

Yorkshire North & East District Newsletter, #8 December 2017

News

Leslie, Laura and Siân would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

The office will be closed until 2 January, although email and mobile messages will be checked periodically.

Learning Opportunities

Exploring Vocation: Listening to God's Call

A day of worship, prayer, reflection and discussion for those wishing to explore vocation, particularly to lay or ordained ministry.

Where: Oxford Place, Leeds

When: Saturday 13 January, 10.00-3.30

Further information and booking: Graham Jones jonesg@methodistchurch.org.uk or Sean Adair revsean@btinternet.com

Responding to Criticism

A course for those in church leadership, organised by Bridge Builders

When: 15 February 2018, 9.30-4.30

Where: Blackley Baptist Church Centre, Prospect View, Elland HX5 0TD

Cost: £75 (including lunch), £60 concessions/groups of 4 or more

Details: <https://www.bbministries.org.uk/course/responding-to-criticism-blackley/>

Iona Programme 2018

Kissed-Pierced-Hidden-Revealed: Seeing God's Passion from Gethsemane to Glory

When: 28 March - 2 April

Who: Dr Debbie Lewer

Following the Celtic Way

When: 22 - 27 October

Who: Professor Ian Bradley

Enthusiasm, Entropy and Ecology: A New look at the Psalms

When: 27 October - 1 November

Who: Revd John Bell

Adventures with God: An Introduction to the Gifts and Wisdom of Ignatius of Loyola

When: 1 - 6 November

Who: Revd Alison Marshall

Venue: St Columba Hotel

Cost: £649 all inclusive

Booking: <http://www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk/>

Vacancies

Becoming a Prison Visitor

Worshiping and leading a service in Advent with the responsibility to preach on “waiting” is an inevitable part of the season. However, in being asked to consider how the congregation respond to waiting whilst serving for a long prison sentence is much more problematic.

At the end of a recent service I was handed a Christmas card from Colin*, to be given to Alan* his prison visitor. Colin doesn't know Alan's surname or address but his visits to the prison are eagerly awaited by Colin as a valued part of maintaining a connection with the community “on the out”. To assist this vital aspect of caring for those we have placed “behind bars”, the National Association of Official Prison Visitors are very keen to hear from

people of any faith or none are willing to listen, to share and care for a person in prison by making an occasional visit.

See - www.naopv or email info@naopv.com Or ring 0123 5843417 for further information.

** Not their actual names.

Methodist Women in Britain President 2019-21

Would you like to help take Methodist Women in Britain forward as a member of the Executive and Forum? The role of MWiB President is a four-year commitment beginning in

June 2018, when the person appointed will become Vice-President for one year, followed by two years as President and a further year as Vice-President.

Selection will take place at MWiB Forum -

When: Saturday 17 February

Where: Hinsley Hall, Leeds

Closing date for applications: 5 January

Full role description and application form can be downloaded from the website: www.mwib.org.uk or obtained by email: admin@mwib.org.uk

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