

Excited about Mission - Reboot

Wesleyan Reform Union - Home Mission November 2020

Dear Churches and friends of the WRU,

We are relaunching the Excited about Mission resource and prayer letter, to encourage and support you over the coming months. As we come out of 'Lockdown' and are allowed to meet for worship once again, we will be sending out ideas for what 2020 Christmas can look like for your Church. If you already have ideas for what your church will be doing in December to reach your community, I would love to hear from you - please email me (Andy) doc@thewru.co.uk . I'm hoping to send out the next one in the first week in December.

Yours in His service Andy Wilcock

Included in this bulletin.....

- 1) **Christmas Gospel Videos** - from go Chatter
- 2) **Sharing you Faith Simply** - New Course from WRU Home Missions
- 3) **Doorstep Carol Singing** - with your neighbours
- 4) **Life Magazine** - (Autumn/Winter) from Ten of Those

Nativity Videos (Resources) to use on Zoom or project in a service!

<https://gochattervideos.com/category/seasons/christmas/>

These are High Quality Short Videos designed to be used within a service. If you are meeting and have a way of showing videos, then these are a great resource. The website gives you the ability to “**customise**” them for your own church!! Especially when we can't sing, these videos will cause you to think!! Many are free to download, and the new ones require a small fee!! Have a look at these examples and see what you think!!



Share our Faith Simply - HM Course

What is it that makes us afraid to share our faith in Jesus?

What is it that stops us, when we know the Word of God, and that it tells each of us who are Christians, that we are to share our faith?

How has it become so alien to us and why are we afraid to say who we are and what we believe in? Our Mission is to share our faith, by sowing seeds of our faith to others that cross our path on a daily basis.

The WRU Home Missions Department have devised a simple training programme to help each of us **Share our Faith Simply**

The programme can be delivered to individual Churches, Groups of Churches or Circuits, by two of our team, who can help us re-discover the wonder of sharing the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbours.

The Programme Consists of 5 Elements and can be easily incorporated into your Church's **Mission Strategy, and it is the following:**

1. Relationship Building

2. Knowing Your Community
3. Prayer
4. Personal Testimony
5. Outreach Themes – such as holiday clubs, etc.

If you would like us help you to be able to simply share the Good News of Jesus, then contact Rev Michael Hedley (Home Missions Secretary) on 07879253072 or email on wordoflifechurch@hotmail.co.uk or contact Andy Wilcock (DOC) on 07792944217 or email doc@thewru.co.uk ... to find out more

Doorstep Carol Singing - Thursday nights in December

This is a great initiative in Sheffield, when any other year the 'PUBs' would be packed out with people singing local Carols. It is a really big thing here. I've attached copies of the Carol Sheets, Invites to deliver to your neighbours and a local Sheffield Newspaper article. I have also included more traditional Carol Sheets, if you don't know the ones used by this group. I hope it all helps.

Here are the links to their Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/395276908508619/>

We will be singing with our neighbours in our back gardens, because during the Summer one of our neighbours read poems and stories to us every week.

“ON YOUR OWN DOORSTEP” communal SHEFFIELD CAROL SING (like we did to applaud the NHS)

Every Thursday in December at 8.00pm Stand on your own doorstep. Join in with your neighbours, standing on theirs, safe distancing. Join in whether you can sing or not. Local musicians, please accompany. Tell your neighbours. Share the good cheer. Words will be on the Facebook “Sheffield Carols” group page.

Traditional tunes.

1st Thursday (3rd) ... The First Nowell

2nd Thursday (10th).....Hark the Herald

3rd Thursday (17th)....While Shepherds Watched/Sweet Bells

4th (24th) CHRISTMAS EVE.... Away in a Manger,

followed by We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Life Magazine - (Autumn/Winter) from Ten of Those

<https://www.10ofthose.com/uk/products/26934/life-evangelistic-magazine>



This is a fantastic, cheap resource, produced by Ten of Those to give away to your family, neighbours & friends. It is full of great gospel interviews, crafts and ideas.

Maybe you could pass them on to all those who would normally be at your Carol Services. Wouldn't it be good to reconnect with them in the next week or so, and then invite them to whatever you have planned over Christmas. Zoom Carol Service, etc. As I said we'll be looking at what you could do in the next Bulletin, please send in your ideas. Is an Open Air Carol service possible? Where would it be held? Will our local restrictions allow it?