

**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.

We’ve read one reminder after another that living the God-life doesn’t equal a pain-free, trouble-free existence. How does this picture compare to what you expect from God?

**w/c May 27:** *Exodus 3-5*

Moses found himself caught between God’s purpose for his life and his own inabilities. Like Moses, do you sometimes wonder how God could ever use anyone like you? When? Why? What is the solution?

**w/c June 3:** *John 13.3-13.17*

Why, if God the Father put Jesus in charge of everything, did he respond by washing his disciples’ feet, something so disgusting and menial? Jesus tells us to do the same. How will you follow Jesus the foot washer’s example?

**w/c June 10:** *Exodus 6-8*

Why does Moses continue to tell God he’s the wrong man for the job? Why won’t God listen to him? What do you learn about the character of God? What do you learn about the people he picks to do his work, people like you?

**w/c June 17:** *John 13.18-13.38*

If you were Jesus, what thoughts and emotions would race through your mind, knowing your fate was sealed the moment Judas left the room, knowing that one of your most trusted disciples would deny he even knows you? If you could stop this chain of events, would you? Why didn’t Jesus?



**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

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



**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.



*Faithful God, we give thanks for the ways we encounter you in Jesus, the Living Word:*

*In the faces of those in need, in the faces of the ‘other’ from whom we often draw back, in moments of joy and in deep sadness.*

*In all these people and places we find you already there, kneeling at our feet, ready to serve us.*

*Jesus, the first and the last, help us to be your servant people, carrying the rich treasures of our faith to friend and stranger.*

*Jesus, born of Mary, may we be ready to see you where we least expect and greet you with hopefulness and joy.*

*Amen*

We talk about growing New Song, and ‘Making Followers of Jesus’, while also ‘Loving God’ and the ‘People’ who already make up our church. Who is near you? Would you know if someone wasn’t there? As a challenge today, can you make a connection and talk to someone you haven’t already? Could you say Hello? Find out something about them?



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



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.*

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

*Feast your Faith: 1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Manse (6th June)*

*Discipleship: 2nd Sunday evening, 6.30pm at Latchford (10th June)*

*New Song Breakfast: 3rd Sunday morning, 9am at Latchford (17th June)*

*New Song Café: 7pm at Bold Street (24th June)*

May – June 2018

**Welcome**

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

**New Song Network Warrington**

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** We want to reassure you that NS Network - Warrington is on the case to ensure we meet these new regulations which came into force on 25 May 2018. 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. Please refer to the Privacy Policy located on the Methodist Church website (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy>) in the meantime 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 in the near future regarding your contact preferences but in the meantime if you have any questions please speak with any member of the Leadership Team, Rev Linda Bishop or Jayne Adamson.

Next month will see the return of Name Badges for the Leadership Team so you know where to come with any queries.



**Thank you!** 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 you feel as though this is something that you would like to do, please speak to Chris.





**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 Fran 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.





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



Two more events coming up soon! **Who is the Greatest Showman?**

**Sat 14th July** at 5:30pm**:** Film Night – Who is the Greatest Showman? at Bold Street. Tickets £5 each (maximum of £20 for a family), including Popcorn and Drinks.

**Saturday 11th August**: Greatest Show Garden Party at the Manse.



Join us for a joint NS/Bold St **Afternoon Tea** on *Sat 16th June 2-4pm.* Come to Bold St Church Hall for 2 rounds of sandwiches, scones, a choice of 2 cakes, and bottomless Tea or Coffee. Speciality tea/coffee available and dietary needs catered for. All for just £7.50! Tickets available. (Special treat for any Dads!)

Help needed to support the **Afternoon Tea**. Can you help by:

* ‘Waiting’ on the day?
* Making refreshments on the day?
* Making sandwiches on the day?
* Making cakes or scones?
* Providing gifts for the raffle?
* Setting up and clearing up?

Any help will be very gratefully received. Please let Kit, Amy or Karena know if you can help.



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!



We are so excited for **Creamfields 2018**! (Thurs 23 August – Sun 26 August) Interested in being involved? If you’ve already registered as interested in helping, you should have received an email including training dates which needs to be replied to by 29/6. If you are interested in applying, fill in the online form (new link)! http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2552086/We-Are-The-Church



We will be serving continental breakfast at NS Breakfast in the summer. So, help is only needed from 9am to serve the drinks instead of cooking at 8.20am! However, if you would like to cook bacon and sausages let Kit know and we can have the occasional butty morning!



**Safeguarding Training** needed for everyone who holds a position of responsibility and/or works with children and vulnerable adults within the Methodist Church is continuing. The next Foundation session is *Sat 9th June 10-12:30*. Training must be renewed every 5 years and you must attend the full session to get the certificate. More dates are in the pipeline and we aim to have all the relevant people in NS up to date as soon as possible. As always, if you think you need training, or an up to date DBS, or have any concerns, please contact the NS Safeguarding Coordinator, Alice Squires.

If last year, you used the **Gift Aid** Envelopes, there will be a letter for you advising your total donation, which may be needed to inform HRMC. Thank you so much for your donation. We are waiting on a letter from HMRC to tell us the amount we have received back. 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.



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’ve changed the way that we use **Facebook** with ourPage (New Song Network) and Group (New Song – Warrington). 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.

**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.

