



Eastern Synod Newsletter

July 2017

Anglian Singers in Concert - Saturday 15th July

From Faure to Berstein and Bacharach. Come to Trinity United Reformed Church at 7.30pm, 1 Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PA - Tickets are £7-50 from [Barry Capon](#) 01603 451507 or Andrew Rouse on 01603 423339.

Proceeds are in aid of Good Work - the Industrial Chaplaincy in Norfolk and Waveney.



Giving Thanks for the Windermere Centre

The thanksgiving service for the life of the Windermere Centre will be held on Saturday 15th July at 3pm Carver Uniting Church, Windermere. To be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

If you plan to attend, please email [Lis Mullen](#) by 10th July or call her on 01539 445 456.

Council for World Mission (CWM)

The 40th Anniversary CWM Sunday Worship is taking place on 16th July, 2017, called Healing the Broken Body: Hope for Renewal. CWM member churches and local congregations are invited to share in worship together, in our own places, but in different time zones, traditions and worship styles, as one diverse body throughout the world committed to bringing God's life to the places where we are.

The CWM event calendar for 2017-2018 is on our website.



Gospel Street - retelling the news.

A production by the Riding Lights Theatre Company, this is a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and the spoken word.

Gospel Street tells of characters who find that Jesus has arrived on their street and he's on the lookout for trouble - looking to do something about it. Four young people tell the startling story of what happened on that street. Touring the UK 26th September to 9th December, 2017. To book a performance call 01904 655317 or email [Beth](#).



Report on the Eastern Synod BIG DAY OUT

Saturday 10th June saw a large gathering of people from churches across the Eastern Synod at Trinity Park Ipswich for the Big Day Out.

Glorious weather and a range of activities greeted participants, both young and old.

A splendid day of worship, workshops, crafts, art, fun and laughter were shared by all. What a great day of celebration!

Walking the Way

Karen Carter, Church House Communications Officer, is on the lookout for churches across the Synod which place significant emphasis on mission and growing disciples.

The plan is to capture your stories for the website and individual films for use as WtW resources. Contact Karen Carter by [email](#) or by phone on 0207 916 2020.



PRAXIS Newsletter

PRAXIS, the public issues newsletter of The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church and The Church of Scotland has a wide range of interesting articles and events.

Why not have a look at [Praxis](#)? To publicise something, please contact [Wendy Cooper](#).



Why go to Greenbelt?

For a good feel of the festival, why not look at some of the Greenbelt [films](#) and decide if you would like to go to Greenbelt 2017?

The festival is taking place at Boughton House, Northamptonshire, from 25 to 28 August, 2017.

Down in the River: Festival -on-Sea

As part of Feasts and Festivals and in conjunction with Global and Intercultural Ministries, a multicultural celebration will be held at Crowstone St. George's URC on Saturday 23rd September, from 11am to 9pm.

Come down to the River Thames and celebrate through music, poetry, film, workshops and children's activities.



ACAT Handbook - free to URC treasurers

The URC has block membership of ACAT, so any URC treasurer is automatically enrolled. If you are a church, why not let ACAT have your treasurer's details - the £10 Handbook is free.

The foundation training day for treasurers comes highly recommended by people who have taken it and if you are new to the job, you may want to be connected to [the site](#) - the user name is URC, and password Tavistock (both case sensitive) to get into the Members area.



Lekkerwater Secondary School, Zimbabwe

The original goal was for each church to raise \$100 towards the building of this Presbytery school - many of you have been in touch with the Synod Office in response to this appeal.

To date, nearly £2,000 has been received.

Building began early in 2015 and so far, there are now two classroom blocks at a cost of \$20k each, with almost 100 children aged 12-14 now studying there. The aim is to have 4 classroom blocks, a science classroom and a staff block.

We'd like to thank your congregation for their engagement in this project and for more information on progress, contact [Lindsey Brown](#), Synod Global Partnership Co-Ordinator.

Job Vacancies

Finance Officer - Synod Office

This is a full-time position for an ACA (or equivalent) qualified accountant with a wide practical experience and who is sympathetic to the aims and purposes of the Church. The post is based at the Synod Office in Whittlesford, south of Cambridge. For further information, see our [website](#) or email [Sue](#). Closing date is 20th July, 2017.

Walking the Way - Project Manager London

The URC is starting a new process to refresh the habits of discipleship and mission of members and churches. To enable this project to take shape, a manager is sought - someone passionate about discipleship and mission with a proven track record in project management and organisational culture change. For more information, have a look at the [website](#). The closing date is 17th July. 2017.

There are a range of job vacancies - have a look at the [website](#) and follow the links.



Love Latitude in Prayer - a call to churches

The Festival Pastor team would like you to get involved. They would like to have as many Christians as possible in East Anglia praying for the Latitude Festival at Great Henham Park Southwold Suffolk from Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th July. Christians will be coming together as 'Festival Pastors' to patrol the site, watching out for the vulnerable, assisting the festival goers wherever they can from helping put up tents to giving directions to helping them find lost friends/children/tents! If you have any questions, please contact [Jan Bedford](#), the Co-ordinator.



Seeking a venue? Why not try Newport URC...

The interior at Newport URC has recently been refurbished and, with its garden, it is a safe, pleasant and usable space for small groups, retreats, training sessions etc.

Please bear Newport in mind if you, or someone you know, is looking for a venue of this kind in the Synod. You can email [Revd Caroline Vodden](#) or call her on 01799 524416.

Feedback from the National Mission Committee

For an update on the June meeting, please contact [David Sebley](#).

Words of Wonder - Saturday 30th September

Taking place at St Martin's Church, Cambridge, this is a day of preaching, poetry and storytelling, with a choice of workshops in the afternoon. Speakers include writer and academic, Dr Martin Quirke; poet, Rach Hartley; and storyteller and academic, Dr Alastair Daniel. To buy a ticket, costing £10, contact [Revd Chrissie Howe](#) or [Revd Simon Goddard](#).

Forthcoming events

You will always find [forthcoming events](#) on the Synod website under Events.

2017 Dates for your diary:

15th July - Anglian Singers, 7.30pm Trinity URC Norwich NR2 2PA

15th July - Thanksgiving service for the Windermere Centre, 3pm Carver Uniting Church, Windermere, LA23 2DB

25th - 28th August - Greenbelt 2017 at Boughton House, Northampton, NN14 1BJ

23rd September - Down in the River, Crowstone St George's, Westcliff-On-Sea. SS0 8LH

September to December. Gospel Street - a Riding lights Theatre Company production.

30th September - Words of Wonder, 10.30am-15.30pm, St. Martin's Church, 127 Suez Rd, Cambridge CB1 3QD

Newsletter no 35 will be sent out in mid-September, please send your articles by end August to Jane Langford-Horder, Moderator's PA, on modpa@urceastern.org.uk or post to: Moderator's PA, The URC Eastern Synod, Duxford Road, Whittlesford, Cambs CB22 4ND.

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