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Accessing our Circuit Churches

In addition to circuit services, you can also access the following:

Due to the church being rewired there will be no live-streaming from St David's until further notice which is likely to be just before Easter.

<u>Conwy & Prestatyn Methodist Circuit</u> Blog is accessed through this link: revbev.org.uk

and the Circuit website displays regular updates and information, found via this link: https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/

<u>Connexional resources</u> which hold a multitude of resources, reflections, prayers and links to other live streamed services are found through this link: <u>https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/</u>

Free Resources

Elizabeth Pass has had delivery of some free resources for Thy Kingdom Come, the global ecumenical prayer initiative for the days between Ascension and Pentecost, supported by The Methodist Church.

She has 40 copies each of:

- Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle, a really attractive booklet for primary school age children;
- Novena, nine days of prayer with illustrated daily reflections on 1Peter by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- Prayer Journal, helping us pray and reflect for up to 5 people to know a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit perhaps for the first time.

A reminder that this is an event for global prayer for each of us to pray for up to five people to come to faith. There are loads of extra resources to support us including daily prayers, songs, music videos and devotionals.

If anyone would like any of these free copies then please contact Elizabeth to arrange to pick them up. Why not take a look at their web page <<u>https://www.thykingdomcome.global/</u>> where you can order extra resources if needed although booklets would need to be paid for.

Praying that once again this inspirational global prayer event will bring glory to God

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The extended bank holiday weekend for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to get involved in community events, to get to know our neighbours and gently share our faith.

There are plenty of websites offering ideas, resources and support for getting out and about!

Visit this webpage to find out more.

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Llandudno Youth For Christ need your help!

Please see the attached sheet which describes the various roles needed to operate the Reverb Café in Trinity Church Hall. Before the pandemic, the Café was raising about 20 - 25% of Llandudno "Youth For Christ's" income.

Each role has been separated to keep it as easy as possible... none of them is difficult, honest!. We need to roughly double the number of volunteers due to people moving on in the last couple of years. The first session will be on May 14th, then from June onwards, we expect to operate on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month (except Christmas) with volunteers on a rota.

Thanks very much for any help you can give... and please pass this message on to anyone you think would also be good at recruiting volunteers.

God bless,

Chris Condrup Treasurer / Trysorydd / Ieuenctid Dros Grist Llandudno

Reverb Café raises funds to support the work of Llandudno Youth For Christ. Depending on the number of volunteers, we hope that you would be on the rota roughly once every 6 weeks, perhaps a little more in the summer holidays. If someone can volunteer more frequently, that would be much appreciated. Alternatively, half sessions are usually possible. Kitchen staff need to be 16+ but the waiters/waitresses can be younger. The fortnightly sessions start at 10:00 to prepare, with customers arriving from 10:30 and the busiest time usually being 12:00 - 14:00. Last orders are taken by 14:30 and we hope to have cleared up by around 15:00. All volunteers can have a free lunch, which is best taken before/after the busy period.

Dishwasher: Loading the dishwasher with dirty crockery/cutlery and removing after the cycle is complete. Some washing of pans in the sink is also required. You need to keep an eye on which items are running out (such as teapots) and the trays can be quite heavy when full of crockery.

Till & cakes: Adding up the total cost on each order sheet and handling the cash or typing in the total on a card machine for the customer to use. Serving cakes requested by the YP waiting on table, plus some customers like to take them away in folded cardboard boxes we provide.

Baking: 3 cakes of your choice. Popular ones are sponges and just about anything that has chocolate in it, but a bit of a change is good occasionally too, such as seasonal variations.

Welcomer: Front-of-house welcoming the customers and showing them to a table; supporting and encouraging the YP who wait on the tables.

Soup & baked potatoes: Heating and serving the soup provided, cooking the baked potatoes in the oven, and frying sausages and bacon in batches as needed. If you can provide the soup, that would be a bonus.

Toasties: Buttering the bread (on the outside), loading them with fillings and cooking in up to 4 specialist toastie grills at a time. You need to keep track of which has each filling.

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Cold food: Preparing the cold fillings and salads, making sandwiches, and putting together basic ice cream desserts (scoops with sauces, peach melba and banana split).

Kitchen Organiser: Keeping tabs on all the orders and making sure that the food and drink is made in the right order as quickly as possible... whilst staying calm.

Hot drinks: Running the coffee machine (it grinds the coffee beans), using the milk frother for lattes etc and pouring cups of tea from the hot water boiler.

Waiting on table: Young People (YP) write the customer's order on a pad provided, take the food/drink to the table when ready and clear/clean the table afterwards. During their meal, it is best to ask the customer if everything is OK. The YP share the tips... usually around £9 - £13 each, but this is not guaranteed.

If you can volunteer, please contact Chris Condrup: treasurerllyfc@gmail.com or 07770 40 42 30 ASAP

Creative Ideas for Whole Church Family Worship with CD ROM

Jan Brind, Tessa Wilkinson

Since their first publication, Crafts for Creative Worship, more and more people have discovered Jan and Tessa's extraordinary creativity when it comes to simple, good and workable ideas for enriching worship. Here at last is their long-awaited book on how to create worship for the whole church family gathered together. It includes instructions on how to plan, create and lead whole church family worship throughout the church year and offers a wide selection of ready-made seasonal and themed services and resources, including: An Advent adventure series of Holy Communion; a nativity play; Christmas; services for every season of the Church year; a pets's service; themed services of the word for football, holidays, the Bible and more; templates and instructions for artwork. Includes a free CD-Rom with the full text of the book and colour artwork for reproduction.

Find out more <u>here</u>

A Reminder from Carol Reynolds

Dear Friends,

Well, Bible Week is only a week away now and hopefully you've all got your plans in place to attend. We know that the Bible teaching is the main event, but we hope that things like the 10-minute local ministries, a scale model of the Tabernacle, work by local Christian artists, a poetry evening and two afternoon workshops (one on worship song-writing, where you can even have a go at writing something yourself under the expert guidance of Chris Dean of Emmanuel Church, and one run by Tim Gough of Youth for Christ on bridging the generation gap in churches) will all add to your experience of the week. Please do share this information with anyone you think might be interested.

Hope to see you there (and remember to drop by and say hello – I'll be the one panicking at the back on the tech desk!).

God bless, Carol Reynolds On behalf of the organising committee

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New Housing Summit

A unique event to discern together what God is saying to the church nationally about our response to the significant amount of new housing. This one-off day is the culmination of two years preparation, working together as enablers and practitioners in new housing engagement. It is hosted by the New Housing Hub, Churches Together in England and an ecumenical group of new housing practitioners from across the churches in the UK.

We have a vision to gather and inspire those from across our denominations and networks who could enable significant development in missional engagement in new housing areas. The group would love to see the body of Christ working together across traditions and denominations to share God's love in every new housing area.

Throughout the day, using a variety of approaches and contributors with an expertise in planning and housing developments, alongside those developing a Christian response to housing and those with experience in engaging missionally beyond the church we will explore and we will share what we discern God is being, doing and saying.

We would love you to come and be inspired - and to go away energised and equipped to pass it on and to get involved!

Tuesday 21 June 2022 | 9:30am - 4:30pm (lunch included) Salvation Army, Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ

Presidency joins call for changes to the Nationality and Borders Bill

The Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have joined faith leaders in writing to MPs ahead of Wednesday's vote on the Nationality and Borders Bill, urging them to use their influence to make changes to the Bill.

The Nationality and Borders Bill is due to come before MPs on Wednesday 20th April, to allow them to vote on amendments proposed by the House of Lords. The Bill is in its final stages and continues to be backed by the government, despite having suffered multiple defeats in the House of Lords.

The Church leaders who have signed the letter represent a range of denominations and traditions in the UK, many of whom have been outspoken about the Bill over the past year. The letter has been sent to every MP currently elected to the House of Commons. You can read the full text of the letter here:

We are writing as a group of Christian leaders, from denominations and traditions across the UK, ahead of the vote on the Nationality and Borders Bill in the House of Commons this week. We want to take this last opportunity to make it clear where we stand on the Nationality and Borders Bill. We urge you to use your influence to encourage concessions to the Bill ahead of the vote, and to support the changes made to the Bill in the House of Lords.

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Faith groups have been outspoken on our concerns about the Bill since the start of the process. We have made it clear how we feel the Bill fails to uphold the principles and values of the UK by creating hostility and fostering discrimination against some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Only in the last few weeks we have witnessed the seemingly limitless compassion and commitment shown by UK citizens as they have welcomed Ukrainian refugees into their lives and homes. Yet the Nationality and Borders Bill directly contradicts this approach. We find it challenging to understand how the policies within the Bill will work in practice, except that they will cause hardship, criminalise innocent people and fracture families

The amendments made in the House of Lords will improve the Bill as they seek to bring it in line with international convention, compassion and care for our common humanity. In particular, we support amendments made to expand and protect family reunion rights, to enable asylum seekers to work after waiting six months for their application outcome, to establish a target for resettlement and to amend the two-tier system proposed for asylum seekers. Each of these amendments recognises that the trauma and need of a person seeking asylum should be prioritised, and that we should do all we can to offer opportunities for people and families to restore their lives in a place of safety. In supporting these amendments, we urge you not to vote against the lives of vulnerable children, men, women and families who are in desperate need of our support.

At this time of Easter, as Christians we celebrate new life and new hope. Our faith tells us that our Godgiven hope in new life should influence the way we treat our neighbour, wherever they come from. As the Nationality and Borders Bill comes before you this week, we ask you to consider how your vote demonstrates how you care for those most vulnerable in our world.

Regardless of the outcome of this week's vote, we will not stop advocating for love to be shown to our neighbour through the policies and practices in our asylum system. Churches across the UK will continue to come alongside those who remain in desperate need of our friendship and welcome.

We wish to encourage you in your role, and hold you in our prayers during this time.

With Regards,

Bishop John Arnold, Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford, Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, Dr Patrick Coyle, Chair, Cytûn - Churches Together in Wales, Revd Clare Downing, General Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church, Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Conference of the Methodist Church in Great Britain , Rt Revd Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading, Revd Lynn Green, General Secretary, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, Rev Ruth Harvey, Leader, the Iona Community, Revd Sonia Hicks, President of the Conference of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, The Bishop of Dover, The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, The Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Bangor, Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain, The Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell, Chair of Churches Refugee Network UK & Ireland, Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, Lord Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Lord Wallace of Tankerness, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

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