

## Opening Reflection by the Revd Camilla Veitch

### East Midlands Synod Clerk



Yesterday I saw my first snowdrop of the year. It was only tiny with a small white bud but it was still a snowdrop. It made me so happy to see it – a sign of hope and promise of things to come. It offered reassurance that the barrenness of winter will not last for ever. Spring will come! Colour, blossom and new life will emerge from the cold earth once again.

We know this, of course. And yet when the twinkle of Christmas and the excitement of New Year are a distant memory and the days of January and February are gloomy and the ground bare it is not always so easy to believe that spring is round the corner.

Hope is essential for human beings to keep going, when we are not yet where we long to be. Hope keeps us going in the waiting time.

It helps enormously, though, if there is some tangible sign of what we hope for. Whilst our faith enables us to hope even for things which we cannot see, it is so much easier to hold on to hope when it is tangible. It is easier to believe that love is stronger than evil when an act of injustice is met with an act of kindness. If you are feeling lonely or are struggling in some ways, it makes it easier to believe that things will get better if a friend comes alongside you and is rooting for you. It is easier for people to believe in a God of love when they see Christians doing acts of kindness in their community. Just as many of our churches have done during the pandemic and the energy crisis – supporting foodbanks or offering warm spaces for example.

At Christmas we remembered God taking flesh in Jesus – making his presence with humanity tangible in the story of his birth. It's as if God knows that it is not enough for us to have words to hold on to – we need tangible signs of his presence with us and the hope he brings.

As we begin a new year, can we take the message of Christmas with us and make it tangible in our churches and communities? There are many who are looking for signs of hope in the world around us, as they struggle to heat their homes or make ends meet. Can we be the embodiment of hope for others around us? Can we embody the good news of Jesus whose love has the power to touch, transform and heal? We follow a God



who took human form to show us that he is with us. Let us follow his example and show in tangible ways the love of God to our communities. If you have any stories of making hope tangible in your church and community, please [share it with us](#) through the e-letter!

This will be my last e-letter reflection as **Synod Clerk**, as I stand down on 31 January. I feel privileged to have served the Synod in this role for two years and thank the Moderator and Synod staff for their support in my duties. I pray that a successor will soon be identified and called to this ministry.

God bless,

**Camilla Veitch**

## East Midlands Synod Team Changes

We record our **thanks** to **the Revd Camilla Veitch** and **the Revd Robert Bushby**, both of whom conclude their respective roles on 31 January 2023.

**Camilla** has served as our **Synod Clerk** from 2021 and has served us with diligence, attention to detail and a deep care for people and churches. The role entails considerable responsibility and Camilla has borne it with grace and self-effacing faithfulness. Those of us who have worked closely with her – sometimes with challenging agendas – have cause for gratitude and joy. Balancing the role with her local church ministry in West Derbyshire and the North Derbyshire Area has “earthed” her approach in the reality of local church and has ensured that as Clerk she is fully conversant with the challenges and opportunities of the “real world” in which we serve. Although she stands down on 31 January, Camilla has kindly agreed to share in the preparation for, and conduct our March Synod Meeting. (In the interim between 31 January and the appointment of a successor, queries and matters for the clerk are to be addressed to the Synod Office. The “[clerk@urc5.org.uk](mailto:clerk@urc5.org.uk)” email address will continue to be monitored.)

**Robert** has served as our Mission Development Officer for five years (alongside his local church ministry at Riverside, Sleaford). He will spend his final month focusing on the conclusion of his ministry at Riverside and is retiring on 28 February. Robert is the first Mission Development Officer to serve our Synod and has brought deep wisdom, thoughtful insights and quiet persistence – both to our local church contexts and to the various Synod groups on which he has served. He has also represented us on the denominational Mission Committee and been an advocate for Special Category Ministry, Church Related Community Worker projects and Fresh Expressions. His contributions to Churches Together in All Lincolnshire (CTAL) have been appreciated by our ecumenical partners. In all dealings Robert’s gentle manner, undergirded by prayer, has brought calm and hope to many of us. We wish him and Kerry well in their retirement. (In the interim between 31 January and the appointment of a successor, queries and matters for the Mission Development Officer are to be addressed to the Synod Office.)

### **Revd Geoffrey Clarke**

East Midlands Synod Moderator on behalf of Synod Council

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## Announcement of CYDO Appointment

We are delighted to announce that **Richard Knott** will be joining us as **Children and Youth Development Officer**, on a full-time basis, from 17 April 2023.

Many of you will already be familiar with Richard, having assisted us on a temporary basis and having worked within West Midlands Synod as their CYDO.

We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Richard to the East Midlands Synod as a permanent member of the team and are as excited as we are for the future of Children and Youth work within our Churches.

## Annual Church Returns and Safeguarding Forms

We have received notification from Church House that due to illness there has been a delay in issuing **Annual Church Returns** and **Safeguarding forms** to Church Secretaries and Safeguarding Co-ordinators for completion. Church House are still hoping for us to send out the necessary details in the week commencing 31 January but will keep Synod Offices updated. The Synod apologises for this delay but awaits confirmation from Church House.

**Chris Willis and Hannah Holmes**

East Midlands Synod

## From JPIC: The Two COPs

In the bleak mid-winter, when above average temperatures are a Godsend to help cut heating costs, global warming may feel a distant worry. Not so in Pakistan, Somalia and the Maldives. But before we start feeling too gloomy about rising global temperatures, we can celebrate two very hopeful advances at **COP27** and **COP15**, not to mention the election of Lula da Silva 'at the eleventh hour for the Amazon rain-forest'. Indeed, when our children look back, they may see 2022 as the year when the outlook for the environment turned a corner.



**Climate COP27** was, sadly, very disappointing in terms of improved pledges to keep global warming below 1.5°C. Indeed, using the latest data from IPCC Working Group 3, the global 'carbon budget' to keep within 1.5°C warming may only last about six years at current emissions levels. The big advance in 2022, however, was that there was at last an agreement to pay poor countries that are

'on the front line' for 'loss and damage' from climate change. This is an essential part of Climate Justice. How this financial help will be delivered and who will provide the money remains to be worked out – the massive profits of fossil fuel companies are a popular target with many.

At the risk of stating the obvious, the UK needs to more than halve our 'consumption' carbon emissions by 2030 (i.e. In about seven years' time) in order to make a fair contribution to the global effort. [UK consumption emissions include air and sea travel and carbon embedded in imports – on that measure (smoothing out the effect of Covid-19) there has been only a comparatively small drop since 1990.]

**Christian Climate Action** is working towards a huge protest outside the Houses of Parliament on **Friday 21**

**April** to demand the massive government action required; this demonstration needs to be backed up by churches and individuals setting an example by large cuts to our own carbon footprints, which is where [Eco Church](#) can help.

The agreement reached at **Biodiversity COP15** (chaired by China and hosted by Canada), just before the end of the year, was even more momentous, but could easily have been unnoticed in the run-up to Christmas. It is known as the 'Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)' and it seeks to stop biodiversity loss, restore ecosystems and protect indigenous rights. The headline agreement is '30% by 2030', which environmentalists have been striving for over many years and which we can see as an answer to prayer. The GBF means that 30% of the planet and 30% of degraded ecosystems should be under protection by 2030. Many environmentalists think that this needs to be increased to 50%, but if 30% can be achieved it will be a real 'game changer'.

This is so important because we are facing drastic reductions in wildlife numbers and the potential extinction of around a million species of plants and animals – the worst since an asteroid wiped out the dinosaurs. Anthropogenic global warming and climate change is a major factor, not to mention pollution, but even more serious are land-use change (e.g. clearing rainforests to grow food for farm animals) and over-exploitation (ask a dodo). As with the mitigation of global warming, richer countries will have to provide finance for developing countries to enable the changes needed. Of course, it's a win-win because healthy eco-systems will sequester more CO2. Encouragingly, the EU is developing an ambitious Nature Restoration Law; we must chivvy our MPs to emulate this in the UK. Please note also that [A Rocha](#) can provide speakers to inspire us in acting locally to encourage biodiversity and help protect God's wonderful Creation.

## Charles Jolly

on behalf of East Midlands Synod's **JPIC** Group (Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation).

For further reading see: <https://www.carbonindependent.org/23.html>

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/cop15-ends-landmark-biodiversity-agreement>

# Changemakers Supporter Conference

**Saturday 4 March**

## Save the Date!

Changemakers  
Supporter Conference  
Saturday March 4 2023

Sign up from January 2023 via:  
[caid.org.uk/conference2023](https://caid.org.uk/conference2023)

You are warmly invited to our online annual supporter conference.

Get connected with the people and stories behind the global work of Christian Aid, explore how you can make positive change by engaging with climate justice, and join with fellow volunteers across the UK as we share creative ideas and experiences of fundraising success.

This year, we will be hosting a one-day online event, packed with sessions to leave you inspired for Christian Aid Week 2023. We're excited to see you there.



When: **Saturday March 4 2023, 10am - 4pm**

Where: **Online**

RSVP: **Sign up from January 2023 via:**  
[caid.org.uk/conference2023](https://caid.org.uk/conference2023)



# REBOOT DIGITAL 2023 – Why Am I Here?

Youth Event  
Friday 3 February, 7.30 – 8.30pm



**REBOOT DIGITAL 2023** is a free nationwide youth apologetics event, held online on **Friday 3 February** from 7.30-8.30pm. Taking part this year is **Professor John Lennox**, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University). The evening will address the topic "Why am I Here?", exploring questions of meaning and purpose, and will be topped off with a live Q&A responding to your youth's most difficult and meaningful questions about God. To book, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reboot-digital-2023-why-am-i-here-tickets-507560405837>

## Personal News

**It is with great sadness that we bring news of the deaths of the following servants of the Church. We give thanks to God for all that has been achieved through their lives and ministries.**

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The **South Western Synod** brings us the news of the death of retired minister the **Revd Jessie Clare**, on Saturday 7 January 2023.

Jessie served at: Milton, Rochdale 1964-71; Glastonbury 1971-75; Mid-Somerset Group 1975-83; Poulton-le-Fylde 1983-86; Sidmouth 1986-91; as Synod Clerk, South Western Province 1987-91; at Painswick 1992-95; Christchurch, Barnstaple 1995-2001; and Chapel Street, Sidmouth 2004-07. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jessie's family and friends at this difficult time.

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The **National Synod of Wales** brings us the news of the death of the **Revd Pam Lewis**, on Sunday 22 January. Pam was a retired NSM who served at Carmarthen Road, Swansea 1984 -88 and Llandelio 1988-2001, before retiring to Llanelli. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who held Pam dear.

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The **National Synod of Wales** also brings us the news of the death of retired minister the Revd Susan Roberts, over the weekend of 21-22 January. Susan served at Bwlchyfridd Congregational Church & Llanwnnog 1976-85 and at Zion, Llanidloes & Glanhafren 1986-95 before a short time as Wales Synod Training Officer 1995-96. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who held Susan dear.

## GEAR's Refreshing Your Ministry Event

GEAR's next 'Refreshing Your Ministry' event on Zoom is on Wednesday 8 February, 2-3.30pm:

# Refreshing Your Prayer Life

## Jesus is the source of living water

led by Rev. Mary Irish



Prayer is fundamental to our calling. Come and encourage others and most importantly be refreshed yourself in new explorations of prayer.

Mary is a URC minister, an ex-hospital chaplain, an active spiritual director and has been part of GEAR for 40 years.

RYM Zoom events are open to all serving and retired Ministers and CRCWs, local leaders, lay preachers and elders. To book your free place, please email Richard Bradley: [Richard.Bradley@nwsynod.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Bradley@nwsynod.org.uk)

## Visit the Holy Land this Autumn



# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Led by The Revd Tim Edworthy

30 October - 8 November 2023

10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee

### Book by 31 January for early bird discount

The **Revd Tim Edworthy** (Well Street United Church, Buckingham) has joined forces with **McCabe Pilgrimages** to offer a ten-day visit to the Holy Land, from **Monday 30 October to Wednesday 8 November 2023**. Revd Edworthy writes:

It is always moving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, there is so much to experience and learn together. St Jerome said, "Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy." Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open for you. I invite you to come and know this for yourselves, whether you are new to the Holy Land or have been many times before.

Reading the gospels will never be the same again and by visiting the Holy Land we are standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters there too; to have the chance to meet the 'living stones', the local Palestinian and Israeli Christians, who are the ongoing, living church in the region, is humbling.

Our pilgrimage will include the sites where the most important events in Our Lord's life and ministry took place: in Jerusalem and the surrounding area and further north in Galilee. We hope that if you have never been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land before you will choose to join us and, if you have been before, we welcome you back. Our journey is a life-changing as well as faith-changing experience.



Taking in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Caesarea as well as key sites in and around Jerusalem, the pilgrimage costs **£2,755 per person** – but bookings received by 31 January will receive an **early bird discount**, reducing the full cost of the tour to **£2,585**. This includes flights, accommodation and full board, as well as all travel and fees while overseas (a supplement is payable for single rooms).

For full details of the pilgrimage please [click here](#), or visit the Well Street United Church website: <https://www.wellstreetchurch.org.uk/church-life/news-sheet/> .



## Mental Health Friendly Church Training Days

Venues including:

Milton Keynes – Saturday 25 February

Derby – Saturday 17 June



[Kintsugi Hope](#) is offering a number of one-day training events to help churches and their communities become **mental health friendly** spaces. Two of these events take place in the East Midlands: in **Milton Keynes** on Saturday 25 February and **Derby** on Saturday 17 June, led on both occasions by **Lynette Brooks**, **Rachael Newham** and **Claire Miles**. Priced from £12.00, the training is designed to increase understanding, eradicate the stigma against mental health issues and encourage a compassionate response through gentle presence.

For further details, and to book, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mental-health-friendly-church-training-days-1075579?aff=eand>



## Families on Faith Adventures – Materials Available



**Families on Faith Adventures @ Home** has now drawn to a close, but the materials produced over the last two and a half years are still available on their website.

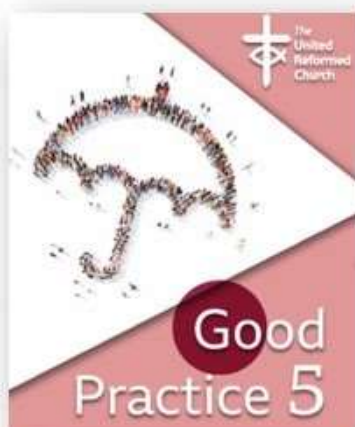
This weekly Bible-based magazine full of stories, prayers, crafts and activities, challenges and games, was put together by a team of children's work specialists to provide families and others with ways of exploring the Bible and expressing their faith together. The catalogue of back issues has been made even more accessible and an accompanying index links the different issues to the Bible readings they cover.

Why not explore some of the back issues. Which is your favourite? Simply visit:

<https://urc.org.uk/.../families-on-faith-adventures-at-home/>

## Synod Safeguarding Training Dates

**East Midlands Synod** is pleased to bring you the dates of our **Safeguarding Training** for the first half of the year. Foundation training is also available to take as a self-led online course. For details of how to access the online foundation course contact **Hannah Holmes**: [trainingpa@urc5.org.uk](mailto:trainingpa@urc5.org.uk)



### ZOOM TRAINING

#### Foundation Training on Zoom:

Thursday 2 February 2.00pm

Tuesday 9 May 6.30pm

#### Intermediate Training on Zoom

Tuesday 28 February 6.30pm

Thursday 23 March 10.00am

Tuesday 25 April 6.30pm

### IN PERSON TRAINING

**Intermediate Safeguarding:** Friday 17 February 2023, 1.00-3.30pm – St Andrew's URC, Chesterfield

**Advanced Safeguarding:** Thursday 9 March 2023, 11.00am-3.30pm – East Midlands Synod Office

To book to attend any of the above training or queries please email **Hannah Holmes**:

[trainingpa@urc5.org.uk](mailto:trainingpa@urc5.org.uk)

# The United Reformed Church History Society

The **United Reformed Church History Society** is pleased to be running some online discussions of the recent book **Traditions and Transitions – Studies in the History and Theology of the URC**. Anyone is welcome, these are 'open' events!

Rather than a traditional academic seminar, this is a discussion of the book, available from the URC Bookshop at: <https://urcshop.co.uk/traditions-and-transitions/>. Its authors will give a very brief reminder of their work (it is assumed that most will have read the book, but you can still come if you haven't) and most of the hour will be taken by questions and discussion.

**The dates and subject matter are as follows:**

Monday 27 February 4.00-5.00pm

**Traditions and Transitions** chapters by David Cornick, Robert Pope and Elaine Colechin  
Chaired by Michael Hopkins

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Thursday 9 March 4.00-5.00pm

**Traditions and Transitions** chapters by Stephen Orchard, Michael Hopkins, Margaret Thompson and David Thompson  
Chaired by David Cornick

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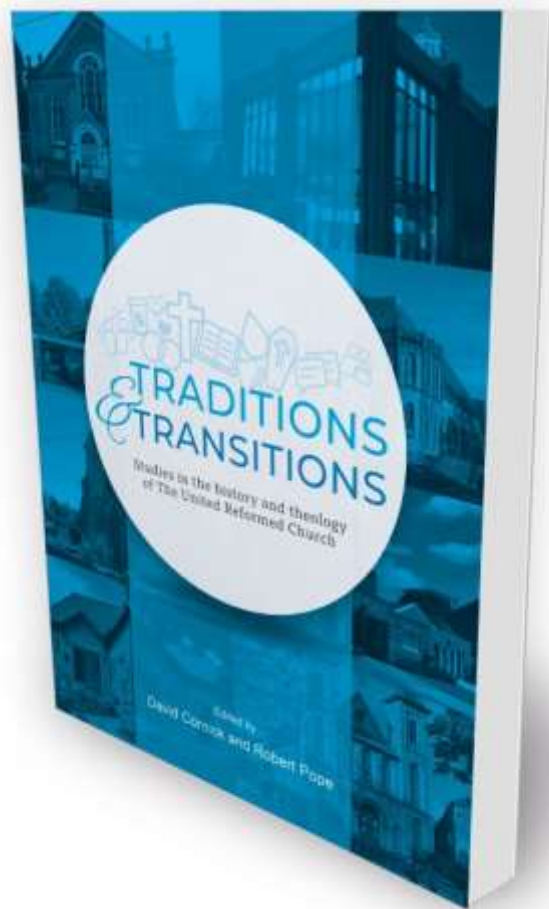
Thursday 30 March 2023 4.00-5.00pm

**Traditions and Transitions** - chapters by Elizabeth Welch, Kirsty Thorpe and Fleur Houston  
Chaired by David Cornick

The Zoom details are the same for each meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93902972986?pwd=VDZjTVpkVkFFanRLXUyOGwzcWx0dz09>

Meeting ID: 939 0297 2986 Passcode: URCHS



# Reminders of Other Forthcoming Events

## URC Ministry Enquirers' Event

**Saturday 11 February 2023**  
**10am-3pm online**

An event to help you think about God's call to Stepwise, Worship Leading, Lay Preaching, Lay Pioneering, Ministry with children and young people, the Ministry of Word and Sacraments or Church Related Community Work.

Please register with [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk) to receive Zoom details.



What is God  
asking of  
**YOU?**



## Conference for Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders

**The Kingdom of God as Holy Anarchy?**  
**Friday 24 – Saturday 25 February**

**Northern College** bring news of their **Lay Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Conference**, inspired this year by the new book **Holy Anarchy** by **Revd Dr Graham Adams**, their mission tutor, who will be the springboard to explore topics related to worship and preaching. The book includes new hymns and worship resources, but also offers prompts to engage creatively with the challenge of God's kingdom, by looking at:

- **preaching the kingdom**
- **a spirituality of play**
- **conflicts within scripture**
- **the challenge of suffering**
- **community & society**
- **creation-care**



The College offers residential and non-residential booking options to join in with this two-day conference. Places are limited and availability will be offered on a first-come basis when booking. The conference will take place at **Luther King House in Manchester**, with a cost of £147.50 (residential) and £85 (non-residential). Additional bednights can be booked on request at an additional charge.

A PDF flier for this event that you can print/e-mail is also available by downloading [here](#).

To book a place (and for further information) please complete Northern College's [Event Registration Form](#) and return to [paul.barrett@lutherking.ac.uk](mailto:paul.barrett@lutherking.ac.uk)

Grants are available to all accredited Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders in the East Midlands Synod to enable them to participate in this and similar events: please email [trainingpa@urc5.org.uk](mailto:trainingpa@urc5.org.uk) for details.

# Situations Vacant



## Mission Development Officer East Midlands Synod

The East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a  
**Mission Development Officer** (Ref MDO)

This is a full-time post for 37.5 hours/week  
(including evening and weekends) on a permanent contract.

Salary: £40,000 per annum for a lay person or a minister from outside the URC. A URC minister will receive the current ministerial stipend, a manse and related benefits in accordance with the Plan for Partnership.

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.

The purpose of this role is to help equip churches in their missional discipleship and growth and to facilitate the sharing of good news, practice and opportunities across the Synod and beyond, holding the whole-of-life discipleship ethos of Walking the Way at the heart of their work.

The successful candidate will work to promote, encourage and undertake the promotion of mission to the whole people of God to facilitate the development of the life of the church at all levels by helping churches to identify and understand their particular priorities in mission and, to develop and release people to engage in that mission.

The Officer appointed will be a member of a collaborative Synod team and therefore good team working skills are essential.

For an application pack (no CVs) please contact:

Mrs Chris Willis  
East Midlands Synod Office  
1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood  
Nottingham, NG5 3AA  
Tel: 0115 9609241  
Email: [admin@urc5.org.uk](mailto:admin@urc5.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Interviews to be held: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

*In accordance with the Equality Act 2010: Part 1, Schedule 9, there is an occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian*

We are committed to diversity and equality of opportunity. We especially welcome applications from women and Black and Minority Ethnic Groups who are currently under-represented in this area of work in the Church.





## Synod Safeguarding Officer East Midlands Synod

The East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a **Synod Safeguarding Officer** (Ref SSO). This is a part-time post for 17.5 hours per week (including evening and weekends) on a permanent contract. Salary is £38,239 pro-rata (actual salary £17,845). This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Safeguarding children and adults at risk is a core part of the Church's mission, and the Synod Safe-guarding Officer is essential to promoting that mission. Working within the structures of the United Reformed Church, their role is:

1. To lead on safeguarding matters and be a trusted advocate for safeguarding in the Synod.
2. To advise and support the synod and local Churches in child and adult protection matters.
3. To ensure that disclosures and allegations of harm, abuse or neglect are appropriately referred to the statutory authorities and that appropriate advice and support is given to survivors of abuse
4. To manage safeguarding cases including liaison with other relevant agencies and services such as the police, children, probation and adult social care services
5. To ensure regular safeguarding training for ministers, workers and those responsible for the care of children and/or adults at risk in the synod and the local churches
6. To keep accurate records, data and information and produce relevant reports.
7. To keep abreast of developments in safeguarding within and outside the URC and maintain appropriate links

For an application pack (no CVs) please contact:

Mrs Chris Willis, East Midlands Synod Office

1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood Nottingham, NG5 3AA

Tel: 0115 9609241 Email: [admin@urc5.org.uk](mailto:admin@urc5.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: 28th February 2023 Interviews to be held: 30th March 2023

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**Missional House**  
**'No. 84', Redcar, Cleveland**

Is New Monasticism catching your attention? Does being part of a small innovative residential missional community appeal?

Does taking time out to think and pray through new possibilities, or taking a gap year feel timely?  
Are you excited by new ways of being and doing Church?

From Spring 2023 onwards for those aged 18 and over, Redcar has a rare opportunity in the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church to become part of a household of three living within a simple Rule of praying, eating, studying and serving together while accompanying Redcar United Reformed Church & Redcar Baptist Church in missional presence in Redcar.

If needed, a modest maintenance allowance is available.  
You are invited to register your interest by Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Information Packs available from  
Lisa McAvoy, Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church, 4 College Lane,  
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8JJ. Tel 0191 232 1168  
[lisa.mcavoy@urc-northersynod.org](mailto:lisa.mcavoy@urc-northersynod.org)

  
The **Methodist Church**  
The **Peterborough Circuit of Churches**



**Children, Family and Community Worker**

Queen Street Church, Whittlesey

A unique opportunity has arisen to work within Whittlesey Methodist and United Reformed church. This is a part-time position of 18 hours per week, with a salary of £24,000 p.a. (pro rata), and will be for a four year fixed-term contract.

We are seeking to appoint a committed Christian, who is a creative, imaginative and suitably qualified person to the position of 'Children, Family and Community Worker' based in Whittlesey.

We are seeking to invest in work with children and young people and the wider community as it develops a four-year plan for the future.

For full details on the appointment and to request an application pack, please email our Circuit Administrator, Mrs Sue Moore, at: [pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com)

For further information and an informal conversation about the role, please contact Sue at: [pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com) or the Lead Circuit Steward, Simon Stewart, at: [simon.stewart7@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.stewart7@btinternet.com)

Application closing date: Friday 10th February

## Find Us Online



The [East Midlands Synod website](https://www.urch5.org.uk/) is the one-stop shop for all essential information:  
<https://www.urch5.org.uk/>



Our [East Midlands Synod Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/URC-East-Midlands-Synod-102279281444717/) hosts **Evening Prayers** every day at 9.30pm, led by our Moderator the **Revd Geoffrey Clarke** and our prayer team, along with other posts. If you are a Facebook user, please consider **Liking** and **Sharing** this Page and its posts:  
<https://www.facebook.com/URC-East-Midlands-Synod-102279281444717/>

Similarly the [Synod Youth and Children's Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/URCEastmidlandsYouth/) shares news and ideas related to our work with young people: <https://www.facebook.com/URCEastmidlandsYouth/>



On our dedicated [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXFUjKn8XOGeZU5SgN95g), the Synod shares special events, training videos, worship resources and more. **Evening Prayers** are also uploaded here. Please subscribe:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXFUjKn8XOGeZU5SgN95g>

## Contacting East Midlands Synod

The **Synod Office** is open from **Monday to Thursday** each week. Please contact staff members by email in the first instance, as this will receive a direct response from the person with whom you wish to correspond. The Synod telephone line (**0115 960 9241**) is answered Monday-Thursday, 9.00am-3.00pm.

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***Next edition: Thursday 9 February 2023***

Please send all material for this E-Letter to both:  
[trainingpa@urch5.org.uk](mailto:trainingpa@urch5.org.uk) and [training@urch5.org.uk](mailto:training@urch5.org.uk)

Copy deadline for next edition: 12 noon on **Monday 6 February 2023**