

**New Song Network ®**

**Warrington**

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**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 April 22:** *John 11.38-11.57*

Every miracle Jesus performed made his enemies more determined to kill him. Why? What makes God-signs so unbearable, especially to people who claim to believe in God? Don’t just think in terms of Jesus and the Pharisees. Look around you.

**w/c April 29:** *Genesis 48-50*

Like Joseph did, look beyond the difficulties you face and see God at work. How has he used evil to accomplish his good in your life? How can looking toward God’s purposes protect you from anger and bitterness?

**w/c May 6:** *John 12.1-12.36*

As Jesus looked ahead t his final hours he said, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”. How can humiliation and glory go together? What does it mean to serve the One who embodied both?

**w/c May 13:** *Exodus 1-2*

Put yourself in the Israelites’ position, groaning under their slavery, miserable. If you were an Israelite, would you think God had forgotten you? How do you react when God’s answers to your prayers take longer than you expect?

**w/c May 20:** *John 12.36-12.50*

‘When push came to shove they cared more for human approval than for God’s glory’ What about you? Which means more, acceptance by those around you or living for Christ? YOU know the obvious answer. How consistently do you live it**?**



**Find Out More**

You can find out more

in the following ways:

**Website:**

www.newsongwarrington.com

**Facebook:**

New Song – Warrington

New Song Network

**Twitter:**

 @nswarrington

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



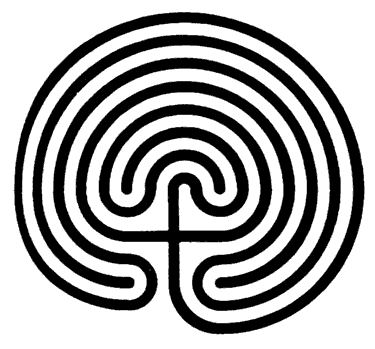
**Text4Prayer** is a circuit initiative enabling anyone to request prayer by texting 07452 958 955. Make use of the number yourself if you wish, but the aim is to leave the cards in public places for others to pick up.



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.



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



Yesterday, we held a Quiet Day at Bold Street for personal reflection and prayer about the future of your church and the Spirit’s leading. As a leadership, we are considering how we can grow with our Worship, Service, Evangelism, and Learning and Caring.

We gave thanks to God and then took our questions to God in prayer, asking him to reveal his will and vision for New Song Warrington. As part of a labyrinth we tried to let go of any negative thoughts, pressure or stress and offering any need of forgiveness. We tried to consider every bend as a new revelation from God’s Spirit.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we go through this process. You could even join us at the meeting (details inside). Think of the wonderful workings of our church…… The amazing people and why they are amazing…. The role and guidance of our Minister….. and give thanks for all that is good within and

about our church.



Worship

Service

Learning and Caring

Evangelism



**New Song at a Glance….**

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

*Feast your Faith: 1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Manse (2nd May)*

*New Song Kids: 1st Sunday of the month, 3:30pm at Bold St (6ht May)*

*Discipleship: 2nd Sunday evening, 6.30pm at Latchford (13th May)*

*New Song Breakfast: 3rd Sunday morning, 9am at Latchford (20th May)*

*New Song Café: 7pm at Bold Street (27th May)*

April – May 2018

**Welcome**



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.

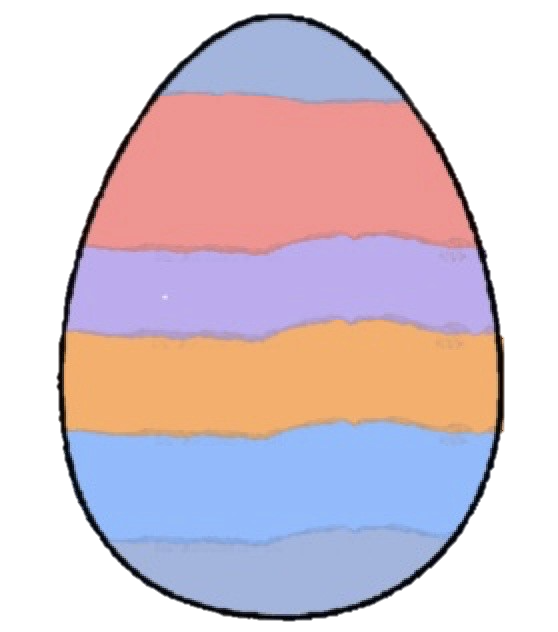
Bless you and welcome,

New Song Warrington

Leadership Team

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

**New Song Network Warrington**





The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with about 50 families passing through and all enjoying the hunt, crafts, speaking to ‘Jesus’ and refreshments. Thank you to all those who helped throughout the day.



For the next few months we will be serving a continental breakfast at NS Breakfast. Instead of asking for volunteers to arrive at 8.20am to start cooking, help is needed from 9am to serve the drinks. However, if you would like to cook bacon and sausages let Kit know and we can have the occasional butty morning!

Rebecca and Catherine had a great time **overnight** in Liverpool Cathedral. If you sponsored them, please pass your money on to Sarah at Café or contact the NS e.mail.

**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.





If you have used the **Gift Aid** Envelopes over the last financial year (April 17-March 18), there are letters in the foyer advising the total donation given over the last year. This may be needed for those of you who need to inform HRMC. Thank you so much for your donation. Next month, we hope to advise the amount we have received back from HMRC. This will enable us to do God’s work in the community and further afield. If you need any further information, please don’t hesitate to talk to Dianne Clarke, our Gift Aid Administrator.



Everyone who holds a position of responsibility and/or works with children and vulnerable adults within the Methodist Church must have the correct paperwork in place and to have recently attended **Safeguarding Training**. If you think this may apply to you, please contact the NS Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Alice Squires, or speak to Linda Locke, Safeguarding Officer for the SV Circuit. Safeguarding Foundation Module Training Session is scheduled for *28/04/18*; Refresher Training will be on *12/05/18*. *Contact Linda L via the CRC to book a place*. Further sessions are in the pipeline and we aim to have all the relevant people in NS up to date as soon as possible. If you need an up to date DBS, speak to Alice. If you have any concerns in connection with Safeguarding, please speak to Alice, Linda L or Rev Linda Bishop.





We have planned a NS/BS Afternoon Tea in June, with no date as yet, but have a planning meeting on April 26th at 7:30pm upstairs at Bold St. This has previously been a very successful event when we ran it before but it does require help beforehand and on the day. All are welcome to the planning meeting not just leadership team so perhaps you can persuade friends from NS to come too!





**Quizzers!** There is a new New Song Network Warrington Quiz! This time it’s a wordy one! Get a £1 quiz sheet from any New Song event, and answers need to be back to Amy for checking by 3rd June.



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!



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.



On May 14th 7:30pm at Bold St is our next **New Song Leadership Meeting**, where we’ll be discussing how we can grow with our Worship, Service, Evangelism, and Learning and Caring. Come along and help us move New Song Warrington forward!



Our next **New Song Warrington Meal** out will be 29th April, 12pm at Evenwood Farm, Sandymoor. Come along for a Carvery, meal or even just coffee, amazing cake and chat! Let Amy or Facebook know if you intend to come so that we can save you a seat!



This July, **Rob Bell** returns for his first UK tour in eight years. Blending his usual mix of philosophy, comedy, theology and subversive insight, The Holy Shift Tour explores this ancient, complex, subtle, mysterious word HOLY and what it looks like for us to reclaim this word in all its hidden depth to help us make sense of the modern world. Doors open at 7.15 with the show starting at 8pm on 6th July at St Helens Theatre Royal.



We’re changing the way that New Song Network Warrington uses **Facebook.** We currently have a Page (New Song Network) and a Group (New Song – Warrington). From April, we will be using the Page as the main presence on Facebook. The Group will be used for Discussion, Prayer and Fellowship. If you’re not sure whether you’re following both, check Facebook or speak to Amy for help.

We are so excited for **Creamfields 2018**! (Thurs 23 August – Sun 26 August) Interested in being involved? Fill in the online form to register your interest and we will keep you updated! http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-3106662/We-Are-The-Church-At-Creamfields-2018-Register-Your-Interest

**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.

Buying a new Bible for yourself or someone else? Want some help with understanding the Bible or want to start journaling? Do you need some dyslexia-friendly resources? These and many more books and related items can be bought from the Bible Society. NSN is part of their More Than A Book programme so when you order quote church number 12211 (or select NSN from the drop-down menu) as you go through checkout and NSN will benefit.  
https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/