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<https://riverradio.uk/>

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

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

On the outskirts of church life?

Why not join the Conference Council and get more involved?

Please phone Judith on 01425 279408.

Spiritual Leader Announcement

From The Conference Council:

To balance out the workload of our four employed Ministers Revd Jack Dunion felt he had no choice but to resign as Spiritual Leader and has resumed his former duties. The employed Ministers will continue to serve the Church according to their recognised strengths and abilities. The longer term plan for the future Spiritual Leadership is under consultation. Until this has been completed, this offers the widest skill base. May the Lord bless their work.

Bradford Prayer Group

Gwendolen Rowe reports:



When Bradford New Church cut their services down to twice a month we felt a need to continue to meet in some way, especially during this difficult time. Some of us were not able to attend Church for worship at the time so it felt particularly important to meet their needs too.

It was suggested that we meet up on Zoom for prayer once a week and so our prayer group was born. At present there are 4-6 of us meeting for prayer and fellowship. Usually we each say a prayer and we often either start or end with the Lord's Prayer and then a final blessing is said at the end.

This has been a very welcome and wonderful way for us to connect. Of course we also have a chat and this is also very much part of the fellowship of this group. As a participant in this group I have really benefitted from attending and taking part in prayer. It is a very relaxed

and friendly group and it is a good opportunity to be able to share in a warm and welcoming space.

This group is not exclusive and is open to anyone who would like to join us. At present two of our group members are not from Bradford Church but are most welcome. So if you would like the opportunity to pray in a small group, to be part of a prayer and fellowship circle you would be most welcome to join in. There is absolutely no need to feel you have to contribute a prayer unless you feel drawn to do so.

We meet on a Sunday evening at 7pm and it usually lasts around 20-30 minutes, or longer if people are really involved in a conversation afterwards.

If you are interested in joining in please contact Jan Millar or Gwendolen Rowe for further details and the link to the group.

Re: A Surprise in the Guardian

Marian Kidd (nee Heron) writes:

David Haseler's article about "A Surprise in the Guardian" brought back memories of my parents, Annie and Alfred Heron, who met at Salford New Church approximately 100 years after that article appeared. Mum and her siblings were sent there because it was the nearest Church to their home. As well as attending church 3 times on Sundays they took part in many social events, including theatricals and dances which were organised at the Church. I have a photograph of the interior of the Salford Church and of one of the shows Mum took part in there.

I remember my Dad telling me that he first got involved because he wanted to join the football team they ran. Once he became a member of the Church he also joined in the social activities, as well as attending doctrinal classes (run, I think, by Mr Pulsford). They married on 4 September 1933 and remained members of the New Church for the rest of their lives, transferring their membership after closures, first to North Manchester, then South Manchester and lastly to Stockport.

Conference AGM 27th July - 30th July 2021

Margaret Presland writes:

The annual Conference AGM is coming up, and your booking forms should have been in by 28th May!! As usual, it will be held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire, and I understand that even more improvements and redecorations have taken place over the past year..

All the plans are going ahead - fortunately many 'regulars' have been able to book again for this year, and the families with children and young adults are particularly very excited to meet up face-to-face again. However, there is still room for more regular attendees and new visitors. So, although the closing date is passing, you are still very welcome.

If you would like to come and haven't got a booking form or would like more information about the programme, accommodation, meals, travel etc, just let me know and I'll send you a form and answer your questions.

However, if you are coming and have a form, please send it to me or contact me as soon as possible.

I'm really looking forward to being at the Hayes again and connecting with real people after such a difficult year, and I know that many of you are too.

Please send forms to Margaret Presland, 15 Standmoor Road, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7PJ, or phone 0161 796 7857.

