

# Rivertown Voice



Hope on the Highstreet.

## Sunday 30th. July 2023

### Bible Readings.

1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136;  
Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

### 11am Sunday Service

Revd. O'Hanlon

Followed by refreshments

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### Next Sunday Communion:

Worship Led by

Revd. O'Hanlon

Elder: **Glenis** Greeter: **Steve**

Tea & Coffee— **Sandra & Pam**

## Big Thanks!

To all the fabulous cake makers who's glorious confectioneries went down a real treat both on Saturday and again on Sunday after service. You did us all proud.

Also thank you to the amazing "florets," who gave us big, luscious and colorful floral masterpieces. Blooming lovely ladies!

Finally, to all the scripture readers, prayer sayers, town angels, prayer shall knitters, ushers, welcomers, cleaners, dish washers, furniture movers, tech geeks, organizers and Sandra! Thank you. You were all precious cogs in the ordination machine.

Nearly forgot. A Rivertown Gold medal is awarded to Linsey for single handedly taking on the first Rivertown live zoom service. **You were amazing.**

**A wonderful day full of praise, emotion and God. Welcome to the gang Revd. Johnny, now lets get this party started.**

## Christmas Fair

Following the success of the Spring fair, the Town Angels are holding a Christmas fair on **11<sup>th</sup> November** at Rivertown If you would like to have a stall, please let me know ASAP, and I will pass your details on.

**Linsey 01244 816615**



We are invited to the licensing service for **Revd George Bearwood** as Vicar of St Ethelwold's Church.

**This will take place TODAY, 30th July, at 3.30pm.**

Please ask God to strengthen, bless and uphold George as he enters this ministry

## Celebrations and jubilation!

It was so wonderful to experience the joy of the events of last weekend and on behalf of Rachel and myself I want to take this opportunity for a wholehearted thank you to you all.

As I start my season of ministry with and for you, I'm finding it hard to imagine a better fellowship to be part of. I feel excited for what is going to happen next. I look forward to finding out what God has in store for us.

In all that we do I feel like we can make a welcome space for the Holy Spirit to move through us and I am sure that although some of it might feel like hard work that there will be so much enjoyment to be had too. I'm convinced that there is a huge amount of fulfilment to be had in the service of our Lord.

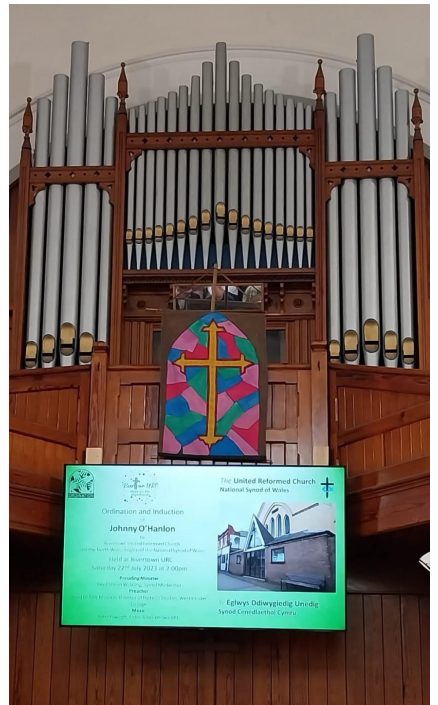
I'm reminded of Paul's words in Romans 15:13.

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

One of my hopes is that you know that I'm here for you, that I'm available to talk with and to listen, so please do contact me if you would like to.

Be blessed Rivertown.

From your minister, **Johnny**.







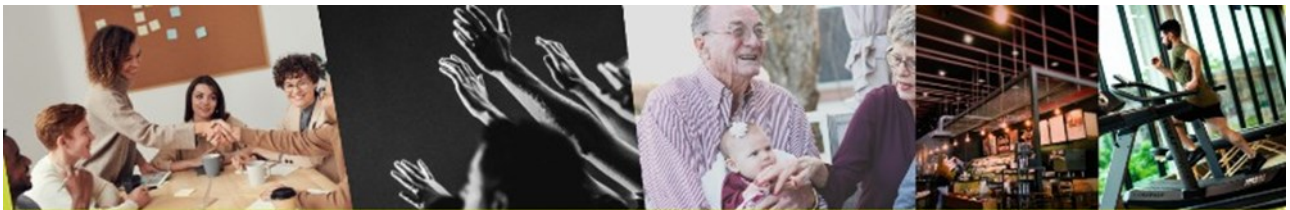
## **Zoom link for Moderator's leaving service**

For those of you who wish to attend the service of thanksgiving for Simon's time as Moderator **NEXT SATURDAY, 5 August, at 2pm,** here is the [Zoom link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83599097025).

**Meeting ID: 835 9909 7025**  
**Passcode: Synod12**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83599097025pwd=cXVDWVpZWWhISVTQ3aHY5aFprZ2dxQT09>

**PLEASE NOTE:- We are going to Zoom this service AT RIVERTOWN - a great opportunity to gather together and be part of this occasion. We will gather at 1:45pm. Sheila**



## **Whole Life Worship Day with LICC**

**Connect your Sunday services with Monday life – from their biblical foundations through to practical ideas.  
Open to everyone and led by Revd Andy Stinson**

**Saturday 16th September**

**10am – 4pm Hoole URC**

**Bring your own lunch. For more details or to book contact Stuart Radcliffe  
mde@urcmerseysynod.org.uk**

You may remember we were introduced to 'Whole Life Worship' just before lockdown. We learnt and experienced together how we could bring our everyday lives and experiences into our worship, and how we could take worship out of the church into what we do 'outside'. This time at Hoole (Ceri's church) will acquaint us with WWL and move us - individually and collectively - on in our understanding and application. I already have 4 names. Please let me have yours, and I will book for us all. Blessings, **Sheila K**

We have been invited to **Mark Rodgers' Ordination and Induction**, which is on Saturday **19th** August at 2:00pm at Shrewsbury United Reformed Church (see below)

If you'd like to go, please let me know by TODAY, so I can let the church secretary know and we can arrange lifts. We loved having Mark with us last summer; let's support him as he takes this wonderful next step into ordained ministry.

Sheila K

*Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments within the United Reformed Church and Induction to the Shropshire Area Pastorate (Christchurch URC/PCW, Preeshenlle URC, Wistanswick URC, Trintiy URC/Methodist, Oakengates URC/Methodist, Shrewsbury URC, Church Stretton URC)*

**Mark Rodgers**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm

at

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church

(Coleham Head, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 7BJ)

R.S.V.P (by 31<sup>st</sup> July)

Ms. Sue Bonny [church.sec@shrewsburyunitedreformedchurch.com](mailto:church.sec@shrewsburyunitedreformedchurch.com)

Church Office, United Reformed Church, Coleham Head, Shrewsbury, SY3 7BJ.



**There will be a final opportunity to participate in the **Kintsugi Hearts prayer activity** today & next Sunday, before the hearts are sent to Greenbelt.**



# North Wales Region PICNIC

Sunday 20th August 2023

A great opportunity to meet with people from the other churches in North Wales, enjoy some fun activities for all ages, and worship together in a beautiful setting.

Go to your usual Sunday morning service, then head to Baskingwerk Abbey for around 1pm. We should finish around 4pm.

What you need to bring with you...

A picnic lunch, whatever you want to sit on, sunhat and coat (!), and consent forms for anyone under 18 years old.

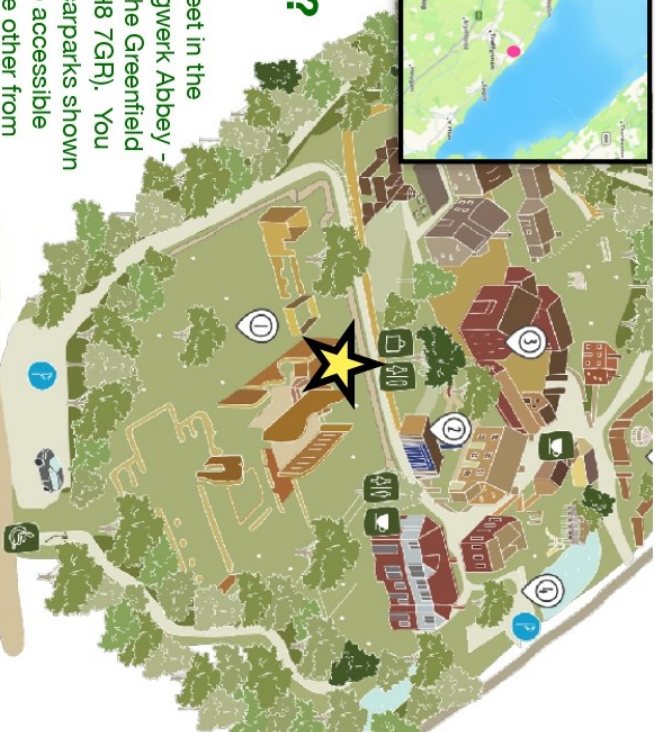
More details over the page...

Please see an Elder for more information.



## Where is the picnic?

We're going to meet in the grounds of Basingwerk Abbey - at the bottom of the Greenfield Heritage Park (CH8 7GR). You can use the two carparks shown on this map - one accessible from the A548, the other from Greenfield Road. Disabled access is available up the little access road that will take you to a drop off section close to where we'll be - we're gathering at the yellow star where you should find a URC flag!



## What is going to happen?

- Gathering before 1pm and lunch.
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm Time to explore - planned treasure trails, opportunity to visit the coffee shop, share in more conversation, make friends, games in the field
  - 2.30pm - 3.15pm - A team activity that involves everyone!
  - 3.30pm - Closing Worship in the Abbey grounds

## What next?

Well.... Just come along - perhaps you could arrange to travel together with others from your church after the morning service.

**PLEASE NOTE: All under-18's attending must have completed consent form (attached).**

If you have any questions, or for more information, contact Rev. Paul Robinson (01745 337750)