

North Western Synod Newsletter

Living Stones for a Living Church



Good News stories

- The Ordination & Induction to Bolton & Salford Missional Partnership
- yoURChurch - 200th Service Celebrated

Events

- NW Synod Family Fun Day
- NW Pilots Camp
- Hope URC Denton Quiz Night
- How would Jesus vote?
- Practical Theology Short Courses at Trinity College Glasgow
- South Area Elders' Enrichment Day
- Besses o' th' Barn closing service
- Safeguarding Training Dates
- By the roof or by the door? - Disability Inclusion
- I am Mark production



Children & Youth

- Dream On Greenbelt Festival
- URC Children's Workers Together - The Conference
- Sparks and Stories -Holiday Club
- Talking about Sports Ministry
- Reading Partners Project at Oasis Media City UK

News & Opportunities

- Refugee Support Hub
- Mission 3vangelical for a Post-Christian World
- Eco Church- An A Rocha UK project



For your Prayers

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In many communities, buildings which can act as a hub for community life are at a premium. Perhaps most importantly, this has impacted on places where people can simply come together to meet with friends or to access community based support and advice services. A consequence of this is growing issues of social isolation. Similarly, local community groups find it increasingly difficult to find affordable places to meet or to work from.

Often local churches are one of the few, if not the only, place in particular communities which could offer a space to respond to these and broader community needs, for example around affordable housing and homelessness.

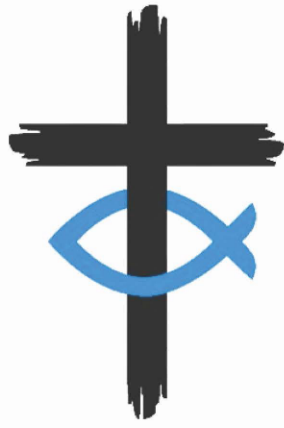
Recently, the Synod was asked to lead a meeting of the URC's Church Buildings Forum looking at how churches could make better use of their buildings to respond to the needs of local communities. As part of this with the support and contribution from four of our churches we produced a short film, showing different ways in which church buildings can be used with the community and shared something of the motivations and benefits of using their buildings to respond to needs in their local communities.

We hope it may provide you with some inspiration about how your buildings could be adapted to respond to needs in your local community.

The video can be [streamed here](#)

Mike Hart

Transformation Director



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The United Reformed Church North Western Synod
cordially invites you to

**The Ordination and Induction of Maria
Lee & Induction of the Rev'd Barnabas Shin
to the Bolton & Salford Missional
Partnership**

Saturday 20th July

2.30pm

St Andrew & St George's

Bolton

BL1 2BX

Please RSVP by 5th July

to Kerry Later office@nwsynod.org.uk

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements

Join Zoom Meeting

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