

As the new kid on the block I am stumbling around at the moment trying to find my feet. I am a stranger to you, and my hope is that tonight through the songs I have chosen and the story I will share, will help you to know a little more of who I am, where I have come from and how God is at the centre of my being.

Telling our stories is a great way of honouring God, for in this we begin to recognise that we are not alone, that we have a God of promise and hope guiding and upholding us. Being a Christian, being a minister does not exempt us from life’s trial and moments of despair, but it does give us a solid foundation on which we can ride the storms and come through giving God the glory.

If you haven’t told your story yet, then you are holding on to a priceless treasure, for your story could be the lifeline, the hope that someone needs to find.

Even if our stories are painful and harrowing there is found right in the middle the love of God that will not let us go.

As we become more confident in talking about God and how God is alive in our lives we become more aware of the blessings God pours on us day by day. Let’s share and grow together in story and song.

Every blessings, Linda



Worship

Service

Learning and Caring

Evangelism

**New Song at a Glance….**

*New Song Kids: 1st Sunday afternoon, 3.30—5.30pm at Bold Street (1 October)*

*Bible Study: 1st Wednesday evening, 7.30pm at Latchford (4 October)*

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

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

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



September - October 2017



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

**Welcome**

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

**New Song Network Warrington**



This Christmas, we will be collecting **Advent Calendars** for the Food Bank; last day for collecting is November’s Café.

Also, for the **Trinity Kings Cross project** – food, toiletries, household products; last date for collecting is November’s Café.



Looking forward to Christmas: as New Song Café week is Christmas Eve, the date of the **December Café** has been moved to **Friday 22nd December.**



**New Song Friends and Families meal** on Sun 29th October, at 1pm at Evenwood Farm, Runcorn WA7 1LZ. Carvery and Menu available. Cakes to rival even the best New Song cakes! Come for lunch or just for cake and chat! Let Amy know via the Facebook event, email on [NSN@purplechaos.org.uk](mailto:NSN@purplechaos.org.uk) or through the info on the back page, so that we can book a big enough table. (Don’t forget the changing clocks!). No transport? Speak to Amy or Kit and we will try and arrange some.



Following the talks relating to the **Food Bank**, we are continuing to support our local Food bank in Warrington. This month the urgently needed items are: tinned fruit, tea bags, dried pasta, UHT milk, and Breakfast cereals. No sugar or beans at the moment, please! For a list of suggestions, continue to see the Facebook page. Please leave anything you bring in the trolley in the foyer. Jayne will ensure it gets to the Warrington Food bank.



**Action for Children** have two more sponsored walks that you might like to join. On Sat 16th September 1pm, there is a walk to Hilbre Island, and on Sat 20th May 12:30pm, there is a walk across Morecambe Bay. To find out more, use the contact details on the back.



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



Keep looking at the website and the FB page and group for more information about all that you can be involved with.



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!



**Prayer**

In our gathering,

In our differences,

In our sameness,

In our uniqueness

God is here.

In our sadness, In our confusion,

In our searching, In our happiness

In our joy,

God is here.

In our living, In our dying

In our yesterday, today, tomorrow

God is here.

May the presence of the living God

be with us

and may we glorify

his/her holy name,

everyday of our lives.

Amen.



Please be aware that Rev. Linda Bishop’s day off is Friday; please don’t contact her on that day.



**Can you help out?** There are lots of things that need doing behind the scenes of New Song, and there are a few that we need help with. There is a selection of some on display in the foyer, including help on the refreshment rotas for both Café and Breakfast; Helping with the sound, lighting and song words. Speak to Kit or via the contact details on the back. Can you help?



We have advertised again for a **Children’s Worker,** for 20 hours a month. We are looking for someone who is passionate and confident about enabling the spiritual growth of children; who is skilled in nurturing children to know and love God and can get them excited about God. Are you that person, or do you know someone like that? Maybe you are currently in a volunteering role – you could have the skills we are looking for? Speak to Jayne at jayneadamson@hotmail.co.uk or 01942 673910.

**Connect with God: Bible Reading Plan**

Knowing God begins with reading the Bible. You read. He speaks. What could be simpler? Yet reading isn’t always so simple.

We are going to change this section. For each week, you will get a passage to read, followed by a question to consider. We will also put it on our Facebook page as a reminder, and to allow for discussion.

**w/c September 24:** *Genesis 1-2.*

These two chapters are less about *how* and more about *who*. From the first verse it is God, God and more God. If life begins with God, what kind of relationship must you have with him to really live?

**w/c October 1:** *John 1:1-18.*

This reading reaches back to when nothing existed except God, but John paints more ‘how’ details into the picture. Why would God’s life-giving Word that spoke all of creation into existence become flesh and blood himself?

**w/c October 8:** *Genesis 3-5.*

When God speaks, life springs forth. So what made sin and death spread in Adam and Eve’s lifetimes? How does disobedience to God produce deadly results in the world around you?

**w/c October 15:** *John 1:19-51.*

Compare these verses about Jesus’ purpose with the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis. Why is God so eager to forgive? What made Andrew, Simon, and the other disciples so eager to taste his forgiveness?





**Find Out More**

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