



**From the Ecumenical Facilitator, The Revd Anton Müller**

At the beginning of March, Sue and I visited the Anglican/Baptist Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) based in Trinity Community Church, Accrington.

It was a great privilege to return almost a year to the date of Matt's licensing and to see how Matt, Naomi and Ben have been getting on with people of this exciting mission minded church.

Pictured right is The Revd Matt Allen, with Naomi and Ben on the occasion of their licensing on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. A year later Matt writes:



*"My first year as Minister of Trinity has been an interesting challenge. The regeneration happening in the Woodnook area of our parish has been mirrored in parts of our church life. We have experienced a time of rapid growth in a number of areas. We have been able to celebrate more variety in worship, engage more confidently with our local community, and see the blessings of God that come through unity. It was a particular highlight to welcome over 700 people to the two large community events that we pioneered in 2014. We look forward to experiencing the new challenges God has for us in 2015."*

I am hoping visit our other LEPs during the course of this year and welcome invitations to speak, preach, or simply be with local ecumenical partnerships and other church groups. If you would like to book a visit please email [antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk](mailto:antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk)



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April "Fracking" As Christians should we have a view?**  
St Anthony's Church Social Club  
7.00pm. For info contact Maggie  
[lfjc@talktalk.net](mailto:lfjc@talktalk.net) 01524 383081



*Together Lancashire is looking at how churches help communities to flourish and where our politics has taken us. Do we need to build something new? What are we / you doing? What can be done?*

Together Lancashire invites you to a special conference with Paul Hackwood Chair of Church Urban Fund and Lord Maurice Glasman Director of Faith and Citizenship Programme at City University London **GOOD NEIGHBOURS - CHURCH IN ACTION.**

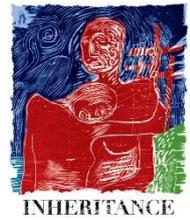
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## Good Friday Events:

Riding Lights Theatre Company have been invited by the Pendle Circuit of the Methodist Church to perform their 2015 Passion Play 'Inheritance' at the Pendle Hippodrome Theatre New Market Street, Colne BB8 8BJ on Good Friday evening 3rd April 2015. Tickets from Shirley Godfrey 01282 812531 email: shirleygodfrey2456@yahoo.co.uk or Theatre Box Office 01282 863210.



**10.00am Walk of Witness** in St Mary's Parish to St Mary's Church for a United service with Churches Together in Penwortham at 11.00am. It begins and ends at St. Mary's church, Church Avenue, Penwortham.

**12.00 Noon** Silent Witness outside St Andrew's Church Burnley

## And looking ahead into May

**Thursday May 28th 2015**, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (lunch provided), Archbishop Temple School, St. Vincent's Road Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8RA, To book please go to:  
<http://togetherlancashire.eventbrite.co.uk> Tickets are FREE!! (and so is lunch)



**May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015** Make your vote count! Download the Churches' General Election Resources. In addition to CTBI's own [2020 Vision of the Good Society discussion statement](#) (PDF) discussion document, a host of other church resources and briefings are now available on the website at <https://ctbielections.org.uk/resources/>



**May 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 2015** Picnic in the Park for Pentecost. Wear something red!  
12.30pm

**Saturday 13th June 2015, Wake up your Church!**  
9:30am till 4:30pm St Thomas' Church, Penny St, Lancaster, LA1 1XX

The workshop draws on a rich mix of practical and spiritual material presented in a lively and varied way. There is engagement with the bible, reflection and group activities. There are short film segments on environment and social justice issues with video input from leading Christian speakers including Tom Wright, Elaine Storkey and John Bell.



Cost: £5 payable on the day. Tea & coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.  
Book a place at: <http://wake-up-your-church.eventbrite.co.uk>  
Further information, contact: Hugh Kidd, Telephone: 01524 39018, [hkadmin@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hkadmin@phonecoop.coop)