**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. Join us on Facebook to find the reading and a discussion. Join us to create an online House Group!

**w/c February 25:** *John 8:31-58.*

Have you ever felt enslaved by sin? When? How? Has Jesus’ truth set you free? Why or why not? Why would anyone reject this freedom? What keeps you from embracing it?

**w/c March 4:** *Genesis 37-39.*

Genesis says that God made things go well with Joseph, even as Joseph’s life spiralled down the toilet. What is the relationship between God’s blessing and a life of ease? How does this change what you can expect out of life?

**w/c March 11:** *John 9*

All the bad breaks we suffer in life are not the result of ticking off God with our sin. Why did Jesus heal the man with the ailment that had plagued him from birth? What weakness of yours might God use? Why? For what purpose?

**w/c March 18:** *Genesis 40-41*

Why would God use the route of slavery and imprisonment to get Joseph where he needed him? What parallels do you see with the route God is taking you? How are you getting ready for the future God might have for you?

**I***n what we’ve looked at so far, consider – which of these people sound like you? What is God trying to teach you through their mistakes?*



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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/



Lent started on 13th February, as a time for us to ‘observe holy Lent’ but what does that mean? There is no prescribed way, instead we can be encouraged to find our own way to consider the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Fasting* – it is common to give something up for Lent. What could you give up as a distraction to allow you to move back towards God? Chocolate, social media, shopping?

*Bible Reading* – consider reading the bible. On our Facebook pages, you can find the back catalogue of our Connecting with God, including links to the passage written in many different styles.

*Prayer* – in the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful time to intentionally work towards finding more time in your life for prayer. Experiment with different ways to pray. Join our prayer chain.

*Service* – Take on a new way of serving by adopting a new habit of volunteering. Hot Drinks Ministry; Welcoming; New Song Kids. Can you help New Song in any way?

*Rest* – Find moments during an ordinary day to be still in god’s presence. Find out more about this at the Lent Group on Wednesday evenings at Latchford MC.



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**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**

**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 afternoon, 3.30—5.30pm at Bold Street (4 March)*

*Lent Group: Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm at Latchford (21st Feb – 21st March)*

*Discipleship: 2nd Sunday evening, 6.30pm at Latchford (11 March)*

*New Song Breakfast: 3rd Sunday morning, 9am at Latchford (18 March)*

*New Song Café: 7pm at Bold Street (25th March) (Don’t forget the clocks change!)*



**Lent Group 2018.** Linda and Kit invite you to come to a series of Wednesday evenings during Lent as we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy week leading on to the wonder of Easter day. We meet in the lounge at Latchford Methodist Church from 7.30pm each Wednesday until 21st March.

**Feast your Faith** is pausing for March because of the Lent Group and will return on Weds 4th April.



**Hot Drinks Ministry – Can you help, please?** Sunday 11th March is Mothering Sunday. Many take the opportunity to spend some time and leave a floral tribute for a loved one. For several years, members of New Song have given their time for an hour or more to stand alongside those who grieve, offering a listening ear, a warm drink, a smile or a shoulder to those who may need it, at Fox Covert Cemetery and Walton Crematorium. If you could spare some time to help, please complete your details on the slips of paper or tell Alice. *We can never have too many volunteers*, all the tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits etc. are provided and we can put those who haven’t done this before on a shift with others who have experience. If you have done this before, you will know how valued our Hot Drinks Volunteers are, if you haven’t helped in the past, why not give it a go this time! Thanks



In order to comply with relevant regulations & legislation, it is **mandatory** for all who hold a position of responsibility and/or work with children/vulnerable adults within the Methodist Church to have the correct paperwork in place and to have recently attended **Safeguarding Training**. If you think this may apply to you, please contact the New Song 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 New Song 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 one of the Leadership Team, Alice, Linda or Rev Linda Bishop.





**New Song Network Warrington Quiz Night**, hosted by Simon Chesterson on Saturday 10th March, opening at 7pm for a 7:30pm start, at Grappenhall Ex-Servicemen's Club, Chester Rd, Grappenhall, WA4 2QG. Quiz, raffle and 2 course meal, with plenty of parking and a bar! Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for under-16s, available from Kit. *We need to know numbers to ensure sufficient food so if you aren’t able to buy the ticket tonight put your name on the list and you can pay on the door.* There will be Veggie and Gluten-free options available, please state when booking. All proceeds will go towards the work of New Song Network Warrington.



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!



Keep a look out for a New Song Kids initiative to spread the good news of Jesus to people in Warrington town centre on Easter Saturday. Details to be confirmed so please pray for our planning. Further information on Facebook, the website and at NS events.



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.



**Text4Prayer** is a circuit initiative enabling anyone to request prayer by texting 07452 958 955. There are cards on the tables at Café and will be available at future NSN events. 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 know somewhere they could be left speak to Alice, Chris C or Kit and we will arrange to get you a pack of the cards.



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.

We are so excited for **Creamfields 2018**! (Thursday 23 August – Sunday 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



We’re trying to build a community on the Facebook page and group, so please join our group for updates and discussions.



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

Thanks have been received for the generous donations for the **Trinity Kings Cross Christmas Hamper appeal**.  In total (not just from NS), 132 hampers were provided with bags of food, toiletries and cleaning items. 302 children and 190 adults received gifts. YOUR kindness enables the families to have enough food and to provide for their children over Christmas. Thank you.



**An evening with Noel & Tricia Richards** (whose songs include: All Heaven declares, By Your Side, You laid aside your majesty and many more). A concert featuring songs and conversation about life, love, friendship and faith on Friday 9th March 7:30pm at Lymm United Reformed Church, Brookfield Rd, Lymm. Tickets are Free from Eventbrite or email info@sanctuarycafe.org.uk