**Connect with God: Bible Reading Plan**

Knowing God begins with reading the Bible. Yet reading isn’t always so simple. Each week, read the passage and consider the question, which is also available on Facebook.

**w/c July 22:** *Exodus 15-17*

Why did the Israelites go from celebrating God to whining against him in just a few days? Why did they wonder if God was with them when the pillar of cloud and fire was right in front of them? In what ways are you like the Israelites?

**w/c July 29:** *John 16*

How will the Spirit of Truth “take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is” (16:13)? What difference will this promise make as you try to understand the world around you and your place in it?

**w/c Aug 5:** *Exodus 18-20*

What makes living in close relationship with God difficult? Which of the Ten Commandments gives you the most trouble? Why? How do your struggles to keep the commandments affect your walk with God?

**w/c Aug 12:** *John 17*

Jesus prepared for his darkest hour by praying for his disciples, both those standing around him and those who would later believe in him. Right before he died Jesus prayed for you. How should you live in light of his prayer for you?

**w/c Aug 19:** *Exodus 21-23*

What do these three chapters reveal about God’s holiness? Justice? Desire for people to trust him completely? If you lived under the Law, what penalties would you face for the things you’ve done over the past six months?



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**During the break at Café if you would like someone to pray with you, people are always available in the Doncaster Chapel (off the foyer).**



If you would like to talk to Rev. Linda Bishop or someone else in New Song, please leave your details and you will be contacted.



**Text4Prayer** is a circuit initiative enabling anyone to request prayer by texting 07452 958 955. Make use of the number yourself if you wish, but the aim is to leave the cards in public places for others to pick up.

**Find Out More**

You can find out more

in the following ways:

**Website:**

www.newsongwarrington.com

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To find out more about **fresh expressions** and the journey of New Song, Please visit the fresh expression website: www.freshexpressions.org.uk

**Email:** To make contact about anything in this newsletter or about New Song in general: newsongwarrington.info@gmail.com

**Rev. Linda Bishop:** 01925 633139‬ or lindabishop@hotmail.com







**New Song at a Glance….**

*Fridays are Rev. Linda Bishop’s day off; please don’t contact her on that day.*

*New Song Kids breaks for summer but returns: 1st Sunday of the month, 3:30pm at Bold St (1st September)*

*Feast your Faith: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30/7:30pm at the Manse (1st Aug)*

*Discipleship: 2nd Sunday evening, 6.30pm at Latchford (12th August)*

*New Song Breakfast: 3rd Sunday morning, 9am at Latchford (19th August)*

*New Song Café – led by Fish Tales: 7pm at Bold Street (26th August)*

When you look up growing on Google, you get a number of suggestions including gardening tips from the RHS! We probably won’t be sharing gardening tips on Monday night when the Leadership Team meets, but we will be discussing how to ‘undergo natural development by increasing in size and changing physically’. Growth as a church means two things: developing the people within it; and growing in size. We’ve been prayerfully considering this, and have been asking questions of the people that attend each to find out how we can do those things at each event. Sometimes that may mean making difficult decisions, so we ask that you hold the leadership team in your thoughts and prayers. We’d love to see you at our meeting, but if you have any ideas, or thoughts that you would like to pass on with respect to our growth, please speak to the Leadership Team or contact through email or Facebook.



Hello and Welcome to New Song Network Warrington. We are a growing church that has a variety of opportunities for worship, discipleship, and fun for all ages.

We believe in being welcoming; we not only sing our faith, but live it out in very practical and tangible senses. This is done in many varied ways, for example through the Hot Drinks Ministry or collecting advent calendars for the Food Bank. If you would like to be involved please speak to any of our team, our welcomers or Rev. Linda Bishop.

Bless you and welcome,

New Song Warrington

Leadership Team



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**Welcome**

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**New Song Network Warrington**



Recently, we’ve been talking about **growing New Song** in numbers, spiritually and innovatively, so we now face some decisions about what our future will look like. We are asking for feedback on each of our New Song ‘events’. We have started by looking at NS Breakfast and Discipleship and have some questions in order to ensure that we grow, carefully considering where God is calling us.

The questions for you to consider and get back to us with are:

* What works at New Song Café/Breakfast/Discipleship?
* What is missing or lacking from each event?
* What do we want them to look like?

Please get involved in giving us feedback – even if you haven’t attended anything other than Café? Why is that? What could we do/offer to make other events a ‘must do’ in your lives once a month?



Monday 23rd July at Bold Street Lounge is the next **New Song Leadership Meeting**. Again, we have a small amount of business as we intend to discuss feedback about New Song Breakfast and how we move forward in growth. Please come along to help with the discussion, and if you can’t come but want to pass on any views etc please speak to Jayne, the Leadership Team or via Facebook and email. Prayers are much appreciated as we seek God’s guidance for next steps and how to grow.



**Charity.** Our chosen charity this year is Papyrus – Prevention of Young Suicide, and we sent in a bid for it to also become the Circuit Charity.After a secret ballot, Papyrus was voted as the Circuit Charity for the next 2 years. This is fantastic news for a cause that is close to a number of people’s hearts.

Our next event is the **Garden Party** on Sat 11th August, 11-2pm at the Manse. Come along for BBQ, Music, Entertainment, Games, Stalls, Raffle, Face Painting, Bottle Tombola, Lucky Dip and Candy Floss. All for £1 entry! Help is needed please to set up; take entrance money; serve food and drinks; make cakes; bottles for the bottle tombola; face painting; and clearing up. Even if you can only come for an hour, it all helps and we would love to see everyone whether you help or enjoy it as a guest!







We need more recipes for our **New Song Recipe Book**. Any recipes you’d like to include, especially if they come with a story, please give to Fran or email fran.heald@ntlworld.com

Our next **Fundraising Planning meeting** (finalising the Garden Party and starting to plan out the Christmas Tree Festival) is on Wednesday 25th July at the Manse @7:30pm. Many planners makes light work, and everybody is welcome!



Thanks to those who came to our **Who is the Greatest Showman?** Film Night (and especially for putting up with our technical issues!) We raised £275.15 on the night that is split between New Song and Bold St. We’re planning another evening later in the year, with Mamma Mia!



Don’t forget, if you ever can’t make it to New Song Café, you can follow along on our twitter feed (@NSWarrington) and also on the Facebook event page as we’ll be live as we go through the evening. It’s a way to be part of the community whilst not physically in the building. Be part of the conversation!



Rev. David Easton is organising a group to visit Austria for the **Obergammerau Passion Play** (1-8 July 2020). A poster, leaflet and tour book are available to view at NS Events. More of these are available from David with details of how to book.

**Safeguarding.** If you think you need training, or an up to date DBS, or have any concerns, please contact the NS Safeguarding Coordinator, Alice Squires.



**3 Generate:** this is the Methodist Church's annual children and youth event (ages 8-24) held at Pontins in Southport on the weekend of 23-25 November. The District and Circuit are 100% funding any children and YP who would like to attend. What's stopping you going?!! Speak to Rev Linda if interested. Adult volunteers are also required for a variety of jobs. For more information there are some leaflets at Café or use the NS info email address to request one.





A huge **thank you** to all who generously donate via the gift aid envelopes and through a monthly bank transfer.There has been an increase in the number of standing orders to NS. Perhaps you feel that the price of a visit to Costa for coffee and cake (£7.25), you could gift to New Song to help us ‘Love God, Love People and Make Followers of Jesus’. If anyone wants to know more about using the envelopes, or may consider giving a monthly donation, please have a chat with Chris or Dianne.



**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** NS Network - Warrington is on the case to ensure we meet these new regulations. Many of you will receive communications from us because you have asked to be added onto a distribution list of some kind.  If at any time you wish to be removed from a list please let us know in writing, either email or letter and be assured that we take your privacy seriously and will continue to ensure we meet our legal obligations in relation to storage and safety of your data. You may be contacted regarding your contact preferences but in the meantime if you have any questions please speak with Rev Linda Bishop or Jayne Adamson.

As **Creamfields 2018** (Thurs 23 August – Sun 26 August) comes closer, there has been a call to try to raise £2000 to help fund the ‘We are the Church’ tent. If you are interested in helping, there is a Just Giving page (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding /wearethechurch2018) or you could pass any funds to Alice Squires or others in the leadership team, who will add it to the Just Giving page.

**Help needed!** We need people to be in the foyer at New Song Café to welcome people. This is an especially important job if someone is coming for the first time. If you can help, please speak to Kath in the foyer at the break.



Do you feel called to **pray** whenever you hear about a tragedy? Do you sometimes feel praying on your own is difficult and overwhelming? Maybe you could be the NS person to share prayers via our Prayerchain? Sharing and knowing that others are praying with you, for you and about the same situations can be very comforting and worthwhile - please speak to Linda B, Jayne or Kit if you would like to get involved.

