



# Yorkshire Synod

## Briefing

### Number 114



7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Diary Pressures

It really does feel like the start of a new season today. I write as the sun starts to climb on a beautiful late summer's morning, with the mist slowly burning off, heralding a day, the like of which should have been in July or August, but is in fact the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. As I look at my diary I sense that we are entering a period of activity that, I pray, will set a marker for how we look outward from our churches into the wider community. I mentioned a couple of weeks ago how this time of the year, and in particular the beginning of September, is a time of renewal and a time for fresh beginnings, and I see that in the events which I am able to bring to your attention many are linked with the Heritage open days (see [Search events | Heritage Open Days](#)) being held between 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. One church is inviting you to join them in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its current building, another is inviting you to its MacMillan Coffee morning, and one (guess which) is opening in conjunction with the annual Saltaire Festival where the church there is opening its doors to the community. Lots to do and lots of pressure on your diaries.

This time of year is also that which puts a great deal of pressure on a Synod Clerk's diary. At the heart of what we do this season is the **Autumn Synod meeting**. This will be held at **Holme URC** in Bradford with the facility to join online as well. Taking place on its usual second Saturday in October – this year it is the 14<sup>th</sup> – the Synod Meeting is a time where not only we worship as a Yorkshire-wide family, but we plan on how Synod can work for the churches for which it cares and how we can focus of the Five Threads of Mission Synod committed itself to last year. You see those threads at the top of the Briefing – we look to Share the Word, we look to Build the Kingdom, we Partner our fellow Christians and Community organisations, we Love our Neighbour and the Environment God has placed us in, and we Invite all who we meet to love the Lord and live our lives through Jesus Christ. There's a great deal to take in here, and in Synod-land this equates to many, many meetings. However this diary pressure has its benefits as I can share what we do in Yorkshire, listen to good news from around the Synod and the country and share those things which bring Jesus into the lives of those we meet.

So take up the invitations being offered, both here in this Briefing or elsewhere as you find them. Celebrate the wide diversity of Christian Mission that is being offered and let me know what you did, what you saw and how that can further the work of the Lord in our area. Not only that, if you feel called to do anything through your churches, please let us know at Synod office and we will help you as best we can. Don't forget, we are only a click or two away by e-mail at [office@urcyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:office@urcyorkshire.org.uk), or a call away at 0113 289 8490 or 07936 362673.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Tim Crossley*

Synod Clerk

# Inviting



## Heritage Open Days

As it gets closer for some of our churches who are celebrating Yorkshire Churches Day on Saturday 16 September, below is a link to a short video that explains the concept of the day and how places of worship can get involved. You will see that I know that Bingley URC and Kings Way, Ossett, are taking part, but there may be more URCs in Yorkshire taking part. The organisers have asked that I share this with you and to encourage as many places of worship as possible to get involved in any way they can.

More information about the day can be found here:

<https://www.yhct.org.uk/yorkshire-churches-day/>

and the link to the film is here:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S4BszJE0uTFGxKGYzSRXVm4F52AgCfzM?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S4BszJE0uTFGxKGYzSRXVm4F52AgCfzM?usp=drive_link)

Please support those churches who are opening their doors and encourage those who you know to support their mission in their local communities.

## Bingley United Reformed Church is taking part in this year's

National Heritage Open Days – ***Creativity Unwrapped*** - over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. Besides their unique handmade pulpit falls, they will also be showcasing their stained glass light box, historic carved table and chair and embroidered church family trees. There will be refreshments and a family craft table. On the Sunday the church will be celebrating their



Harvest with a festival service as an integral part of the heritage weekend.



For more details about the weekend and about Bingley URC in general, please visit their website at [Bingley United Reformed Church \(bingleyurc.org\)](http://BingleyUnitedReformedChurch(bingleyurc.org))

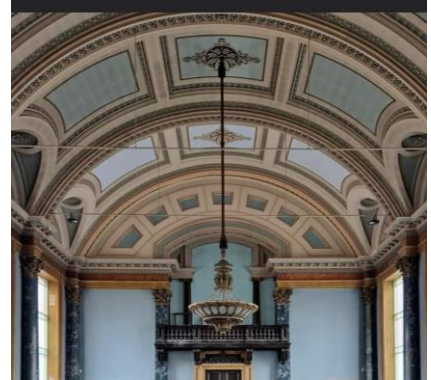
# Saltaire United Reformed Church



Saltaire URC is once again opening its doors to visitors during the **Saltaire (Village) Festival**, which runs from Friday 8 September to Sunday 17 September. The church itself will be open on both Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 4pm and you may catch Richard playing the organ on the second Saturday and both Sundays. You are of course welcome to join us for worship on the Sundays at 10.30am.

This is another opportunity to come and see our recently repaired ceiling,

which partially collapsed following storm damage in February 2020. A marathon task, delayed in part, by restrictions in place during the Covid pandemic. Had it not been for input by a team from Synod, the project would have stalled and we greatly appreciate the time and effort which they invested.



Throughout the period of the Festival there will be an exhibition of work by the Aire Valley Arts Group in the downstairs rooms of the church. Opening times of the exhibition and programme of Festival events can be found at [Music & Arts Festival In Bradford | Saltaire Festival](#) with the Art Exhibition having its own page at [Art Exhibition – Work by Aire Valley Arts 2023 \(Launch Event\) - Saltaire Festival](#)



The first weekend of the Festival is usually reasonably quiet, but if you like noise, hustle and bustle, the second weekend is the time to visit.

The church café will be open on Saturday 16, from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 17, from noon to 4pm. On the

same Saturday, there will be charity stalls on the church drive.

I do hope you will pay them a visit and in doing so, please make yourself known to one of us, as it's always interesting to hear how other churches are adapting in these post-Covid years.

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## The King's Way Church,



**Ossett**, have the Wednesday House Group organising their church's Heritage Open Day based on celebrations for the church's 60th anniversary. Included over the weekend will be an Art and Photographic exhibition featuring local artists, the church's Harvest Festival, together with a display of events over the 60 years of the life of the church.

The King's Way church will be open on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September through to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September with light refreshments being served, the times being:

Friday 15 September: 18:00-20:00, Saturday 16 September: 10:00- 15:00 and Sunday 17 September: 13:00-17:00. No booking is required and all are welcome.

Check them out on social media at [\(4\) The King's Way Church Ossett \(official\) | Facebook](#) and also on the Heritage Open Day website at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/the-kings-way-church>



**ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**  
(local artists)  
plus  
**60 years**  
**In the life of the church display.**  
at  
**The King's Way Church, Ossett**

**Friday 15th Sept. 6pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday 16th Sept. 10am - 3pm**  
**Sunday 17th Sept. 1pm - 5pm**  
**Monday 18th Sept. 10am - 2pm**

**Refreshments available**  
**FREE ENTRY**



## Denholme Shared Church

is taking part in the Heritage Open Days on Saturday 16th September 10.00-4.00pm. It's an opportunity for people to view inside the church building. There will also be a display of photos and memorabilia from not just our church, but also from some of the other chapels that previously existed in the village. We are putting out marriage/baptism registers and other

records for those who wish to seek information about family history. Tea/coffee and cake will be available.




The second bit of news is that we have gained the **Bronze Eco Church Award** and one of the projects which helped us to gain this has been the creation of an Eco Garden in the church grounds. This garden is open to the community to use, to come and sit and reflect on the wildlife and flowers around them.




## Heywood URC (Northowram)

**HERITAGE DAY**  
**Heywood United Reformed Church**  
Heywood Close, Towngate, Northowram, HX3 7DJ  
**16th September 2023**  
**10.00am till 3.00pm**



**Look around historic grade 2 listed Chapel**  
**(1st chapel founded by Oliver Heywood in 1688)**  
**Discover its beautifully restored graveyard**  
**with rewilded quiet areas and war graves**  
**Tea and Cake available**

**Contacts for further information**  
**REV CHRIS WOOD 07902010165**  
**JEAN HOGGARD 07887853154**



## Upper Chapel URC (Idle)

**It's time for  
a Macmillan  
Coffee  
Morning**  
**and you're invited**

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Idle Upper Chapel URC  
Date: Saturday 9th September 2023  
Time: 10am to 1pm  
Contact: [idleuroc@outlook.com](mailto:idleuroc@outlook.com)



Simply scan this QR code with your phone  
to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.  
It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

**M&S**

**COSSA**  
COFFEE

**FR** Financial Regulator

## Holme URC, Bradford



**Holme Church**  
invites you to our 50th anniversary  
Celebration weekend

**50 Years  
Here**

Come and join us in our  
celebrations

On the 9th and 10th September for  
fun, games, food and worship

Saturday from 3pm

Sunday from 10.30am

A big shout out to anyone who has been connected to **Holme URC**, in whatever form whatsoever!! They are celebrating 50 years in their current building and they will be celebrating this event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September with a Barbeque, with games, with fun and with fellowship. You are all most welcome to join them and to help with the numbers, if you are going please call or text 07823479789 or 07963592155. It would be great to see you.

**Manor Church and Community Project (MCCP)  
Celebration Afternoon on Sunday, 24th September**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
**CELEBRATION**  
**Afternoon with MCCP**

Dance shows  
and  
workshops

Fire engine

Music

SUNDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**2-6PM**

TEMPLE PARK CENTRE  
197 Harborough Ave, S2 1QT

**Celebrate with us!**

Forget me  
nots  
Community  
Choir

Cake  
hot & cold  
drinks  
Hot Dogs

crafts

**Everyone is welcome!**

# St Mary's in the Wood, Morley

The members of St Mary's in the Wood Morley, established in 1650, have been working hard over the last 18 months to ensure a safe passage for our building in order that the people of Morley can still benefit from this cherished magnificent grade 2 listed building. The building on Commercial Street was erected in 1900 to help educate the youth of the town and was paid for by the Morley Congregationalists of St Mary's. The building has been central to the people of the town and used by many in their time of need. The buildings' future in the care of Leeds City College will replicate its original purpose, all be it in modern day times.



## St Mary's in the Wood

**A Service of Celebration of 373 years of non-conformist  
worship on Troy Hill Morley.**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 2pm**

**Worship Leader: Revd. Simon Swales**

**You are invited to join us at our final service on Troy Hill in  
our building in Commercial Street Morley LS27 8HY.**

**Light refreshments will be served following the service.**

**Please RSVP**

**Email [stmarysmorley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmorley@gmail.com)**

**Or text 0771572850**

The church have therefore organised a service of celebration on **Sunday 17th September** at 2pm and this will be the last service on Troy Hill, to which everyone is invited. The members that remain will continue to worship in Morley as our friends at Central Methodist have offered us a room on Sunday in our time of need. When we will have time and space to reflect on our mission.

If you could please RSVP to the church email address [stmarysmorley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmorley@gmail.com) if you intend to join us as we need to know numbers for the tea afterwards.

# Loving



## Journey of the Magi

This is quite an advanced notice from the team behind the Journey of the Magi touring show.

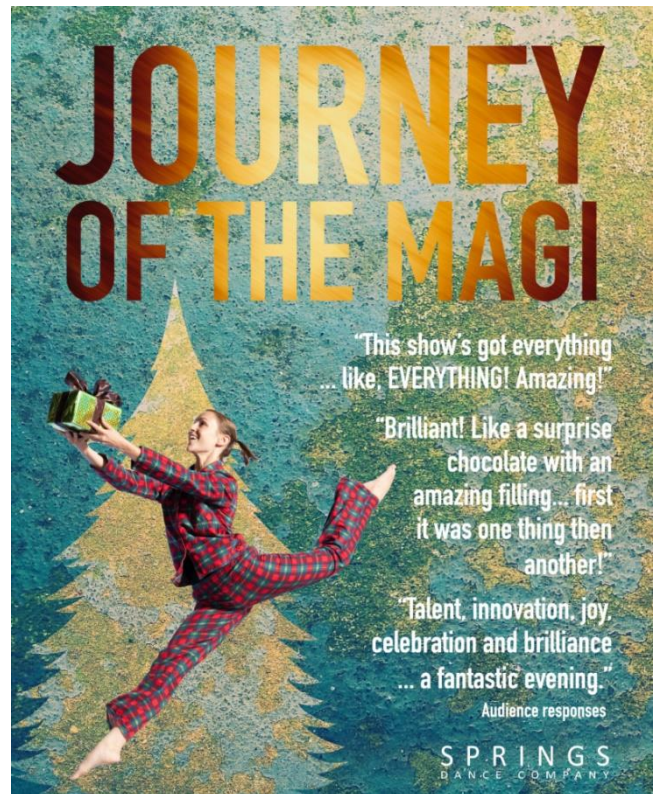
They currently still have dates available for Springs Dance Company's much loved Christmas production *Journey of the Magi* – a festive, light-hearted, joyful event with a moving and profound message.

Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your church and local community through this exhilarating, critically acclaimed performance. The show offers a bridge between contemporary life and Jesus's birth, comparing our own personal journey to Christmas day with the journey that the wise men took. With sparkle and songs to keep the children entertained and bags of good humour for the grown-ups, *Journey of the Magi* delights audiences of all ages and offer a chance to reflect and refocus.

***"Absolutely fabulous show. Wonderful mix of fun, wit, and meaning. It made me laugh and it made me cry all in a couple of minutes. (Hope you'll come back)"*** - Richard, Poynton Methodist Church

Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of *Journey of the Magi*, which will be available nationally during Advent 2023.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi/>, by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or by calling 07775 628442.



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## Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation commenced on Friday, 1 September and the World Council of Churches (WCC) invited all member churches to join a global ecumenical prayer service online (YouTube) on 1st September at 2pm, Creation Day, which opened the Season of Creation 2023. Faith leaders from across the globe led a time of prayer and reflection. Here is the [ENGLISH: Youtube link](#) .

**[Season of Creation resources online](#)**: The Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain has created an extensive annotated directory of online resources for the Season of Creation (Creation Time). You will find complete services, prayers, children's messages, litanies, new hymns and more to incorporate in your congregation's worship. Most resources are free, ready-to-use and accessible online.

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# Sharing



**Heckmondwike URC** held a service in July which was led by Junior Church staff, children and young people on the occasion of their Junior Church Anniversary.

At the end of the service there was a belated celebration

of Kieran's Lundie Award, which was received during covid. The celebration involved the whole congregation having treats from a local ice-cream seller. As you can see from the faces this was very well

received! Everyone thought it was a really cool idea and 99 times better than the usual tea and biscuits!



## Celebrate God's Gifts on Disability Awareness Sunday, 17 September 2023

Christian disability inclusion charity 'Through the Roof' is offering free resources for Disability Awareness Sunday on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (or a day of your choice). All churches are invited to celebrate the unique gifts God gives to each one of us – including disabled people. Follow this link to request a free resource pack: <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>.

**Is your church or Christian community including disabled people in its ministry?**

**You can use Disability Awareness Sunday as a positive message to disabled people.**

**Access the free resources [here](#)**, including free Disability Awareness postcards to order for your event.

Through the Roof is a Christian disability inclusion charity whose name is inspired by the Bible account in Luke 5. Our mission is to transform lives through Jesus with disabled people. For more information, visit [www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org) or @TTRChangesLives.



'I'm an Elder of the URC – am I also a Trustee, and if so, of what?  
What are my responsibilities?'

'Our church building belongs to us. But who are the building's Trustees?  
What does this mean?'

## *A Zoom Consultation for all Elders*

*Led by Val Morrison and Jamie Kissack*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-1pm*

*OR*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 10am-1pm*

*Please register at [office@urcyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:office@urcyorkshire.org.uk).  
A Zoom link will be sent in advance of the meeting.*

# Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders lectionary planning zoom sessions

The Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders Planning Group are pleased to let you know that we are facilitating these sessions again after interest was expressed at the July 2023 conference.

**We invite you to Explore the October lectionary readings together on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.** There will be two identical sessions, the first session being at **10.00am** with a second repeated session at **7.30pm**.

Facilitated by Rod Morrison in the morning and Jill Fletcher in the evening, this will be a time for participants to look together at the lectionary readings for 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for leading worship on those Sundays.

Please register your interest with Rod Morrison [rodmorrison1946@btinternet.com](mailto:rodmorrison1946@btinternet.com) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, indicating whether you will join in the morning or evening or if you are available for either, so if necessary we can balance the groups so both sessions are viable.

Both events will be held on Zoom and the link for the sessions will be sent on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September to all who register.

**Please share this opportunity with anyone who leads worship in your church, whether on their own or part of a worship team, especially if they are new to this calling, to help us reach those who are not on our circulation list.**

Yours in Christ's service

Kath Lonsdale, Rod Morrison, Jill Fletcher and Anne Dale

Yorkshire Synod Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders Planning Group.

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## New Church Members at Riddlesden

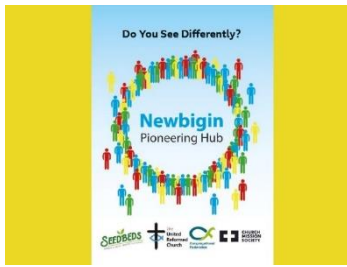


*From Left to right: Janet, Kay & Wendy*

Following on from the great news that Idle Upper Chapel had welcomed three new members, their near neighbours up the valley in Riddlesden have also welcomed three new members; Janet Morgan from the former Trinity (URC/Baptist) Keighley fellowship and Kay Verity and Wendy Berry who were previously members of Methodist fellowships.

Again, congratulations to Janet, Kay and Wendy and I hope you can join me in wishing them all the best as they continue their Christian journey at Riddlesden URC.

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## Newbigin Pioneering Hub

You'll be aware from General Assembly and various news releases that we're currently recruiting the second cohort of students for the Newbigin Pioneering Hub – training lay people to start (or develop) new forms of church for their specific situation and context – and potential students are still welcome to apply.

The 2022/2023 cohort all felt that they had hugely benefitted from the course – and the 'hub' has formed, for mutual support and continuing friendship.

Students study for the CMS Certificate in Pioneer Mission. There are 6 modules, delivered across 10 months, via a mix of weekend residentials, online, day and evenings.

Many more details can be found here: <https://urc.org.uk/your-faith/more-about-ministry/newbigin-pioneering-hub/>

This very short video features testimony from one of our first students – Wendy from Groby URC in Leicestershire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaXVGi227ME>

If you know of someone in the Synod, who is interested in new expressions of church, please could you send them this information? **The Induction Day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

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## Yorkshire Synod Discipleship Development Grant funds 2023

The **Discipleship Development Funds** are intended to contribute to the development of lay people and therefore the purposes for which it can be used are as broad as can be generated by creativity and vocation, in line with the aims of the URC's Discipleship Development Strategy (DDS), which are to equip the people of the United Reformed Church to:

- Create opportunities for everyone to encounter the living God, whether they already identify themselves as followers of Christ or not.
- Encourage everyone in their prayer life and relationship with God to enable them to live as disciples of Jesus.
- Encourage everyone to make the most of education opportunities that are relevant and appropriate for them in their discipleship journey.

The eligible costs would include, without being restricted to:

- National or denominational learning events, conferences or programmes developed in-house;
- Personnel costs;
- Courses (at any level) at any of the United Reformed Church Resource Centres for Learning or other suitable learning providers;
- Books, equipment and resources related to a particular topic or activity;
- Attendance at Synod learning events; and
- Travel costs for attending learning events.

There is a video for you to watch if you want at <https://youtu.be/HQ8ODOW3rA0> and lots more information on the dedicated URC website page at [Discipleship Development Fund - United Reformed Church](#)

As ever though, if anyone wants to discuss any form of Discipleship Development project then look no further than our Convenor of the Synod's Ministeries Committee, Kath Lonsdale at [kathlonsdale@talktalk.net](mailto:kathlonsdale@talktalk.net). And remember this is for any age to apply so please discuss with your young people as well as adults.

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# Legacies of Slavery



**14<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

**with Rev Dr Rob Hoch**

(Learning mentor for the NW URC Synod)

**at St Andrews Church playgroup room**

(at the rear of church hall on Newmarket Street, Skipton BD23 2 JE)

This event will explore the roots of racialised inequalities and injustices today which lie in part to the rhetoric, practice and fund raising of mission societies such as the Council for World Mission and others, which developed and perpetuated a racist colonial anthropology with which it recruited, made money and occupied White and Black minds, lands and bodies, dressing in in Christian vision. Find out more at <https://www.cwmission.org/cwm-legacies-of-slavery-project-update/>

***All welcome – just turn up***

**For more information contact Judy [touredrive432@btinternet.com](mailto:touredrive432@btinternet.com)**



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

## URC BUILDINGS FORUM

# Local churches working towards Net Zero

for more information and to register for a link:  
[mission@urc.org.uk](mailto:mission@urc.org.uk)

Tuesday 26 September  
8pm - 9.30pm

The next Buildings Forum Conference will be on 26 September 2023, 8pm - 9.30pm:

## Working Towards Net Zero.

It will focus on environmental issues for church buildings, and we will be hearing from the URC's Assembly appointed Net Zero Task Group and from churches who are on the journey.

For further information and to register your interest please email: [mission@urc.org.uk](mailto:mission@urc.org.uk) including your name and email address and which church you belong to or are representing, if appropriate.

Information about the Buildings Forum and recordings of previous webinars can be found at: [www.urcbuildingsforum.co.uk](http://www.urcbuildingsforum.co.uk).

## Safeguarding news



### 2023 Safeguarding Symposium

Thursday 12 October 1:30-4:00pm (Zoom)

We are excited to bring to you our safeguarding symposium where we will launch **Good Practice 6** and also headline **Dr Leroy Logan MBE** in a thoughtful discussion.



- 1:30-1:45pm** Welcome – Sharon Barr, Designated Safeguarding Lead, United Reformed Church
- 1:45-2:00pm** *Safeguarding: so much more than a compliance matter*, a reflection by Adrian Bulley, Deputy General Secretary
- 2:00-2:45pm** GP6 launch – **Dr Kerry Baker**, Safeguarding Policy Development Coordinator
- 2:45-3:00pm** Break
- 3:00-3:45pm** **Dr Leroy Logan MBE** *Recognising unconscious bias; overcoming barriers of equality in safeguarding* – Q&A hosted by Carrie Kaunda, Safeguarding Training & Development Coordinator
- 3:45-4:00pm** Round up and thank you – Sharon Barr

Places are limited so please register your interest through Eventbrite [here](#) for this Zoom event.

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### Safeguarding Intermediate Training via Zoom

We have two dates for a Zoom Safeguarding Intermediate Training course. Please encourage your members who have completed the E-learning Foundation Course to take part if possible. The dates:-

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 7pm to 9.30pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 10am to 12.30pm**

To book a place please email [safeguarding1and4@urc.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding1and4@urc.org.uk) (Please note new e-mail address).

Don't forget that there are National Safeguarding Courses are still running. The full list of courses can be found in previous Briefings, or you can contact [emma.pearce@urc.org](mailto:emma.pearce@urc.org) for more information

# Partnering



## KELD RESOURCE CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOW ROW WITH KELD URC THE FINAL 2023 STUDY DAY



The Keld Resource Centre will be holding one more study day this summer.

**Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**Rivers of Living Water: Reading John's Gospel in a Thirsty World.**

Led by Rev. Jamie Kissack

The programme for the day will be as follows:

10.30: Arrivals and Coffee

11.00: Session One

12.30: Lunch

13.30: Session Two

15.00: Refreshments and Departure

There will be discussion, sharing, space to ponder .....

All participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. The cost for the day will be £10 per person. To book, please contact Revd David Wood at [david.wood4@btinternet.com](mailto:david.wood4@btinternet.com).

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## Castleford URC

### Church Photocopier: Free to good Home

Castleford URC are sadly having to close and they are looking to offer certain items to fellow URCs in the Synod. One big piece of kit is their A3/A4 colour photocopier. It is a Ricoh MP C2003. The terms of the lease have now expired, so it now belongs to the church. It is in good working condition but due to Covid and closedown not serviced in the last couple of years.

Usage has been 21521 copies colour and 44057 black and white over its lifetime so in photocopier terms it has not had too hard a life. Also available are 4 toner unopened toner cartridges. Those currently in the machine are about 50 % used.

It would though have to be collected from the church.

To express an interest or find out more, please contact John Hoyle via the Synod Office at [office@urcyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:office@urcyorkshire.org.uk)





## Community Worker

Moldgreen United Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a creative, experienced and knowledgeable **Community Worker** to support the “**Unite – Respect – Connect**” (URC) Project across three diverse local areas of Huddersfield (Moldgreen, Brackenhall and Oakes/Lindley).

The person appointed will work with individuals, families and communities, empowering them to:

- identify and articulate their challenges, needs and opportunities
- plan what they want to achieve and take appropriate action
- develop and run activities and events to generate, inclusion, aspiration and confidence

This is a new position that involves working alongside; a URC Minister, volunteers, local community groups, partner organisations and services (eg Kirklees Council, local schools, Neighbourhood Policing Team and Health Professionals). Whilst based at Moldgreen and reporting to a key member of the **Unite – Respect – Connect** Project Steering Committee the post holder will work across the Pastorate as necessary and determined by priorities and circumstances.

The post holder will work in partnership with others to develop, deliver and monitor a variety of community initiatives, activities and events (new and existing), which will support communities, help address inequalities and involve residents and young people, especially those living in more deprived situations. The post holder will also help to raise funding, monitor activity budgets and produce progress reports on the impact of the project and their work.

At least two years previous experience working and/or volunteering in diverse communities is essential. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills (written and verbal) and a ‘can do’ attitude. They must have the ability to relate to people of different ages and from diverse backgrounds, and build strong and effective relationships with stakeholders and partners. Good organisational and time management skills, and an ability to work as part of a team and independently, using their own initiative, are essential. The candidate will be able to work sensitively with people of all faiths and of no faith to ensure an inclusive approach to involving people in the URC Project and its related community activities and events.

The candidate will ideally have a related qualification in community development further to any GCSE and/or A Level qualifications (or equivalent). Good literacy, numeracy and IT skills are essential with the ability to compile emails, flyers and posters, and produce standard narrative and financial reports.

Initially the appointment is fixed term for a period of 12 months, with a six month probationary period but with a view, subject to funding, to continuing this role.

Hours of work are; 16 hours per week, normally undertaken in 4 or 5 blocks of time - this may well include working some evenings, bank holidays and weekends on occasions. The salary is £12,000 – £14,500 per annum depending on experience. The ability to travel around the communities of the Project is essential and therefore a car is desirable. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

To request an application form and Job Description please email; [office@moldgreenurc.org.uk](mailto:office@moldgreenurc.org.uk)

**Closing date; 15<sup>th</sup> September**

First round Interviews are expected to take place week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September

Second round interviews will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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# Honorary Treasurer for Westminster College

Westminster College is looking for a new Governor to serve as Honorary Treasurer. This unpaid position is a vital component of Westminster's governance, ensuring it has impartial oversight. With a degree of flexibility around the position's responsibilities, Westminster would be keen to explore how the role might fit in with other obligations of suitably qualified and experienced candidates. To discuss the role or to register your interest, please contact [bursar@westminster.cam.ac.uk](mailto:bursar@westminster.cam.ac.uk).

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## Are You Called?

In the last two Briefings I have sent out this appeal. It is a call for those who feel that they can help the Synod to help our churches reach out to the communities in which they sit and for whom they serve. As this time of the year is such a great time for new things, I'm asking again to see whether you feel a call to help us out at Synod or whether you know of someone whose talents can be used to further the Kingdom through Synod.

Many of you who read this will have worked with the Synod team and may know that the functions of Synod are quite often left in the hands of the excellent staff based in and around the Synod office in Morley. However behind this team, supporting them and guiding the way in which Synod looks to support all the churches in its care, are another group of people without whom the basis of what we do would falter. These are the people who sit on the various committees which are at the beating heart of Synod life. They prayerfully consider the way in which the Synod moves; through offering pastoral care to giving financial advice, from offering a broad range of theological training to giving technical or compliance support.

This group of people is sadly diminishing so this call goes out to see whether you can fill any of the key roles Synod needs for it to function. At present there is a need for those with a financial acumen or interest to join the Financial Resources Committee as it plans how to best resource the Synod's support for its churches. Similarly those whose expertise in bricks and mortar are gladly welcomed on to the Property Committee which supports churches in how best to utilise their buildings. Not forgetting those who have a call to help the pastoral and missional side of our many churches. We welcome anyone who can offer their wisdom and if you do feel called, please get in touch with me at [clerk@urcyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:clerk@urcyorkshire.org.uk) or call on 07936 362673

Finally, please let me have details of what **YOUR** church is doing. Let me know how the summer has been for you or tell me about what you plan for the autumn, drop me a line at [clerk@urcyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:clerk@urcyorkshire.org.uk) and I'll showcase it in the next edition, due out on 21<sup>st</sup> September with the deadline for submissions being on 20<sup>th</sup> September!

*Tim Crossley*

Synod Clerk

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