

Churches Together in Lancashire Newsletter No 14

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From the Ecumenical Facilitator, The Revd Anton Müller

Welcome to this June edition of the Churches Together in Lancashire Newsletter.

The Royal Lancashire Show 7-9 August Salesbury, Ribchester:

As reported in the last newsletter Churches Together in Lancashire is supporting the Church Tent at the Royal Lancashire Show. The Church Tent will hold stands and stalls from different church groups and organisations, seminars on social and spiritual issues in the rural setting, a café bar, and shared worship. This is a fantastic opportunity to be a Christian presence to the County of Lancashire. On Sunday the 9th August the worship will be led by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Revd Julian Henderson with the Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District, The Revd Paul Davis and the Bishop of Salford, The Rt Revd John Arnold. .. that's the line up so far!

Thank you to those who have already asked for display space and volunteered to be a Welcomer/Steward. We need more. We still need a minimum of 100 folding chairs, PA System and Podium. Please contact admin@ctlancashire.org.uk



New Post Consultation: There is the opportunity to contribute thoughts and ideas and to pray about the development of new half time post funded by Churches Together in Lancashire. If you have strong feelings about a particular area need then please contact the Ecumenical Facilitator for Churches Together in Lancashire (antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk). The post which Helen Boothroyd held addressed Social Justice and Inter Faith needs. It may be that these areas are well covered by other groups and that CTiL could offer support to these group or identify other areas of mission and ministry such as Chaplaincy, Rural Affairs, Parish Nursing. These are some of the areas that have been mentioned so far.

Website News: A number of groups are sending in news and events items. Please check the website www.ctlancashire.org.uk The website directory has grown a little but many groups have yet to return the contact details form. The next stage is to list the churches in a given area and to use the present contact list of Churches Together groups as the contact for the Chair/Secretary. There are 73 contacts presently on the database of which about 20 respond and of that number 13 are now active on the website directory. It is slow progress but gradually more groups are becoming visible.

Sharing Resources: If you have any prayers or other ecumenical resources that you would like to share please send them in. See below the prayer from Churches Together in Leyland.

Carol Competition: Entries are invited from 14-18 year olds. The winning composition will be sung across Lancashire in this year's Lancashire Sings Christmas.

Entry form on website: www.ctlancashire.org.uk

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Out and about: The Revd Anton Müller and his wife Sue, visited the URC congregation at St Luke's Hest Bank last month for an early celebration of Pentecost. Wind and Fire, enthusiastically represented by Sunday School members, Callum and Libby Bennett, swept through the congregation and very quickly words of praise from around the world were being proclaimed. It was good to hear about the engagement of the Anglican and URC congregations in the life of their communities. After a stroll along the prom in Morcambe we joined the service for the Week of Prayer and Christian Unity with Churches Together in Leyland at Leyland United Reformed Church. The worship of was led by an ecumenical choir from across the churches in Leyland. It has to be said, holding the event in May rather than June has much to commend it! The message is available on the CTL website based on the meeting between Jesus and the Woman at the Well.

Meeting Points

The next meeting of the DEOs will be on Monday June 8th in Salford and again you are invited to contact your DEO with questions and next meeting of the Church at St Cuthbert's Church Centre, YOU! You are Churches the opportunity to raise any aspirations. The Church Leaders Body of Christ.... That's you!



comments to bring to that meeting. The Leaders will be on Tuesday 21st July Fulwood. Both meetings represent Together in Lancashire and this is questions, concerns, ideas, hopes and and DEOs are in place to serve the

Local Events

(For further details please visit the website www.ctlancashire.org.uk)



Tuesday 2nd June 7.30 "Faith in Lancaster - the Future of Interfaith" (Lancaster Meeting House)
Saturday 6th June 7.00pm Marilyn Baker in Concert, Preston Minster
Saturday 13th June 9.30-4.30 "Wake up your Church" St Thomas Church, Lancaster

Building Bridges Celebration Events Mon 8th - 21st June 2015

Celebrating 13 years of people from different faith backgrounds working together for the good of our communities.

Mon June 8th Faith Friends at the Faith Centre
2pm *Come along and see the students' presentation.*

Thursday June 11th FREE FAMILY FUN DAY 3pm-6pm in Queens Park
Bouncy Castle, Cafe, Stalls, Activities for all the Family

Friday June 12th MEN'S PICNIC Friday 3pm Bandstand Stand. St James Street .
Join the men of Building Bridges in Burnley.

Sunday June 14th FAITH WALK . 3pm. meet at Shah Jalal Masjid and Burnley Islamic Cultural Centre, Burleigh Street, Burnley, BB12 0DA finish by 6p.m. *Taking a gentle walk as we visit places of worship in our town.*



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Thursday 18th June Costa Coffee, Tesco 7p.m. - 8.30p. Building Bridges Roadshow



June 21st AGM of BUILDING BRIDGES IN BURNLEY

8p.m. at Masjid Ibrahim 2 Clegg St., Burnley BB10 1AX. Speaker: Burnley M.P. Julie Cooper. Followed by the 'Iftar', (the breaking of fast during Ramadan).

June 13-14 Penwortham Gala. Churches Together in Penwortham will host a Church Tent at Hurst Grange Park. On the Saturday free light refreshments will be on offer as well as posters advertising our various churches activities. The food bank which we run and Preston and District Street Pastors will also be represented there. On the Sunday there will be an open air united service on the park at 11 am.

June 15th "A Wind in the House of Islam" 2-4pm Oxford
(see CTL website for info)

July 18th "Big Day Out" Southport Convention Centre
(See website for copy of this poster)



Churches Together in Leyland Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We praise and thank you for all you have given to us in your son Jesus.
We ask for your help in realising the visions of Churches Together in Leyland.
May we be a Christian Community, proclaiming and living the Good News.
May we grow in love and understanding of one another.
May we find new ways together to touch the hearts and minds of all in our town.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit as we commit ourselves, our time and our talents to serve you and our neighbour.

In the name of Christ. Amen