

Groups and Societies in the Diocese

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BARNABAS FUND: hope and aid for the persecuted church

The main ministry of Barnabas Fund is to send financial support to projects which help Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. The projects aim to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders.

9 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX Tel: 02476 231923 Fax: 02476 834718

E-mail: info@barnabasfund.org Website: www.barnabasfund.org.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER'S ADVISORY GROUP ON A MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE:

The Group exists to advise and assist clergy who, in the course of their ministry, find themselves dealing with people troubled with psychic disturbances or involved in the occult. Enquiries should be made to the convenor of the group, or to local members of the group whose names are available from Bishops Court.

Resources provided by the group can also be found on www.manchester.anglican.org

Convenor: Rev Greg Forster, Tel: 0161 998 2615

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society is a leading national charity, driven by the belief that every child deserves a good childhood. The Children's Society provides help and understanding for those forgotten children who are unable to find the support they need anywhere else.

Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL Supporters Action Line: 0845 300 1128

Regional Church Community Fundraising Manager Christopher Clarke, 34 Clough Avenue, Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 4BU Tel: 01625 528 025 E-mail: christopher.clarke@childrenssociety.org.uk

Website: www.childrenssociety.org.uk

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD OF VERGERS: Manchester/Blackburn Branch

The Church of England Guild of Vergers is a fellowship in Christ, seeking concord amongst its brethren. It exists to assist us to appreciate the spiritual nature of our vocation and ministry as a verger in the house of God.

Membership of the Guild is open to all persons involved with the work of a verger throughout the provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Branch Secretary, Geoffrey Timms, Tel: 0161-748 8709; Area Leader, Robert Silcock, Tel: 0161-748 8709; General Secretary, Jeanne Scott, Tel: 01494 438 335.

CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE, Manchester Diocesan Regiment

The object of the Brigade is to extend the Kingdom of Christ among girls and lads to make them faithful members of the Church of England, or other Episcopal Church in communion with the Church of England.

The Brigade is the Church of England organisation for young people from 5 to 21 years of age, and provides training through a system of badgework covering a wide variety of pursuits and hobbies upto and including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Religious Education, Camping and a variety of sports and athletics form an integral part of the programme. The staff is willing to visit the incumbents at any time to advise and assist with the opening of new companies, or the solution of problems with existing companies.

Regimental Headquarters: Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 5JP

Staff available every Tuesday evening between 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Chaplain: The Lord Bishop of Manchester. Regimental Commander, Mrs P J Corbishley Tel: 0161 437 3355; Second-in-command, Mr D Nuttall Tel: 0161 445 7319; Treasurer, Mr S Colebrook Tel: 07933 414543.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY (CMS)

CMS is an evangelistic mission working to see a world transformed by the love of Jesus.

CMS, Watlington Road, OXFORD OX4 6BZ Tel: 0845 620 1799 (Local rate anywhere in the UK)

Tel: 01865 787400 (Standard UK landline) Fax: 01865 776375 E-mail: info@cms-uk.org

Area Co-ordinator for the Dioceses of Manchester: *vacant – please contact headquarters above.*

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS BOARD

The Pensions Board is responsible for the administration of the pensions schemes for the clergy, deaconesses and licensed lay workers, their widows, widowers and dependants, in accordance with the Church of England Pensions Measures 1961-2003, and also schemes for other lay workers of the Church. Explanatory booklets in respect of the various schemes are available on request.

The Board also operates a retirement housing scheme for clergy, deaconesses and licensed lay workers and their widows and widowers. Most of the finance for mortgages and additional rental properties is made available by loans from the Church Commissioners, but over 450 properties and loans are provided from the Board's charitable funds.

The Board's charitable funds are also used: -

- To provide grants to retired clergy, deaconesses, licensed lay workers, or their surviving spouses, if they have low incomes, and
- To establish, and assist with the running costs of, residential and nursing homes for the Board's various beneficiaries.

The charitable funds are supported solely by legacies, church collections and other donations.

Information about this aspect of the Board's work is available on request, as is explanatory literature about the retirement housing scheme and the Board's residential and nursing homes.

The Church of England Pensions Board, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3PS.

Tel: 0207 898 1800 Fax: 0207 898 1801 E-mail: enquiries@cepb.c-of-e.org.uk.

Chairman: Mr A Bridgewater, CBE, ACII. Secretary & Chief Executive: Mr M G S Farrell, FCMI.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Greater Manchester Churches Together enables the churches of the county to work together to deepen communion and to fulfil their mission. The Diocese is a partner with the main churches in developing ecumenical ways of working.

Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, The Ven. Andrew Ballard. Ecumenical Development Officer: The Revd Graham R Kent, Ecumenical Office, St Peter's House, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9GH (0161 273 5508 Fax: 0161 272 7172) E-mail: sph.gmct@man.ac.uk; Website: www.gmct.org.uk

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS ADVISER

The adviser has been appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to assist clergy, in England and from overseas to find suitable new appointments and to assist patrons and others responsible for making appointments to find suitable candidates. The adviser has a responsibility for beneficed and unbeneficed clergy, together with stipendiary deacons and accredited lay workers. A list of vacancies for incumbencies, team posts, assistant curates and specialized ministries is available on-line.

For further information please contact: Revd John Lee, Clergy Appointments Adviser, The Wash House, Lambeth Palace London SE1 7JU Tel: 020 7898 1898, Fax: 020 7898 1899

E-mail: admin.caa@c-of-e.org.uk Website: www.cofe.anglican.org/info/caa

CROSSLINKS

Crosslinks is an international mission agency with its roots in the Bible and its principal sphere of operations in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Crosslinks (Mission Agency), 251 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1XF Tel: 020 8691 6111

Mission Director / General Secretary: Rev Andy Lines, E-mail: gensec@crosslinks.org

Church Partnerships Team Leader: Rev Alan Purser, E-mail: apurser@crosslinks.org

Church Partnerships Co-ordinator: cpt@crosslinks.org Website: www.crosslinks.org

DIOCESAN EVANGELICAL UNION

Membership is open to clergy, laity and parishes who can subscribe to the aims and objectives. The purpose of the Union is to link all evangelical Anglicans within the Diocese of Manchester and its aims are:

- To support and encourage one another in evangelical ministry and mission through fellowship and prayer, study and discussion.
- To make a positive contribution to the life of the church in the diocese, particularly through participation in synodical government.
- Similarly to contribute to the life of the Church of England nationally, especially through the Anglican Evangelical Assembly, the Church of England Evangelical Council and General Synod.

Meetings are arranged on a diocesan and local basis, with details in a year card.

Further information may be obtained from the officers: Chair, The Revd. Ian Mainey, The Rectory, 234 Wigan Road, Bolton BL3 5QE, Tel: 01204 61819 E-mail: ian.maine@ntlworld.com

Mrs May Towler, 42 Mount Road, Middleton, Manchester M24 1SR Tel: 0161 643 2579 Executive Secretary, Mr Gordon Smith, 29 Charter Street, Rochdale OL16 4UD Tel: 01706 351 509 Minuting Secretary, Revd Richard Hindley, 15 Twyford Close, Bramley Woods Village, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2YR Tel: 0161 438 0387 Membership Secretary, Mrs Jenny Raynor, 5 Turf Lane, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 8ML Tel: 0161 284 0519

DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS OF CHESTER, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL & BLACKBURN (Established in 1697) for the relief of Clergy widows and orphans who have officiated (in their sphere of duty) in the Archdeaconries of Chester, Macclesfield, Rochdale, Bolton, Blackburn, Liverpool or Warrington.

Forms of Application are sent out each year in May to the recipients of the previous year and to new applicants. Under a revised arrangement the grants to Widows and Orphans are now dealt with by the respective Diocesan Pensions Committees, block grants being contributed proportionately from the joint endowment fund of the institution at Warrington .

The Contributions from the Diocese of Manchester are received by the Board of Finance, Diocesan Church House, Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH

Honorary Secretary: Revd. Canon Michael S Finlay, The Rectory, Warrington WA1 2TL

Treasurer: Mr. A Brown, 21 Palmyra Square, Warrington WA1 1BW

DISABLED LIVING (Formerly the Cripples' Help Society)

Established in 1897, Disabled Living (registered charity 224742) is Manchester's oldest and most established disability charity. We provide services for disabled people and their families, carers and healthcare professionals - working to enable and improve a person's independent living.

Based close to Victoria Station off Cheetham Hill, Disabled Living offers a range of services – from the UK's largest adaptive equipment showrooms that offers impartial and professional assessments (0161 839 8383) on the latest adaptive technology to a variety of training courses and a confidential helpline for those seeking help and advice on continence issues Tel: 0161 834 2001.

Every year Disabled Living organises 'Kidz up North'; the only UK exhibition dedicated to offering the latest information on equipment and advice for disabled children. As 99% of our income comes from donations and grants, and not the Government, we are always looking for new volunteers to help out our centre and/or raise vital funds.

For further details on the charity or to find out more about our services Tel: 08707 601 580, Fax: 0161 835 3591, E-mail info@disabledliving.co.uk Website www.disabledliving.co.uk

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was founded in 1887 and has grown into a large Financial Services Group providing a specialist service for church insurance as well as personal insurance and financial products for clergy and laity alike. Ecclesiastical is owned by Allchurches Trust Limited, a registered charity through which available profits are donated to the Church and community.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ Tel (Lo Call): 0845 777 33 22, E-mail: churches@eigmail.com, Website: www.ecclesiastical.co.uk

Local Financial Services Consultant: Mr Martin Cookson Tel: 01257 255711;

Local Insurance Consultant and Surveyor: Mr Alan Wilkinson Tel: 01772 612270

FORWARD IN FAITH

is a national organisation funded by subscriptions and committed to the creation of a third province within the Church of England wherein all those, ordained, lay and religious who are unable in conscience to accept the ordination of women as priests may continue to live their lives as Anglicans.

The officers of F.I.F. Manchester are glad to support and advise parishes, church officers, lay people and clergy who share its mission. They can supply details of those parishes in the diocese which have passed Resolutions A and B under the women priests legislation and those parishes under the episcopal oversight of the Provincial Episcopal Visitor, Bishop Martyn Jarrett. Please contact the Lay Chairman, Mrs Barbara Bohanna Tel: 0161 682 5930 or the Clerical Chairman, the Revd Paul Plumpton Tel: 0161 633 4441.

FRASER AND HOWARTH TRUST FUNDS

These two trust funds are administered from the Diocesan Office. Many of the grants are made to assist clergy of the Church of England serving in the diocese with the school fees and expenses of their children but are not restricted solely to these items. Any clergy who are in particular financial difficulties should contact the Diocesan Secretary, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH for details of these

Trusts. Applications for grants are considered in April/May and October/November each year. It should be added that the total income of the clergy family is taken into account when determining the size of the grant.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY (campaign name GFS Platform)

Established in 1875, within the Anglican Church, GFS Platform has become a national and international movement, helping young women to help themselves by giving them opportunities to develop their potential, pursue aspirations, grow in confidence and to learn to value themselves and others equally. We work with girls and young women of all religious faiths and none. We pride ourselves on providing a nurturing ethos and a warm, caring and accepting atmosphere. We work holistically to meet the needs of girls and young women.

- Branch Work – we have over 40 parish-based branches across England and Wales. These voluntary youth work branches work with girls and young women aged 7+.
- Community Projects – we have 4 projects working with young women up to the age of 25 who may be socially excluded from aspects of mainstream society.

Manchester Diocese has parish based branches at St Peter's Swinton and St Luke's Chadderton. Diocesan President: Mrs Caroline Ballard, 2 The Walled Garden, Ewhurst Ave, Swinton. Manchester M27 0FR. Tel: 0161794 2401. E Mail ae.ballard@btinternet.com

Diocesan Chaplain: The Venerable Andrew Ballard. Contact details as above.

Diocesan Secretary: Mrs Margaret Hughes, 25 Christine St, Shaw, Oldham OL2 7SQ. Tel: 01706 846783 E-mail: maggshughes@aol.com Head Office: Unit 2, Angel Gate, 326 City Rd, London. EC1V 2PT. 020 7837 9669 Website: www.gfsplatform.org.uk

GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES PRESERVATION SOCIETY

was launched on 28th October in 2006 at the Fairfield Moravian Settlement in Droylsden under the auspices of the National Churches Trust (then known as the Historic Churches Preservation Trust).

The Society has the support of the leaders of most of the main denominations in Greater Manchester and is under the Patronage of the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Warren Smith, Esq. JP. Its aims are both educational and practical. Educational in raising awareness of the rich variety of church buildings in Greater Manchester and practical in the longer term by raising funds to allow the Society to make grants for repairs to those buildings.

The Society invites individuals, churches and corporate bodies to become members on payment of an annual subscription. In return the Society will issue a regular Newsletter and invite members to a series of evening or day events which will explore and explain some of our rich stock of buildings of all denominations. Events will be held around Greater Manchester in the buildings themselves.

Contact: Revd Brian Hartley, 21 Penryn Avenue, Royton, Oldham, OL2 6JR Tel: 01706 849132

E-mail: brian_hartley@tiscali.co.uk

INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH SOCIETY (ICS)

ICS is an evangelical Anglican mission society which supports the ministry of English speaking, international congregations in several continents (particularly by managing the recruitment of their chaplains), ministers to holidaymakers in Europe and the Mediterranean, and publishes the Directory of English speaking Churches Abroad.

1 Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park, Warwick CV34 6NL United Kingdom Tel: 01926 430347

Fax: 01926 888092 E-mail: enquiries@ics-uk.org Website: www.ics-uk.org

Diocesan Representative: Please contact Communications Manager, Mr David Healey.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY (I.S.I.C.)

The Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity (ISIC) is an academic institute founded in 1989. Its research focuses on contemporary Islamic movements around the world and their impact on Church and society. In a context of increasing tensions between Islam and the West, ISIC aims to present an objective, robust and rigorous understanding of the relevant issues and to help the public understanding of the intricate world of Muslim-Christian relations and the current resurgence of Islam. ISIC is committed to human rights, religious freedom, equality and respect for all and stands against all forms of discrimination and incitement to hatred.

10 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX Tel: 02476 234565 E-mail: info@isic-centre.org

LEPROSY MISSION

The Leprosy Mission is a leading international Christian development mission working in around 30 countries. With over 300,000 new cases each year our work covers education, detection, medical treatment, rehabilitation and the reintegration of people into their communities. We focus on three areas: South Asia, East Asia/Pacific and Africa.

The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5GZ
Local Area Co-ordinator North West and Isle of Man: Mr Derek Hartley, 154 Shear Brow, Blackburn
BB1 8DZ Tel: 01254 670145 E-mail: derekh@tlmew.org.uk

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL COUNTRY HOME

A Holiday Home offering low cost self catering holidays to individuals, families and groups from areas of social deprivation in Greater Manchester. The Home is situated at Mellor, near Marple.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr D Hopkinson, 496 Bolton Road, Bury BL8 2DU Tel: 0161 764 3015. Apply to the Treasurer for information.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Anglican Church at work for the practical and spiritual welfare of seafarers of all races and creeds in ports throughout the world. Through a network of chaplains, lay staff and volunteers it provides a welcome and friendship in over 300 ports around the world, helps and counsels seafarers in need, works closely with other denominations, supports Christians who have to live out their faith in isolation, and shares faith through word and sacrament.

Director, Northern Region, Lt Cdr Adrian Mack, Mission to Seafarers, The Flying Angel, 9a Craven Court, High Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1DG Tel: 01756 797412

E-mail: mtsnorth@mtsmail.org Central Office: St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL Tel: 020 7248 5202 Website: www.missiontoseafarers.org

MOTHERS' UNION, Diocese of Manchester:

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide Society whose vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. Its aim is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms. Membership is open to all those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity, and declare their support for the aims and objectives of the Society.

Diocesan Secretary: Mrs Judith Hilton, Mothers' Union Office, Fourth Floor, 90 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2GH Tel: 0161 828 1427, Fax: 0161 834 5399 E-mail: member@mothers-union.freeserve.co.uk

The Office is open Monday (9 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.) Tuesday - Thursday (9.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.),

MOTHERS' UNION SHOP:

The Mothers' Union Shop is situated on Fifth Floor, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH Tel/Fax: 0161 834 5399, e-mail: enterprises@mothers-union.freeserve.co.uk and is open Tues - Thurs (10 am - 2 pm). A comprehensive selection of Mothers' Union publications and other literature is available for sale. Display materials and leaflets about the work of the organisation are freely available from the Shop or Office.

SOUTHERN NORTH WEST TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

The Southern North West Training Partnership came into being in 2005-06 as part of a desire on behalf of church leaders in the region to collaborate more closely in the provision of theological education for the region. Our work and area of interest falls into three main areas:

- Education for Discipleship (an opportunity to enable lay Christians to further develop their learning. 'Learning is a task and gift for the whole people of God' – Formation for Ministry within a Learning Church. 4.1)
- Training for Ministry (through the Learning for Mission and Ministry Course)
- Continuing Ministerial and Professional Development for those in accredited lay and ordained ministries

There are eight founding member bodies, each of which appoints representatives to serve on the Board of Directors:

Anglican: The Dioceses of Chester, Liverpool and Manchester
Baptist: Baptist Union of Great Britain, Northern Baptist College
Methodist: The Methodist Districts of Manchester & Stockport, Bolton & Rochdale, Liverpool and Chester & Stoke on Trent, Hartley Victoria College
United Reformed: The United Reformed Church, Northern College

In addition there are two ordinary members Luther King House Open College and the Unitarian College in Manchester.

The Learning for Mission and Ministry Programme

As part of our work in training for ministry the Southern North West Training Partnership runs a Learning for Mission and Ministry programme. The Course Office is on the Warrington Campus of the University of Chester at Padgate in Warrington.

The aim of the LMM Programme is primarily to prepare men and women for accredited and authorised ministry in order that they might participate in the mission of God in the world. It approaches this task with a particular emphasis on the importance of culture and context and upon the development of discipleship through both academic and practical learning. The Course offers a variety of pathways which vary in length according to the prior learning or previous experience of the participant. All students undertake the Course part-time and most are also in full-time employment.

All students on the Programme participate in four residential weekends each year or, in the case of Anglican Readers and some other lay students, four Saturdays per year. The residential weekends are held in Manchester, Liverpool and Chester on a rotating basis. In addition some churches hold a further denominational weekend each year. Three-year programme students also engage in an 8-day Summer or Easter School each year.

Most students also attend one of our weeknight centres. There are six of these situated in Bury, Chester, Liverpool, Macclesfield, Manchester and Wigan. Students from outside the region or those whose working patterns are complex are allocated a local tutor and also learn online through our e-learning programme. All students undertake contextual learning in a placement context as an integral part of training.

The Learning for Mission and Ministry Course has been designed to train candidates across the participating denominations or colleges for:

- Priestly/Presbyteral Ministry
- Ministry of Word and Sacrament
- Diaconal Ministry
- Reader/Lay Preacher and Local Preacher Ministry
- Ordained Pioneer Ministry
- Church Related Community Work

Each candidate must be sponsored and registered by one of the SNWTP partners, though independent students are also welcome to register on the programme.

The basic programme (12 modules) leads to a Foundation Degree (FdA) in Mission and Ministry. This is jointly validated by the Universities of Chester and Liverpool Hope. It is hoped that Level II modules leading to BA (Hons) will be able to be taught in the foreseeable future.

For candidates with accredited prior learning and/or experience, their programme of study and learning (including, where appropriate, a Masters or Research Degree) will be worked out in negotiation with the sponsoring church and our partner Higher Education Institutions.

Liz Liddle - Course Administrator Tel: 01925 534373 E-mail: snwtp@chester.ac.uk

ORDINATION

Enquiries should be directed to the Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Revd Canon David Sharples), Bishopscourt, Bury New Road, Manchester M7 4LE (Tel: 0161 708 9366)

DIOCESAN RECORD OFFICE: PAROCHIAL REGISTERS AND RECORDS MEASURE, 1978

Manchester Archives, Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD

Enquiries Duty Archivist Tel: 0161 234 1980, E-mail: archiveslocalstudies@manchester.gov.uk

Website: www.manchester.gov.uk/librariesarls

PARTNERSHIP FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Partnership seeks to facilitate collaboration between churches and theological colleges and runs courses to support or provide theological education for lay people and ordinands. Short courses, first degrees, postgraduate and research degrees are offered on an occasional, part time or full time basis. The Partnership is currently composed of ten denominations and six theological colleges or courses. The Revd Canon Wendy Bracegirdle represents the Diocese. The Principal of the Northern Ordination Course is also a member. The Diocese has representatives on Education, Ecumenical, Learning Resources and Finance Development Groups.

Enquires regarding lay education should be addressed to Margaret Walsh, Director of Lay Education, Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5JP Tel: 0161 224 6404 E-mail learning@lkh.co.uk Website: www.ptem.org.uk

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

The Prayer Book Society exists to promote and preserve the use of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The 1662 Prayer Book is the traditional service book of the Church of England, and it contains the Church's historic beliefs. The Prayer Book Society works to ensure that the Book of Common Prayer will continue to be available to future generations. We seek to introduce it to young people, ordinands and PCCs throughout the Church of England.

Administrative Address: The Prayer Book Society, The Studio, Copyhold Farm, Lady Grove, Goring Heath, Reading RG8 7RT Tel: 0118 984 2582 pbs.admin@pbs.org.uk Website: www.pbs.org.uk
Manchester Branch enquiries to the Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, Mr Nicholas Johnson, 25 Textile Apartments 10 Blackfriars St., Salford M3 5BY nicholasj2104@yahoo.co.uk

RELATE - RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING:

Relate provides a confidential counselling service for people from all sections of the community who are experiencing problems in their personal relationships and counselling for 10-25 year olds who are affected by parental conflict or the breakdown of their parents' relationship. Family counselling is available to family members to help them resolve their problems.

Greater Manchester South: 0161 442 2443 enquiries@relategms.co.uk www.relategms.co.uk
Stockport and Tameside 0161 442 2443 Address: 291 Wellington Road North SK4 5BP
Manchester and Trafford 0161 872 0303 Address: 346 Chester Road, Manchester M16 9EZ
Salford 0161 790 9977 Address: 17 Memorial Road, Walkden M28 3AQ

Greater Manchester North: 0845 165 1830 office@relate-gmn.co.uk www.relate-gmn.co.uk
Bury 0161 764 4113 Address: 9 Parkhills Road, Bury BL9 9AU
Rochdale 0845 165 1830 Address: CAB Offices, Drake Street, Rochdale
Relate (Greater Manchester North) outposts are also in Oldham, Bolton and Wigan (0845 165 1830)

REVEREND DR GEORGE RICHARDS' CHARITY (founded 1837)

Applications for grants are considered from Clergy of the Church of England who are in need of assistance through sickness or infirmity and have become incapable of performing their clerical duties, thereby forcing them to take early retirement. Widows, widowers and other dependants of such clergy can also seek assistance. Secretary: Dr. P. D. Simmons, 98 Thomas More House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BU Tel: 020 7588 5583

SALFORD PRAYER GUIDES

An ecumenical team, working in the Greater Manchester area, of clergy, religious, and lay people, female and male, who are trained to lead Weeks of Guided Prayer, Open Door Retreats, individual spiritual direction and various spirituality programmes in parishes and groups of churches.

For further information, contact Sister Margaret Shaw, Tel: 0161 681 1617 or Canon Ralph Mallinson, Tel: 0161 797 2006.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bishop Lee Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. This scholarship of about £116 per annum, tenable for three years, is open to the sons and daughters of clergymen who shall have officiated in the Dioceses of Manchester and Blackburn for a period of five years. Intending candidates should apply to the Diocesan Registrar, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2QH for information.

Berry Exhibitions at the Queen's College, Oxford: The Exhibition is of the yearly value of about £100, and is tenable at The Queen's College, Oxford, for three years subject to certain conditions. There is no obligation for exhibitioners to take Holy Orders.

Candidates must be not less than 17 or more than 20 years of age, and must be:

(a) Sons or daughters of clergymen of the Church of England residing in the old diocese of Manchester (i.e. 1875 diocese) and engaged in clerical, charitable or tutorial work in such diocese; or

(b) Orphans of clergymen who at their decease were in the foregoing description, or whose last occupation previous to their decease (if they were compelled to retire from clerical duties by ill health) would have placed them within such description.

Election is made annually from among those already in the College.

Normally the tenure of the Exhibition begins in the following October.

USPG: ANGLICANS IN WORLD MISSION

works in direct partnership with Anglican Churches in over 50 countries, helping to support vital church work, including healthcare, education, leadership training and action for social justice.

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Fax: 020 7378 5650 E-mail: enquiries@uspg.org.uk Website: www.uspg.org.uk

Northern Regional Co-ordinator: Neil Traynor, 12 King Street, Mirfield, WF14 8AW

Tel: 01924 489669 E-mail: neilt@uspg.org.uk

WILLIAM TEMPLE FOUNDATION

The William Temple Foundation is an independent, faith-based research and training organisation, committed to enabling analysis and theological reflection on the nature of globalisation, and its impact on local communities in the Manchester conurbation and North West region. It also researches at a national level on the role and identity of faith groups within urban regeneration and civil society, and the contributions of faiths to mainstream economics. The Foundation staff are recognised published leaders in their fields and contribute to academic teaching and research in the University of Manchester, as well as offering training and consultation to local community and church groups in the Diocese of Manchester and beyond.

Director of Research, Revd Dr Christopher Baker Leverhulme Trust Research Fellow, Dr Jonathan Miles-Watson Research Associates, Professor Ian Steedman, Canon Dr John Atherton, Revd Dr John Reader Administrator, Debbie Concagh

Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester M14 5JP; Tel: 0161 249 2502; Fax 0161 256 1142; E-mail: temple@wtf.org.uk Website: www.wtf.org.uk

PRAXIS

Praxis has three key aims:

- to enrich the practice and understanding of worship in the Church of England
- to serve congregations and clergy in their exploration of the call to worship
- to provide a forum in which different worshipping traditions of the Church can meet and interact.

Meeting across the traditions, Praxis was formed in 1990, and encouraged by the Liturgical Commission of the Church of England, the Alcuin Club, and the Group for the Renewal of Worship. These three groups maintain active connections with Praxis, and nominate members to its Council, helping to ensure Praxis is able to work across the spectrum of traditions in the Church of England.

The Chair of Praxis is appointed by the Church of England's Liturgical Commission, and the Chair of the Liturgical Commission serves as the honorary president.

Praxis, 19 The Close, Salisbury Wiltshire SP1 2EB Tel: 01722 424858

E-mail: praxis@praxisworship.org.uk www.praxisworship.org.uk

Praxis Northwest organises regular liturgical formation events for the dioceses of Manchester, Blackburn & Liverpool Chair: The Revd. George Lane Tel: 07828 568849 E-mail: glane@manchester.anglican.org
Bookings Secretary and Treasurer: The Revd. Trevor Latham E-mail: trevor.latham@talktalk.net

TRANSFORMING WORSHIP

Transforming Worship is an invitation to the whole Church of England to take part in a process of liturgical growth. It is an initiative launched by the Liturgical Commission to engage parishes, deaneries, dioceses and the Church of England as a whole through a carnival of different events, support and ideas from a great variety of different groups and agencies.

There are four actions to which the Commission has committed itself:

- a series of Transforming Worship Roadshows in which Members of the Commission – together with others with particular expertise – will offer training in specific areas of liturgy and worship.
- the publication of a thought-provoking and attractive booklet early in 2008. This is designed to foster reflection and study within parishes – where it might be used with PCCs, worship planning groups and ministry teams – or other places of worship. The booklet – written in popular rather than technical language – examines ways in which worship transforms us.
- the Commission seeks to initiate a programme of training events under the Transforming Worship banner sponsored jointly with partner organizations (e.g. RSCM, Praxis and the Prayer Book Society) in the field of liturgical formation.
- the launch of www.transformingworship.org.uk to complement the Church of England's official BCP and Common Worship and liturgical resources.

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HOPE 08

Hope 2008 is an initiative of the churches of Britain and Ireland which is helping to demonstrate Christian faith in action and to explain the meaning of that faith in villages, towns and cities throughout the UK.

Churches across the United Kingdom are constantly at work serving and communicating with 58 Million residents and many visitors to the United Kingdom. 'Hope' proposes to support this work, by facilitating intensified, united, focused prayer and a year of activities, communicating the Gospel through words and actions, creating a lasting legacy of both physical and spiritual change in the lives of communities and individuals.

- **Supporting Local Churches**

across the UK in their commitment to serve and witness to their communities

- **Encouraging Collaboration**

between churches and agencies in reaching out to their communities

- **Resourcing and Training**

local churches to develop their ability to engage with their communities on a long term basis

- **Impacting Individuals and Communities**

with the Gospel through words and actions during 2008.

Unit 4 Fairway Business Park, Westergate Road BRIGHTON BN2 4JZ www.hope08.com

HopeInfo.co.uk is the public face of Hope 2008 www.HopeInfo.co.uk has been set up in support of this initiative by the Christian Enquiry Agency and Church Army.

CHRISTIAN ENQUIRY AGENCY

Working in partnership, the Christian Enquiry Agency provides opportunities for people to enquire about Jesus Christ and, in confidence, supplies information about the Christian faith. Links with local churches are offered to all enquirers.

Christian Enquiry Agency works on behalf of all the major churches in England and in association with Evangelical Alliance, Bible Society and many Christian organisations. It is an agency of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and a registered charity, No 297393.

People contact us by freepost or email through an invitation on: websites, leaflets, postcards, posters, booklets, radio, newspapers, DVD/videos. CEA sends a personal letter and, free of charge, high quality relevant information about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith either printed, audio or video. In partnership with other organisations, CEA offers help and ideas for the next step.

More than 40,000 people have contacted Christian Enquiry Agency. Around 15% ask for further help and many are men aged 20-40 who are difficult for the church to reach.

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Website: www.christianity.org.uk

CHANGING ATTITUDE

Changing Attitude England, founded in 1995, is a network of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual members of the Church of England. We welcome as members everyone whose concern is to work for change in the church's understanding of human sexuality. Our goal is to reach the day when the Anglican Church fully accepts, welcomes and offers equality of opportunity to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

We have a growing network of active diocesan groups meeting and holding events in 23 dioceses (as of June 2008). There are also 15 other dioceses, in which there is a Changing Attitude contact. There are Changing Attitude networks in Wales, Scotland, other European countries, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada, Brazil, Nigeria and Uganda. For details of Changing Attitude international, visit www.changingattitude.org

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NORTHWEST MULTI-FAITH TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The NorthWest Multi-faith Tourism Association works with those responsible for Sacred Sites - Cathedrals, Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples and Gurdwaras throughout the North West Region.

The Association works for local and national community cohesion through sharing cultures, especially by supporting tourism initiatives such as the Marque of Excellence. The Marque is awarded to churches and other sacred spaces in the North West that reach the Association's standard of excellence in welcoming visitors

Its purpose is to encourage these sites to be open, to help the growth of understanding between the Faith Groups and to enrich the experience of visitors in an understanding of different spiritual perceptions and the role of Faith in a community's 'story'.

The Association is governed by five trustees who delegate the day to day running of the Association to a larger management group, chaired by Malcolm Stonestreet. The Association has over one hundred members drawn from all the Faith Groups operating in the North West Region.

Present work includes:

- The development of Tourist Board's Websites and their general commitment to the Sacred Sites in their area. The Association believes that such sites are, or should be, key players in the Tourism Business.
- The delivery of the Association's Marque of Excellence to sites which reach a high standard of excellence in welcoming visitors. Criteria and those presently being considered for the Marque can be found at www.multi-faith.org

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FAITHS 4 CHANGE

People of faith and of goodwill, working in partnership to help grow communities.

Faiths4Change is an exciting multi-faith community transformation project enabling people to work together, gaining skills and improving their local environments in mainly urban neighbourhoods across England's North West. It is supported by faith communities with funding from the North West Development Agency, the Environment Agency and other partners and builds on the successful pilot project Operation EDEN.

Faiths4Change Manchester, part of an exciting new Northwest programme. It aims to help faith communities to learn new skills and develop environmental projects in partnership with other residents.

Karen Andrew is Faiths4Change Projects Officer in Manchester, based in Old Trafford, famous for football and cricket through Manchester United Football Club and Lancashire County Cricket Club, it also boasts a diverse range of faiths, cultures and communities. The district has a population of over 210,000 which covers Old Trafford, Sale, Flixton, Urmston and Altrincham and includes Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh faiths.

Faiths4Change covers Northwest England from the four bases in Preston, Burnley, Liverpool and Manchester. For more information contact the Liverpool Office: Tel: 0151 705 2162 / 2111
Website: www.faiths4change.org.uk

THREE FAITHS FORUM

The aims of the Three Faiths Forum are

- to encourage friendship, goodwill and understanding amongst people of the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.
- to promote support for and public recognition of the importance of groups where people of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths meet and share common interests and experiences.
- to encourage respect for religious differences between the three faiths on a basis of equality and exploring and enjoying those differences where appropriate.
- to promote training of ministers of religion of the three faiths in their common roots, understanding of their differences and encourage respect for each other on a basis of equality.

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COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (CCJ)

The Council of Christians and Jews is Britain's oldest national inter Faith organisation. It was established in 1942 to

- promote; religious and cultural understanding between Christians and Jews

- to work for the elimination of religious and racial prejudice, hatred and discrimination, particularly antisemitism and
- to promote religious and racial harmony on the basis of ethical and social teachings common to Christianity and Judaism.

Today this is still the main thrust of our work. However the Britain of the early 21st Century is very different demographically and in its faith mix from the mid 20th Century. CCJ has responded to these changes in that whilst its emphasis is still on the Christian - Jewish dynamic; it works within a multi faith context and will have interface with Muslims and Hindus, for example, as part of its practical project work.

The Council of Christians and Jews is a Registered Charity no. 238005 The Chair of CCJ is the Rt. Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester.

CCJ welcomes men and women who share our vision of a world without racial and religious bigotry and antisemitism and wish to promote dialogue at all levels of church and society.

Common Ground is the Journal of CCJ. Published twice a year it provides articles and news of interest to those concerned with Jewish / Christian relations, and includes a range of views and perspectives. The latest edition can be found on-line at www.ccj.org.uk/Common%20Ground.html

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ENGLISH HERITAGE IN THE NORTH WEST

English Heritage's aim in the region is to ensure that the historic environment plays a full role in the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the region. To achieve this, we will concentrate on a number of key areas of activity. These include:

- focusing our resources on areas of need, both rural and urban
- providing financial assistance where this helps to promote economic regeneration and social inclusion
- developing close working partnerships with key regional and sub-regional organisations

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SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings was founded by William Morris in 1877 to counteract the highly destructive 'restoration' of medieval buildings being practised by many Victorian architects. Today it is the largest, oldest and most technically expert national pressure group fighting to save old buildings from decay, demolition and damage.

Today, the Society has a statutory role as adviser to local planning authorities. We must be notified of listed building applications that involve total or partial demolition. We are also informed by those religious bodies that have an exemption from the secular system, of certain types of proposal for listed places of worship. In addition, our casework includes campaigning to protect historic buildings at risk.

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GEORGIAN GROUP

The Georgian Group exists to protect and preserve Georgian buildings, monuments and landscapes. We were founded in 1937 by a group led by Lord Derwent, Angus Acworth and Robert Byron, one of the greatest travel writers of the twentieth century. What united them was exasperation at the extent and pace of the destruction of Georgian buildings in Britain, and particularly in London.

Today, The Georgian Group is a statutory amenity society in England and Wales. This means that we must by law be consulted on any planning applications affecting listed Georgian buildings, monuments, parks and gardens. There are about 6000 of these every year. Our consultee status gives us an opportunity to comment constructively on proposals and to help owners, architects and planning authorities towards better solutions. Thus, although we have no legal power to prevent buildings from being demolished or altered, we continue to use our expertise to exert a highly beneficial influence.

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VICTORIAN SOCIETY

The founding of the Society took place against the background of an almost universal dislike of Victorian things, and the widespread destruction of Victorian buildings as the post war reconstruction continued apace.

Predating the current political trend for regionalisation by some forty years, Regional Groups were set up, initially in Liverpool and Manchester, to carry out casework and mount their own campaigns; we now have eight such groups, giving the Society its distinctive federal character.

In 1969, following the passing of the Town and Country Planning Act, its was given a legal role in the listed building consent system when the Secretary of State directed that all applications involving demolition should be referred to the Society for comment. In 1973 this role was partly supported by a grant from government funds.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY SOCIETY

The Twentieth Century Society exists to safeguard the heritage of architecture and design in Britain from 1914 onwards. One of the Society's prime objectives is education, with education comes appreciation. With conservation, another prime objective, comes the continued opportunity for extending our knowledge about those buildings or artefacts, whether important or humble, rare or commonplace as the red Tel: kiosk, that characterise the Twentieth Century in Britain.

If you wish to notify us about a building at risk in your area, or regarding proposed alterations to a listed building please contact us at: The Twentieth Century Society, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ
Tel: 020 7250 3857 Fax: 020 7251 8985 E-mail: caseworker@c20society.org.uk www.c20society.org.uk

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST (previously the Historic Churches Preservation Trust and the Incorporated Church Building Society)

Our primary purpose is grant-giving: to raise funds and provide practical assistance to help finance structural repairs to churches, chapels, meeting houses and other places of worship in England and Wales that are over 100 years old. All the applications we receive are considered on an individual basis, and the grants we award are divided into four categories:

- Cornerstone grants for churches of outstanding architectural, social and historic value that have a funding deficit of over £15,000. Recent recipients include Selby Abbey which used our exceptionally large £100,000 grant to complete a key phase of a £5 million restoration programme;
- Standard grants for churches which again have a deficit of over £15,000 but need less urgent help than Cornerstone candidates;
- Foundation grants for churches looking for £4,000 – £15,000; and
- Facilities grants provided to help towards the installation of new facilities, e.g. toilets and heating, or specifically to provide assistance towards improving access.

Since the Trust was founded in 1953, it has been committed to preserving places of worship for future generations. In the 21st Century we remain committed to that aim, but we are also developing in a way which will see us take an increasingly active and innovative role. For information about grants and donations, please refer to the Grants and Helping Us pages on our website: www.historicchurches.org.uk

If your query remains unanswered, please contact us at: The National Churches Trust, 31 Newbury Street, London EC1A 7HU Tel: 0207 600 6090 Fax: 0207 796 2442 E-mail: info@nationalchurchestrust.org

GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

Founded in 1958 the Garfield Weston Foundation is a UK based, general grant-giving charity endowed by the late W Garfield Weston and members of his family. In the year to 5 April 2007, the Foundation supported 1,982 applications with grants totalling £41.7 million.

The Garfield Weston Foundation has helped a wide range of organisations with grants of varying sizes. Our recent rounds of funding have helped projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Social, Religion, Youth and Environment.

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CHURCH ARMY

Church Army is a society of evangelists linked to the Anglican Church. We are committed to sharing faith in word and action, to enable people to come to a living faith in Jesus Christ. Our evangelists are

working over the UK and Ireland, seeking to find new and exciting ways to be church in the 21st century.

Church Army was founded almost 125 years ago, but the mission remains the same, to reach the least, the last and the lost with the life changing transforming love of Jesus Christ.

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If you would like to help the work of Church Army, please visit www.churcharmy.org.uk or tel: 020 8309 3519.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those hurting because of family breakdown. Joy Wright is Care for the Family's Greater Manchester Community Manager. Her work includes:

- Equipping parents to drug proof their kids
51 presenters have been trained to bring the 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids'® (DPYK) course to Greater Manchester. 20 DPYK courses have been held in the area.
- Strengthening marriages through Connect2
This 'early years' marriage course is being run through local churches across Greater Manchester.
- Providing family-building courses
- Care for the Family's 21st Century Marriage and 21st Century Parent courses, and The Money Secret Adult Education Course, are being used successfully across the area, in a variety of settings.
- Equipping faith communities
Manchester was the first venue for a Care for the Family conference designed to give insights into meeting the needs of families in their local communities.

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FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

CHRISTIAN ECOLOGY LINK

A multi-denominational UK Christian organisation for people concerned about the environment

www.christian-ecology.org.uk

ECO CONGREGATION

Aims to encourage churches to consider environmental issues within a Christian context and enables local churches to make positive contributions in their life and mission

www.ecocongregation.org

AROCHA

International Christian conservation organisation with inner-city projects in the UK

en.arocha.org/uk

FAITH BASED REGENERATION NETWORK UK

FbRN UK is the leading national multi faith network for community regeneration and social action. It reaches 9,000 individuals and projects, and all faiths.

www.fbrn.org.uk