

Reminder to ministers -

There *may* still be time for late bookings for Ministers' Summer School — shared this year with ministers of the North Western Synod

6-9 July 2009, at Luther King House, Manchester

Mission in Multicultural Britain

Bookings to Marie Trubic, 116 Haslington Road, Peel Hall, Manchester, M22 5HU
e-mail: marietrubic@yahoo.co.uk

Looking ahead...

Bible and Birds May/June 2010

This springtime version of 'Faith and Feathers' will focus on the nesting birds of North Northumberland and include visits to the sea-bird colonies of the Farne Islands (sea conditions permitting) and a mainland tern colony. Bible studies will centre upon 'creation' and 'conservation'.

Leaders: David Peel and John Proctor (Director of New Testament Studies, Westminster College, Cambridge).

Pre-booking expressions of interest to Revd Barry Hutchinson,
The Manse, Lewins Lane, Holy Island, Berwick-upon Tweed, TD15 2SB.

Tel: 01289 389254 e-mail: centre@holysisland-stcuthbert.org

I am available to help with any educational and training needs you may have as individuals, congregations and mission partnerships.

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Please feel free to extract items for church magazines and news-sheets.

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Vision4Life
Transformed by the bible

You are invited....

**to a Vision4Life Workshop
Saturday 6th June at St James's, Newcastle
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm**

- Sharing stories and good experiences from the Bible year
- Looking forward to the Prayer year

This is an invitation to each congregation to send a representative to share their church's Vision4Life experience

The Theology and Practice of Baptism

Trinity LEP, West Avenue, Gosforth NE3 4AG
Saturday 7th March 2009, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

A chance to explore the URC's theology of baptism, the different traditions and understandings, as well as reflect upon our current, often muddled, practice.

Leader: David Peel Cost: £8 : Book places with David Peel by February 27th
(Cheques payable to 'The United Reformed Church – Northern Synod')

Hearing God... Reading Bible

Holy Island, Monday 16th – Friday 20th March 2009

A residential week in Marygate House, Holy Island organised by St Cuthbert's Centre with Northern College Principal John Campbell

"How we hear God for our own situations as we try to interpret the Bible..... A reflective group exploration using Bible study, worship, creative writing and shared reading of some relevant books and articles."

Details from Revd Barry Hutchinson, The Manse, Lewins Lane, Holy Island, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2SB.

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TLS Taster Days



Saturday 28th March 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
in the Embleton Room at St James's, Alnwick NE66 1JW

Monday 1st April 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
at Queens Park, Alma Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 2AP

Now is the time to start thinking about enrolling for the Foundation Course for 2009-10, or taking one of the related courses:

Gateways into Worship ♦ Gateways into Care
Gateways into Prayer ♦ Performing Arts in Worship
Gateways into Evangelism ♦ Developing Community Experience

The new TLS Prospectus will be out soon: order a copy from David Peel

Walking Tall – Getting Your Church Noticed

St John's URC, Canterbury Way, Wideopen, NE13 6JQ
Saturday 31st October 2008 11am – 4pm

*Easy things a volunteer press officer can do to get publicity for a local congregation . . .
Writing press releases . . . Going on radio and TV . . . Handling interviews . . .
Being the voice of the church . . . And what to do with 'bad' news.*

Led by Stuart Dew, National Press Officer for the United Reformed Church
Book places with David Peel - further details to follow

Faith and Feathers

St Cuthbert's Centre and Marygate House,
Holy Island

9th – 11th October 2009

For those who could not get places on last year's memorable weekend or, having heard about 'Faith and Feathers' 2008, want to share a special weekend to see the birds of Holy Island with fellow Christians.



Led by David Peel, John Durell and Clifford Wilton, there will be organised bird walks, worship in the home of the Celtic Saints as well as free time to explore the island.

Cost £120 per person which includes the recommended donations to Marygate House and St. Cuthbert's Centre. Please remit a £25 per person deposit with your booking to:

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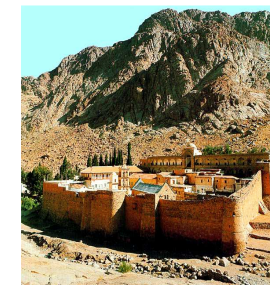


Called by the Desert: A Journey to Sinai

5-12 November 2009

Brochures from Ruth Crofton,
54 Mount Pleasant, Stanley, Crook, DL15 9SG
Tel: 01388 763093 email: rcrofton@tiscali.co.uk

Cost: £885 part fundable by EM3
and Personal Learning Grants



Study Day for Preachers

Cromer Avenue URC, Gateshead, NE9 6UL

Saturday 14th November 2009 11am – 4pm

Leader: Revd Dr John Campbell, Principal, Northern College

The morning session will consist of an introduction to Luke's Gospel, the Lectionary Gospel for 2009-10. The afternoon session will be devoted to issues in preaching.

Cost £8: to be sent when booking to Mrs Jan Harper, 16 Ganton Close, Billingham, TS22 5RE. (Cheques payable to 'The United Reformed Church – Northern Synod')

Please bring sandwiches. There will be drinks on arrival and at lunch-time.