

**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 June 24:** *Exodus 9-11*

Why did God use plagues against Egypt? If he loves everyone, why would he hit them with blood and frogs and boils and locusts and all the rest? What was God’s ultimate purpose for the signs he put on display in Egypt?

**w/c July 1:** *John 14*

This chapter contains some of the sweetest promises Jesus makes to his followers. Underline the one that means the most to you. Why did you choose that one? Thank God for it in prayer, asking him to help you live it out.

**w/c July 8:** *Exodus 12-14*

The Passover meal commemorated God’s act of salvation, which is why the Israelites were to observe it forever. Jesus was crucified at Passover. Why would God connect these two events that took place over a thousand years apart?

**w/c July 15:** *John 15*

Jesus shows us the choice everyone must make. You can bask in God’s love or be loved by the world. One or the other. Your choice. Why can’t you have both? Does it surprise you when the world treats you like it treated Jesus? Why?





**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

**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







**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 (1st July)*

*Feast your Faith: usually 1st Wednesday of the month, 6.30pm at the Manse or 7.30pm if not coming for food (but note change this month* ***11th July****)*

*Discipleship: 2nd Sunday evening, 6.30pm at Latchford (8th July)*

*New Song Breakfast: 3rd Sunday morning, 9am at Latchford (15th July)*

*New Song Café: 7pm at Bold Street (22nd July)*

*Lord, on this month that we celebrate New Song Church’s beginnings, we pray for blessings and joy over New Song Network Warrington. You knew everything about New Song before its conception and You have a plan of prosperity and hope for it’s life! Let us feel confident and ready for the year ahead knowing that You have an order to our steps and a purpose for New Song Network Warrington. Help us to find joy in every circumstance in life, knowing that You work all things out for good. We thank You for New Song Network Warrington and its community, for loving us with unconditional love, and for the promises You have spoken over New Song and its community.*

*In Jesus Name, Amen.*

As you might have guessed – it’s New Song Church’s birthday! 4 years ago in June was the first time we became New Song Network Church. You may have heard the story, inviting a few people and ending up with about 60! What was it that was so special about New Song that led it to become a church? What can we do to continue to keep that special ‘something’?



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

June - July 2018

**Welcome**

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

**New Song Network Warrington**



As we’ve been talking about recently, we need to grow 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 about New Song Café 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?



**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.





**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 ballot, Papyrus was voted as the Circuit Charity for the next 2 years. This is fantastic news and a cause that is close to a number of people’s hearts.





Fundraising meeting to plan the garden party, harvest auction of promises and make a start on the Christmas Tree Fair: Monday 25th June, 7.30pm in Bold Street lounge. All welcome!



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.



Thank you to all those people who helped with the **Afternoon Tea** and who came and enjoyed the sandwiches, scones and cakes! We will remember Piper’s green scones for quite a while! We made just over £220, which will be split between New Song and Bold Street.



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!



**Worship with a difference!** Have a guided tour then worship God in the caverns of Honister Slate Mines in the Lake District on Fridays 20th, 27th July and 3rd August 2018 at 2pm. A leaflet is available to view at NS events and can be copied to book a place. Speak to Kit



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.

A huge **thank you** to all who generously donate via the gift aid envelopes and through a monthly bank transfer, as we have received £2,632.19 from HMRC in Gift Aid. This sum will do so much good for the work of New Song and will benefit many.

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)** We want to reassure you that 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. Please refer to the Privacy Policy located on the Methodist Church website (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy>) 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 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.



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. If you are interested in applying, fill in the online form (new link!) http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2552086/We-Are-The-Church

**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.

