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Purley Programme Director

Margaret Cowie writes:

Readers may be wondering what was the outcome of the advertisement placed in E-News issue 163, on 26th April 2023, for the appointment of a Programme Director at Purley Chase. The post was widely advertised throughout the international New Church, and in other journals..... We have to report that no tenable applications were received from overseas, but three did come in from the UK, all from the local area. Interviews took place in

mid-June. Unfortunately, it was not possible to confirm an appointment, and so the matter is on hold for the time being while Conference Council, together with others involved in maintaining the programme of New Church activities at Purley Chase, consult on possible ways forward.

It goes without saying that Conference Council is very concerned to find a successor to the late Revd Alison Southcombe, who herself continued the work done over so many years by Revd David Gaffney. The role of Programme Director is central to the life of Purley Chase and as such is the public face of the Centre.

We are grateful to Chris Woodhouse and the Purley Chase Management Team, to Manager Rachel Gilson and her Team, and to Revd Helen Brown, Muriel Morgan, Sue Chesworth, Karin Baynes and others, all of whom in one way or another have been so dedicated to Purley Chase, its purpose and its future. It is our hope that they will all continue in their work as we seek to find a way forward, all of us trusting that we will be guided by the Lord in this precious endeavour.

Margaret Cowie – Chairman of Conference Council

Bradford 100th Celebration

Gwendolen Rowe writes:

I am delighted to be able to let you know that Bradford New Church have re-scheduled their Anniversary to celebrate 100 years since the Church was opened. It will be held on **Saturday 1st June 2024**. We will now be getting to work on our plans for the day and once timings have been arranged we will let you know more. However it will start with a celebratory service of Worship and will include a buffet style lunch. There will be plenty of activities for all ages and we hope to see as many friends and members who can get there.



The plan is to make it a really special occasion and we hope that some people may wish to stop over and make a weekend of it. On Sunday, the 2nd, we will be holding a Holy Supper Service at our usual time of 10.45am. As the **2nd June 1923** was the date the foundation stone was laid this will feel like a continuation of the celebration. It was, however, in 1924 when the building finally opened, hence the reason for having our celebration next year.

We look forward to celebrating this special event with as many of you who can make it, so get the date in your diaries.

Saturday 1st June 2024

Best wishes

Gwendolen (Rowe)

On behalf of Bradford Committee