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Dear friends,

Autumn nearly with us after a lovely sunny (Wet!) summer, but with each day seeming to shine brighter than the one before……

*Let the flame burn brighter, in the heart of the darkness,*

*Turning night to glorious day, let the song grow louder*

*As our love grows stronger, let it shine, let it shine.*

These well known words of a Graham Kendrick song seem just right for this time of year, with the new minister Rev Linda Bishop starting here next week.

As seasons change, so we change and yet our ever faithful God remains the same. In each season, each day, we can experience Gods love personally in whatever is happening in life.

Huge responsibilities but God will equip you if you have prepared yourselves for this journey of truth and hope.

Thank-you for your faithfulness, for your unending work for Jesus, and for taking the risk to dare to dream that things could change; and have; and will continue to!

Thank-you too, for letting me be a part of your journey, even for a short time. It has been a privilege. Bless you.

With much love in Christ Jesus, Sue



Worship

Service

Learning and Caring

Evangelism



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 or our welcomers.

Bless you and welcome,

New Song Warrington

Leadership Team

**Welcome**

**New Song at a Glance….**

*New Song Kids: This month has* ***changed to 2nd Sunday afternoon****, 3.30—5.30pm at Bold Street (10 September)*

***NO Bible Study this month*** *– it will return on 1st Wednesday evening, 7.30pm at Latchford (4 October)*

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

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

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



August - September 2017

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

**New Song Network Warrington**



We want to say a big **thank you** to Sue for having pastoral care of New Song over this past year. It is not goodbye as she is staying in the circuit for another year, and we hope to see her at Café in that time.



The Welcome Service for our new minister, Revd. Linda Bishop, is on **Sunday** **3rd September @6:30pm** at **Farnworth Methodist Church** WA8 9JX, with the NS Warrington Band leading the music.

There is a faith tea at 5:30pm if you are able to get there earlier. Please take an item of food for it. Come and support Linda as she starts her ministry among us.

Deacon Julie Hudson is also being welcomed to the circuit at this service.



Due to the Welcome Service, September’s **NS Kids** has been moved from 3rd to 10th September at the usual time of 3:30-5:30pm.

September’s **Bible Study** is cancelled due to a clash of meetings. See you all in October.



**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.



**Methodist Prayer Handbook** for 2017-18 is available now. The same price £3.95 for the standard edition and for large print. See it here: <http://tinyurl.com/y7gnme6n>Contact Kit to order a copy remembering to state whether standard or large print.



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!



If you are interested in being part of a **joint fundraising group** with our friends at Bold Street MC or if you have any ideas let Kit know.



We are still looking to appoint a **Children’s Worker**. 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. Speak to Jayne at jayneadamson@hotmail.co.uk or 01942 673910.



For the **Food Bank** this monthwe are focussing on tinned goods (not Baked Beans!) For a list of suggestions, 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. Continue also with essentials such as women’s sanitary ware - something we perhaps take for granted but there is a need for these items.



Last NSC, we heard about ‘We Are The Church’, who were going to be at Creamfields providing pastoral support. If you’ve been following them on Facebook, it sounds as though it’s been really successful. There is at least 1 person here who has volunteered, and I’m sure Alice Squires would be happy to talk about the experience to you and we hope she will speak to us all at a future NSC.



**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?



**Connect with God: Bible Reading Plan**

Connect with God through reading the Bible and praying daily. Below is a Bible reading plan for the next month.

**w/c August 27:**

Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

**w/c September 3:**

Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

**w/c September 10:**

Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

**w/c September 17:**

Psalm 103:8-13,14-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

**Prayer**

Paul speaks of hope in Romans 8 that is like no other. This is the hope we have and in this hope we are saved. It is this hope that creates a fire within us to do the extraordinary, to take the risks that God calls us to. You are all familiar with taking risks for the sake of Jesus Christ, and I urge you now to risk praying for the new days that are dawning this autumn.

Loving, amazing God, we thank you for that hope and pray now that it will be planted firmly in our hearts and souls as we serve you.

What will we do with our one, precious life?

Walk with Jesus, today and forever! Praise God.

Amen

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