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Our Spiritual Leader, Revd Jack Dunion, broadcasts his own online radio show every Sunday at 9am on River Radio (formerly Leven Radio):

<https://riverradio.uk/>

The link below now gives access to all backdated Rise & Shine programs:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/>

Cost of joining the Council?

All expenses are paid and computer support is freely available.

Please phone Judith on 01425 279408.

Sunday School Update

Pauline Grimshaw reports:

Some time ago I asked if any readers had memories of their Sunday School days that they could share with other people in a booklet that I was writing about a history of our Sunday schools since 1940. I realise now that perhaps I should have given specific examples as I've only had three replies so far.

So a few examples first of all:

1. "The North Lancashire Sunday School Union organised various activities including Eistedfodds. I remember the Eistedfodd was usually held at the Accrington church where Sunday Schools in our area joined together and held a display of Sunday School work and a competition with categories such as baking, piano playing, drawing, choral speaking and performing playlets."

2. Memories of the Derby New Church Sunday School:

"Taking turns to hold the wooden offertory plate while the other children processed round singing:

Hear the pennies dropping, listen as they fall,

Everyone for Jesus, he shall have them all.

Dropping, dropping, dropping, dropping.

Everyone for Jesus. He shall have them all.

The thrill of hearing sleigh bells and noises overhead, and then the sight of a pair of black boots followed by red trousers and a coat descending a ladder from the attic to the stage where Father Christmas arrived at the Sunday School Christmas party."

3. From Radcliffe from someone who went to live in Ireland just before her 15th birthday:

"I have wonderful memories of my time there. Rev Ronald A. Preston was the clergyman and the kindest, most supportive person I have ever met. I still have my stamp books and stickers from all the books I won as prizes for the scripture exams."

4. From Kearsley: "Tea parties after walking day with sandwiches, jellies and cake. All Sunday School members got to play a role in walking day processions which were led by a brass band. As soon as we were old enough we would become 'Little singers' We would have to practice once a week. On the day we were taken into church dressed in white dresses and sang to the congregation."

Any snippets of Sunday School life would be much appreciated. The above are just a few examples. My email address is in the Conference year book. Many thanks, Pauline Grimshaw.

AGM and Conference July 2021

Margaret Presland writes:



If you are planning to attend the AGM of the General Conference this year or are still thinking about it, this is a reminder that bookings should be made no later than Friday 28th May to guarantee your accommodation!

The dates this year are Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th July at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire (cct.org.uk), and the theme this year is 'Love and Charity'. We have met at the Hayes for many years and there will be a warm welcome on our return this year after our Zoom meetings last summer. How we missed seeing each other! I understand that more changes and upgrades have been made to the buildings over the past year while they have been unable to accept visitors. There is also the option to attend from Monday afternoon 26th, although the formal meetings start on Tuesday afternoon 27th. It is also possible to attend as a day visitor.

The meeting will be attended by people of all ages, including families and young adults, who will have some sessions and activities of their own.

In addition to the official business meetings and reports, a most important event will be the Ordination into Ministry of Mr Lee Differ. Other activities will include a Spiritual Day, family worship, music, singing and discussions, and the opportunity to listen, relax, walk and

talk, enjoy the lovely gardens, look forward to delicious meals and meet up with friends old and new.

If you would like to come along, please send your booking form (if you already have one) to: Margaret Presland, 15 Standmoor Road, Whitefield, Manchester M45 7PJ.

Or contact me for a form or for more information on 0161 796 7857.

Zoom Worship

Revd Becky Jarratt writes:

We would like to let you know that, after consultation with the other Zoom Worship Providers, we have decided to stop the regular family services for the time being. We are finding that now that people can go out and about more, the families are attending less. We will continue to have Zoom services every 2nd and 4th Sunday. The plan is to have three family services a year. One will be Harvest, which will be on a 2nd or 4th Sunday in the autumn, and to add a family service at Christmas and Easter - dates to be arranged closer to the time.

The last 3rd-Sunday Family Service will be on 16th May, led by the NCYA.

We are also aware of the need to be flexible. If we were all locked down again, we would review the situation at the time.

We appreciate that this may be a disappointment to some people as they truly value seeing others on Zoom most Sundays. We are trying to make sure we have enough people to resource the churches that are open as well as the Zoom services. Please get in touch if you would like to help with Zoom worship in any way.

On behalf of the Zoom Worship Team,

Revd Becky Jarratt

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Support for Children and Young People Attending Activities

The New Church Children's Society writes:

Isn't it great that activities for children and young people are going to be happening again?

The Board members of New Church Children's Society has noticed that prices for attending some activities are higher than pre-Covid prices, particularly for those in the 18+ age group.

We are very keen that nobody should miss out because of the increased prices. It is important that all children and young people who would like to attend have the support and opportunity to do so.

If you would like any information about the support that New Church Children's Society can offer please contact Mrs Chris Sutton for details:

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