you love Jesus and want to share that love with children, youth and their families?

Can you follow the Spirit's lead to step out in faith, and pioneer new ground?

We are recruiting to a full-time children, youth and families mission leader to work with local children and families alongside teams of volunteers. Can you take hold of what is already happening and help it to flourish, and initiate new opportunities of outreach?

We are looking for someone who is committed to their own personal discipleship and faith, and has the desire and skills to share this in our churches and local community. The role will be dedicated to helping all in our community from 0+ to experience the radical transformation of God's love.

If you feel that God is calling you to come and join us to help build up God's kingdom here (help with accommodation may be possible depending on circumstances), please contact below to request more information and an application pack:

Fiona Brooks- 23 Lena Drive, Groby, Leicester, LE6 0FJ, Tel: 07725568285, Email: [nownie@hotmail.com](mailto:nownie@hotmail.com)

If you would like an informal conversation please contact Fiona Brooks as above either by phone or email. Closing date: 25 July 2018 - Interview date: Early August 2018 - Hours: 37.5 per week

Salary: Between £21,000-£24,000 depending on experience

## VACANCIES AT CHURCH HOUSE

### HOUSING SERVICES OFFICER

London - Full time - Salary: £31,153

Are you a solution focused and passionate individual with housing management experience?

Join our friendly and hard-working team providing high quality housing services to our retired ministers.

The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society is a community benefits society providing housing for church ministers in retirement. We own and manage around 350 properties dispersed across England, Scotland and Wales.

In this office based role you will be an excellent communicator with an aptitude for buying and selling properties. Highly organised and able to determine priorities and manage time effectively, you will also be a team player willing to support your colleagues. Candidates should ideally be educated to degree level and membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing would be a distinct advantage.

In return, you will be part of a small but strong team, working in newly refurbished offices within a short walking distance of mainline stations. The post also attracts a generous final salary pension scheme.

### PERSONAL ASSISTANT

London - Full time - Salary: £31,153

Are you passionate about communication and organisation, working within the charity sector?

The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society is a community benefits society providing housing for church ministers in retirement. We own and manage around 350 properties dispersed across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Society is expanding its team and this new role will be at the forefront in helping the Society to provide an efficient and effective high-quality housing service to our retired ministers.

You will be a highly organised, experienced PA with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to write accurate reports.

Experience of housing matters and database, website and interactive map editing and maintenance would be a distinct advantage.

In return you will be part of a small but strong team, working in newly refurbished offices within a short walking distance to mainline stations. The post also attracts a generous final salary pension scheme.

*For more information on any of these roles, including information on the application process, please visit:*

<https://www.urc.org.uk/about-us/vacancies>

**AND FINALLY:** - This E letter is sent on behalf of The URC East Midlands Synod, 1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3AA. Telephone: 0115 9609241

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