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The new Moderator - An introduction

What an honour it is to be able to introduce myself to you all as the new Moderator of North Western Synod. Although my induction is not until Saturday 5th September, I started in the role after Easter. I shall share a little more about that in the next newsletter.

So, who is your new Moderator? Call me Mike!

I was born and grew up in Swinton, Salford, and attended Worsley Road URC. It was there that my faith developed and my involvement in all things church grew. I started to lead worship and was involved as an Elder, offering a younger perspective to the meetings. I gradually got involved with 'Fury' - as it was at the time - and then went on to spend time working at the National Youth Resource Centre in Yardley Hastings. I was the District Youth Secretary for a period, and helped Leo organise a few events. My faith grew and grew, following assessment, I trained for ministry at Northern College in Manchester and had placements in Bangladesh, Reddish, Leyland, Eccles, Fiji, Manchester Airport and Bury. Being supported and trained by many (now retired) ministers still within the Synod.

I was called, then Ordained and Inducted in 2002 to the Bolton West Pastorate (Adlington LEP, Lee Lane LEP, New Chapel URC and Somerset Road URC), sadly during that time both Somerset Road URC and Lee Lane Church closed. I was also honoured to be the Chaplain to Horwich Air Cadets and worked hard to help connect the Churches to the communities they served.

The next call was to Army Chaplaincy. I had felt a sense of call to military chaplaincy for many years - having visited all 3 services it was the army where I felt God was leading me. I joined as a Chaplain in 2006, and served over the years in the UK, Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan, Italy, Canada and New Zealand. It was a pleasure to serve in a variety of different units. My last post was as Senior Chaplain of 20th Armoured Brigade, leading a team of Chaplains across Germany and the UK as well as several deployments, supporting over 6,000 soldiers and their families.

In 2018, I was called to be the Minister of High Cross Church, Camberley, a Methodist / URC Local Ecumenical Partnership. High Cross is a busy church with over 1,500 people a week passing through the buildings, with a variety of church and community groups using the premises. I was also the Chaplain to several local organisations, including Camberley town centre and Camberley Air Cadets. The vision of the church was to be 'A Church at the heart of community', and this was something that was achieved by building relationships and a strong presence in the town. During this time, I served on a variety of Synod Committees as well as being the Denominational Ecumenical Officer for Surrey.

It was this time last year that someone (I can't remember who) suggested I should consider whether God was calling me to be the Moderator of North Western Synod. I wasn't looking for a move at the time, but God clearly had a plan.

I would describe myself as a reluctant student, but have enjoyed studying over the years, gaining a BA (Hons) in Contextual Theology from the University of Manchester, a PGCE from the University of Southampton and a MTh from the University of Glasgow. Studying has helped me to reflect more and develop my theological awareness and understanding. I am also honoured to be a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and a Member of the Order of St John.

I am married to Sue - a teaching assistant and forest school leader (we met through the URC Waldensian Fellowship and married at New Chapel URC), who is in the process of finding a new job for September. We have 2 children; Alexander who is hoping to go to University and Eve who is hoping to join the RAF.

You may ask what gives me joy in Ministry? Well, honestly all of it - I love the pastoral and the preaching, the challenges and the opportunities, and above all seeing how God acts in the lives of people and communities. As the new Moderator, it is clear my role is to be the 'Minister of the Ministers' and the 'friend of the Churches', as we explore where God is leading us together. I look forward to journeying with you in the coming years.

Mike

PS: If you are on Facebook, please follow my page 'Revd Mike Thomason URC Minister' to keep up to date with all I have been doing.



Marton URC & Forget Me Not Dementia Café Launched the New Blackpool Dementia Hub

♥ SMILES, MUSIC, TOGETHERNESS - YOU ARE NOT ALONE ♥



The Forget Me Not Dementia Cafe at Marton URC on Preston Old Road Blackpool would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who supported our event to launch the new Blackpool Dementia Hub and especially to the fantastic DELTA 4JAZZ band for entertaining us.

The Hub, which is a collaboration between the Forget Me Not Dementia Cafe and Age UK Lancashire will ensure that a member of the Age UK team will be

available on the 4th Wednesday of the month for professional support and advice.

With our shared vision, we will continue to offer understanding friendship and support for people living with Dementia, their families and friends, in a safe comfortable space enabling them to feel valued, their voices heard and respected.

Special thanks to our amazing team of Volunteers, serving teas and coffee, offering a listening ear or relaxing hand massage and leading our legendary fun Singalongs - all free of charge.



Forever grateful to Elizabeth Gomm for capturing these memories.

Jenny Fitzsimmons (Founder and Manager), Ann Davies (Marton URC) and Rev Daleen ten Cate (Mission Mentor for Lancashire)

'A Million Acts of Hope' at Forton URC



As part of our Sunday Service on May 17th, we decided to think about "A Million Acts of Hope". We are a very small Worship group, but each of us realised we acted with hope on most days of the week.

Our Secretary is a professional gardener and she said all gardeners were optimists. She said that even if a plant died, you went the next step and started again. You always acted with hope!

Our keyboard player said that she would spend the afternoon helping her grandson with his upcoming A-level exam.

Two of our members would be taking "Open the Book" into the local primary school.

We didn't have posters for "A Million Acts of Hope" but we were handing out posters for an afternoon concert in the Church called "Gladly Solemn Sound". This music will bring hope and enjoyment in an afternoon of Fellowship. As Pentecost approaches, our hope is always as the hymn writer said, "All my hope on God is founded."

Joyce Holden

Elder at Forton URC



S.O.S. - Save Our Swifts at Kendal URC!

When the congregation of Kendal United Reformed Church discovered, from 'Kendal Swifts', that one of their walls might make a suitable nesting site for swifts they decided to try to help these iconic birds.

'Kendal Swifts' kindly contacted the 'Men in Sheds' who agreed to construct eight nest boxes. But who would be able and willing to attach them to such a high wall? Like an answer to prayer, the appropriately named 'Swift Scaffolding NW Ltd' rose to the occasion, quite literally and as part of this joint effort, offered their services to support wildlife.

So, if you walk under the decorated archway on your way to the Eddington Centre, glance up to the wall on the left and you will see a row of little white, beautifully constructed and positioned 'houses' which, hopefully, may one day be spotted by a surveying swift.

Many thanks to Peter and Gill Farrand (KURC members) who organised it all.

Anne Morrison
Secretary at Kendal URC



Good News from Worsley Road URC

A NEWCOMER CAME TO CHURCH

A few months ago a new visitor came by himself to our Sunday Morning Service and he has returned on several occasions since.

He always dashed off straight after the Service.

On arriving at Church he would have been welcomed by one of the Elders on duty and on one of these Sundays, the Sunday School were making cakes to sell to the Congregation at coffee following the Service. They had identified a local Charity that they wanted to support.

Observing this activity, our new arrival volunteered to organise a Charity Barbecue Lunch after a Morning Service, which he did three weeks ago. It turns out that he has a Turkish Restaurant in Tyldesley, which is why he has to rush off straight after our services to open his restaurant.

At the barbecue, he contributed and cooked everything. Our Sunday School children and their teachers helped to serve 90+ meals and we raised £800 which has been donated to the Salvation Army at their nearby base in Swinton.

And our new visitor, Hossein, was back again in Church last week.

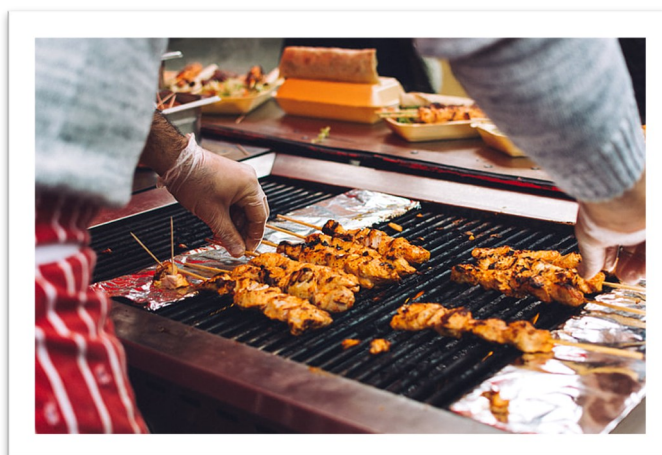
One benefit which we should have appreciated beforehand is that on the Sundays both before and after the Turkish lunch, our numbers in Church would increase!

Whether this will last remains to be seen.

I am quite sure that if we report these circumstances to Michael Harvey at our Acorn Group, his response would be that we have had some help. This didn't just happen.

God Bless

Geoffrey Sides
Elder at Worsley Road URC



Safeguarding



Safeguarding Training

Please click [here](#) for the amended URC Levels of Mandatory Safeguarding Training Matrix (England)

Safeguarding Foundation E-Learning Course

Please click on the following link to access the module: [Safeguarding Foundation Course](#)

Introduction to Safeguarding E-Learning Course

Designed for those who are asked to do Foundation Level training **but who already come with a background in safeguarding and have completed training within a professional organisation in the previous 3 years**. This course does not look at the signs and symptoms of abuse - if you need information on this you will need to complete Foundation level training (see above). Please click on the link to access this online course: [An Introduction to Safeguarding in the URC](#)

Online + Face-to-Face Safeguarding Training

Combined Foundation + Intermediate Safeguarding Training

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – 1.00pm to 3.30pm – Online

To book please click [here](#)

Advanced Safeguarding Training

Advanced training will now be delivered in ONE session

Online Advanced - Mon 15th June 2026 - 6pm-9.15pm (including a break)

To book please click [here](#)

URC Learning Hub

For more information about the courses and resources available on the URC Learning Hub please click [here](#)

Specialist/Supplementary Training

The URC runs bite-sized two hour Zoom sessions open to anyone across the denomination on a variety of topics to complement your current safeguarding knowledge.

Upcoming sessions:

- Thursday 28th May - Adult Safeguarding - 1:00pm
- Thursday 2nd July - Domestic Abuse - 10.30am
- Tuesday 7th July - Supporting Survivors - 1.00pm
- Tuesday 14th July - Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Modern Slavery - 7.00pm

Please make your booking by emailing Emma.Pearce@urc.org.uk stating your name, church, role and course preference.

Minister's Advanced Safeguarding Training

Please click the link below the relevant date to go to the booking form.

The zoom link will then be sent the week before.

- Monday 5th October 1-3pm and Monday 12th October 1-3.30pm – [October booking form](#)

If you have any queries, please contact: [Carrie Kaunda](#)

Newsletter from the URC Safeguarding Team

To access the latest editions of the quarterly Newsletters from the URC, please click [here](#).

Safeguarding Contacts

Yvette Hansbury-Robinson - Synod Safeguarding Officer - safeguarding@nwsynod.org.uk

General Safeguarding Queries - relating to safeguarding training and/or DBS, please email the Safeguarding Team on helpdesk@nwsynod.org.uk

Holiday Club Materials



online from
May 2026

**Come and join the adventure
with Wisdom Quest from URC Children and
Youth
Journey through the bible on a quest for some
wise words.**

**Including group challenges, stories, prayers,
craft, activities and much, much more.
Additional material for other age groups.
All materials can be found here
<https://bit.ly/URC-holidayclub>**

**Grants for holiday clubs available:
urc.org.uk/grants-funding-opportunities**



Thinking of running a Holiday Club this summer? These free materials, written by members of the URC Children & Youth Work team are available to download [here](#). There are plenty of other resources available there too – all free of charge.

Talking About ... Christian Nationalism



How might the rise of Christian nationalism impact the children and young people with whom we work?

The URC covers a wide breadth of theology and holding these different strands and conviction of these theologies is part of who we are.

With the rise of Christian nationalism in the UK and beyond, it can appear harder than ever to love and understand those who have a different point of view. The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will lead this short session to equip you to thoughtfully address the rise of Christian nationalism with clarity, humility and faithfulness to the gospel.

Participants will explore biblical teaching and political ideology, with practical ideas on how to engage in respectful and informed conversations, and how to foster a church culture rooted in Christ rather than national identity.

Book your place here - <https://bit.ly/T4lkingAbout>

Survey: What is the extent of children and youth work in local churches?



The Synod Children and Youth Committee is trying to develop a better picture of what children and youth work is currently in place in local churches. We hope that, as well as informing us of the breadth and extent of the work, this is more than just who comes on a Sunday, and we want to include all areas of engagement – uniformed organisations, youth fellowships, etc.

This will also enable us to share relevant information directly with the people who work with children and young people.

We ask that the survey is shared with anyone who works with children and young people, in any way, at local church level. We would rather have overlapping responses from a local church than none at all !

Please click the following link to access the survey:

<http://bit.ly/4dQ4I4Z>

Please return the completed surveys to Leo at cydo@nwsynod.org.uk.

Youth Mental Health First Aid



Youth Mental Health First Aid

By booking onto the new Youth MHFA course by @MHFAEngland, you will gain:

- ✓ The knowledge, awareness, and skills to spot the signs of a young person experiencing emotional distress or poor mental health
- ✓ The confidence to start a conversation
- ✓ The tools to safeguard and signpost to appropriate support

3 to 4 June | 9am to 5pm | URC East Midlands Synod Office
To book contact trainingpa@urc5.org.uk or use the QR code

United Reformed Church

Invest in the wellbeing of young people and become a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider.

Gain the skills and confidence to support young people by booking onto the new **Youth Mental Health First Aid** course by @MHFAEngland. This two-day training will equip you to recognise the signs of emotional distress, start supportive conversations and confidently safeguard and signpost to appropriate help.

Date: 3rd to 4th June 2026

Time: 9am–5pm

Place: URC East Midlands Synod Office, 1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham. NG5 3AA

The cost is normally £350 but we are subsidising it to £35 to cover the cost of materials.

To book please contact email: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk or click [here](#)

Gaza Exhibition at Chorlton Central

DOUBLE GAZA EXHIBITION
 CHORLTON CENTRAL CHURCH
 BARLOW MOOR ROAD, M21 8BF
 29TH - 31ST MAY

Gaza REMAINS THE STORY
 غزة الباقية

UNDER SIEGE FOR 75 YEARS
 TIMELINE OF A GENOCIDE

Come along to explore and discuss why Gaza still demands and deserves our attention, and what we can do to take action and show solidarity

Fri & Sat: 11am - 4pm Sun: 12pm - 4pm

FREE ENTRY STALLS ACTIVITIES

Talk and Discussion with Mike Reed From Amnesty International Sunday 2-4

the palestinian museum | Defend Our Juries | AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL | Chorlton Central Church

Chorlton Central are organising an **exhibition on Gaza** from 29th to 31st May.

The exhibition is from two sources - Gaza Remains the Story from the Palestinian Museum in Birzeit; and Timeline of a Genocide from Defend Our Juries. These exhibitions will be on a number of boards in the Worship Space and the Hall.

We believe in the sentiment that Gaza really does, and should, remain the story, and are keen to show these two exhibitions, which detail both the history, and current genocide in Gaza. We are working with our friends the at British Muslim Heritage Centre, to staff the exhibition and to contribute to the various stalls/ crafts etc that we are planning, as well as a talk from Mike Reed at Amnesty International on the Sunday.

'Clerical Errors' in Concert at Hying Monastery

A celebration of Summer in Words & Music SUMMER OF LANCASHIRE

Clerical Errors in Concert

Clerical Errors is an ecumenical ensemble sharing the joy of music in the pursuit of Christian unity.

Hying Monastery
Sunday 31st May
3.30pm
Tickets £12
with
Harmonious Tea

A programme of light classic, jazz and folk expertly performed across a range of instruments & denominations!!

With music by
Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Paul Desmond,
Hart & Rodgers, Loeillet, Monti, Quantz, Schultze,
Piaf & more!

*Performed by the Revds Steve Carter (Guitar),
Kevin Huggett (Bass) Anton Müller (Flute),
The Revds Kath & Andrew Dodd (Piano & folk guitar)*

Joined by
William Nixon (Flute & Piano), Roseanna Sharples (Vocals)
& Sr Mary-Helen Jackson (Flute)

Monastery of "Our Lady of Hying"
Bernardine Sisters

Hying Monastery,
Warton, Carnforth, Lancs LA5 9SE
Tickets available only in advance at
hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk
01524 732684
Proceeds to Hying Monastery &
Churches Together in Lancashire

CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN LANCASHIRE

Good afternoon

I hope this finds you well.

My ecumenical ensemble "Clerical Errors" will be giving a concert at Hying Monastery on Sunday 31st May at 3.30pm.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be shared between Hying Monastery and Churches Together in Lancashire.

With every good wish

Anton

The Revd Anton Muller MA
County Ecumenical Officer
Churches Together in Lancashire



Summer Afternoon Tea at New Chapel URC



Tickets: £16:00 to include a glass of prosecco

Bring your own teapot! Yes, really!

Raffle

For tickets: contact via our face book page or

Email: safeguarding.newchapel@nwsynod.org.uk

Ticket only event

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Email: safeguarding.newchapel@nwsynod.org.uk

Music with a Mission



**A workshop with inspiring leaders
presenting inspiring music
with a mission!**



**Saturday
20th June**



**10am
to 2pm**



**Albion United
Reformed Church,
Alexandra Road,
Ashton-under-Lyne,
OL6 6QQ**

**Discover a wide variety of music –
some you didn't think of necessarily as missional!**

All welcome.



Register with Liz Delafield liz.delafield@nwsynod.org.uk

Who is it for? Anyone who would like to engage with an exploration of how music can enable and inspire God's mission in our churches. That includes church musicians, Church elders, lay preachers and worship leaders, ministers and anyone who would like to come along and be inspired by the wide range of musical offerings we have available.

What should I expect? A range of engaging and inspiring presentations of Music with a Mission: engaging with the world church, across the generations, from traditional organ music to rock music. A chance to raise a joyful noise together. More details to follow.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch.

Doors open at 9:30am for a 10am start.

Register with liz.delafield@nwsynod.org.uk

The Big Sing at Albion URC



The BIG SING!

Albion United Reformed Church - Sunday 21st June 2026 - 6-8pm

Good news! It's not often these days that we get the opportunity to sing with a large crowd of worshippers, but that's exactly what's on offer on the first day of summer.

Mersey Synod's Café Jam will be leading a BIG SING on Sunday 21st June at Albion United Reformed Church (Stamford Street East, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6QQ). Starting with cake and hot drinks at 6pm, it will be an evening of singing a wide variety of hymns and songs – some old, some new, some lively, some quiet, some folk-style. With an interval at around 7.10pm with further cake and refreshments, the service will end at 8pm.

There is limited parking at the church, ample parking in the surrounding streets, and a nearby car park.

Get your tickets today and invite friends, neighbours and family for the chance to celebrate our God in song together!

Please book via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3NmWod5>

Greater Manchester Citizens 2026 Accountability Assembly



Greater Manchester Citizens
2026 Accountability Assembly

On 23rd June, 2026 join 100s of leaders to make asks of GM's power-holders on:
The Cost of Living
Mental Health Services
Tackling Hate & Discrimination

Sign up here:
<https://actionnetwork.org/event/s/greater-manchester-citizens-accountability-assembly/>

Contact:
sophie.morbey@citizensuk.org

Greater Manchester
citizens

Greater Manchester Citizens Accountability Assembly

Start: Tues 23rd June 05:00 PM to 07:45 PM

Location: Maxwell Building, University of Salford, 43 Crescent, Salford, M5 4WT

Host: Contact Info: sophie.morbey@citizensuk.org

On Tuesday 23rd June, Greater Manchester Citizens will come together for our Accountability Assembly.

Rooted in listening that has taken place across our member institutions, the Assembly will bring hundreds of organised citizens face-to-face with power-holders from across Greater Manchester. We will ask them to listen carefully, respond publicly, and make clear commitments to work with our alliance on the issues facing our communities.

As always, Greater Manchester Citizens will remain strictly politically neutral. Our focus is on the issues shaping people's lives in Greater Manchester, and on building strong, constructive relationships with those in power.

We have invited:

- Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board
- The Mayor's Office
- Deputy Mayor, Kate Green
- Transport for Greater Manchester
- Greater Manchester Police

This Assembly will be a public moment of accountability and hope: communities speaking with confidence about the pressures they face, and power-holders responding in front of 100s of people from across Greater Manchester.

Please sign up to attend, spread the word and be part of this important moment.

Please arrive from 4.45pm, ready to be seated by 5.30pm.

Follow this link to register:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/greater-manchester-citizens-accountability-assembly>

Contact liz.delafield@nwsynod.org.uk or Lawrence.Moore@nwsynod.org.uk to let us know you are coming to this event, or to join the URC NW Synod GM Citizen's action team.



Take part in Churches Count on Nature!



Churches Count on Nature (CCoN) is an annual event where people explore their churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter. CCoN is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and A Rocha UK, and churches of any denomination are invited to take part.

We're encouraging churches to connect with local schools, wildlife groups and those in the local community who might not have visited before, to discover their churchyards.

[Register your event or activity](#) on the Caring for God's Acre website, or explore the [map of events](#) to head along to one happening near you. There are also resources on the Caring for God's Acre website to support you in hosting an event or activity.

Kingdom Over Nation



[Churches Together in England](#) are pleased to share *Kingdom Over Nation*, a new ecumenical resource developed through CTE to help churches engage thoughtfully and prayerfully with the rise in Christian nationalism (Christianity that is co-opted by nationalism) and the growing challenges surrounding identity, discipleship, and public life.

This resource has emerged from conversations many of us have been having across the ecumenical movement about discernment, division, political polarisation, and what it means to remain faithful to the Kingdom of God in this moment.

Through eight Bible studies and theological reflections, *Kingdom Over Nation* explores themes of empire, justice, ideology, nationhood, discipleship, discernment and Christian witness.

Ecumenical contributors include:

- Rev Dr Helen Paynter
- Rev Dr Callan Slipper
- Rt Rev Dr Jeremiah Anderson
- Rt Rev Mike Royal
- Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ
- Chine McDonald
- Richard Bradbury
- Min. Shermara Hoyte
- Doral Hayes

You can download your free copy here:

[Get your copy of Kingdom over Nation today!](https://cte.org.uk/kingdom-over-nation)



Symposium: Reframing Healing for our Time



A Symposium Marking the 800th Anniversary of
the Canonisation of St William of York

Reframing Healing *for our Time*

Faith, Health & the Human Condition

++Stephen Cottrell

Prof Roger Kneebone

Dr Petre Maican

Revd Dr Chris Swift

Dr Susan B. Cross

SPEAKERS

Archbishop of York

Emeritus Professor and co-director of the
Imperial College Centre for Engagement and
Simulation Science (ICCESS)

Lecturer in Modern Orthodox Theology,
Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania

Director of the Leeds Church Institute

Author of *'From Mission-Shaped to Jesus-Shaped'
Church: Hospitality as a Missiological Agenda in
the Church of England'*

9 July 2026 | 10am – 5pm | York St John University



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ST JOHN
UNIVERSITY

Further information on speakers and 'pay what you can' tickets are available via Eventbrite [here](#), or via the York Minster website [here](#).

Participants from a wide range of disciplines are welcome, so that the conversation is as rich, diverse, and generative as possible. In order to ensure the symposium is accessible to all, we are offering tickets on a "pay what you can" basis.

The symposium is in-person only. Talks will be recorded for sharing after the event.

One Body, Many Parts: Churches invited to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday 2026



Churches across the UK are being invited to take part in **Disability Awareness Sunday 2026**, with the release of a free, creative new resource [available to download](http://www.throughtheroof.org) from Christian charity Through the Roof (www.throughtheroof.org).

The 2026 theme, '**One Body, Many Parts**', draws on 1 Corinthians 12 and celebrates the truth that **the Church is not complete without disabled people**. The official date is **27th September 2026**, though churches are encouraged to take part on any Sunday that works for them.

Seeing things differently

At the heart of the new resource is the vision of **Triona Brading**, a young autistic Christian, Roofbreaker disability champion with Through the Roof, and ministry trainee. Triona brings insight, joy and imagination to the biblical image of the Body of Christ. She shares her perspective as an **autistic Christian** in the main video she made for churches to show for Disability Awareness Sunday:

“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you. The head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you.’ Can you imagine it?

Body parts going rogue and breaking free of the body, hopping away and trying to live independently of one another!”

Her gentle humour opens up a powerful challenge: what does it really mean for the Church to live as **one body**, where every person — disabled or not — is welcomed, needed and able to play their part?



Autistic Christian author Triona Brading shares new Disability Awareness Sunday resource

Free resource for churches!

The free Disability Awareness Sunday 2026 Resource includes:

- Two short videos
- A ready-to-use service outline
- Practical ideas for all-age worship and youth activities

For more information please contact:

Janet Eardley - janet@throughtheroof.org

Annette Stuart - annette@throughtheroof.org

Tel (main office): 01372 749955

Please visit www.throughtheroof.org for information, news and resources.

About the work of Through the Roof

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.

We have been advocating for disability inclusion in church for over 25 years. We pray that every church actively welcomes disabled people and experiences the blessings of Church where **all** are seen as indispensable to the Body (1 Cor. 12).

Through the Roof works with churches and people across all disabilities to enable: Access, Belonging and Commission...

Access: For everyone to know Jesus, with disabled people fully welcomed in Christian life

Belonging: For everyone to grow together as the family of God, with disabled people flourishing in community with others

Commission: For everyone to reflect the character of Jesus, with disabled people making disciples, to the glory of God

Useful Links



Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities at the URC

For more details please click [here](#)



URC News Update

Please click [here](#) for the latest updates from around the URC



URC Children's, Youth + Intergenerational Work Team

For the latest news from the C Y W & I Team, plus a link to the latest bi-monthly Newsletter please click [here](#)



JPIT Newsletter

Click [here](#) for the May 2026 Newsletter

May 2026



[May 2026: GM Live Well Newsletter](#)

Daily Devotions

from The United Reformed Church

Welcome to Daily Devotions from the URC

Each morning the URC sends out a reading, reflection and short prayer which helps us to focus on our journeys of Christian discipleship. Please click [here](#) for more information.

for our Prayers

We invite you to pray:

- For the Churches who are facing difficult decisions about the future of their fellowships and buildings
- For those involved in the discussions about the future of ministry in the North Western Synod
- For your Ministers as they consider how best to support you
- For the continued growth of church mission