



**Church outing to Llandudno.**

We enjoyed a trip to Llandudno in September, the weather was good to us, raining when we first arrived but clearing up later. We enjoyed our lunch and had a walk round the shops and art gallery and of course a stroll on the pier. We then headed up the Great Orme to see the fantastic views. Thank you to Bob for driving the mini bus.



Some people also tried to build a sand castle!

Others just enjoyed the sunshine on the pier!



*Roby's Regular Readers.*  
**October 2011.**

**Pastoral News**

We were pleased to welcome David Amvam, a student who will be with us and Trinity on student placement for a year. We look forward to meeting Rosalie, Kevin and Marie and to working with David.

Best wishes to Bob for his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and also to Sally Thomas. Don't forget their joint party on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Gatley URC.

**Rotas**

Duty elder	Junior church	Teas	Communion
Pauline	Carol	Edith and Brian	Margaret

We need more people to volunteer to bring flowers on a Sunday. See Pauline to offer a date.

**Worship leaders for October**

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Thomas
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Bob Day, Harvest and communion service.  
Shared lunch after the service
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> David Amvam
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Worship group with David
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Bob Day.



**Harvest service and faith lunch.**

We collect produce and tinned goods at the harvest service, which we pass on to The Roby (the preventative mental health project based in the church) to distribute to the members. This is also the time of year when we remember the work of Christian Aid and make donations to their projects – this year in Bangladesh. You are welcome to join us for a shared lunch after the service. Please bring a contribution of food for the table.

## Who are the Worship group?

Worship group is made up of anyone who is interested in helping to lead the service about once every couple of months. We hold a planning meeting a couple of weeks before to look at the theme, readings and suggested music, for that week. We then plan and deliver the service encouraging participation from those present. If you would like to join us just let us know. The next service to plan will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Bible study.

We will be holding bible study once a month at the church. The theme will be on radical welcome as we plan for the URC campaign entitled Zero Intolerance. This will begin with the theme: Jesus and the Good News of the Kingdom: the practice of welcome. Dates to be confirmed. (See the accompanying article)

## Dates for your diary in October:

22: Bob and Sally's 60<sup>th</sup> Party at Gatley URC. 7.30 – 11.30pm

29: John Bell day, Chapel Street, Salford. 10.00am – 3.00pm

## Advance dates:

**Café Spirit:** Copperfield Café in Chorlton from 7.30 – 9.30pm  
On 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Concert** on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 at the Amani Centre.

An evening of flute music with Carolyn Davies and friends – proceeds to the Hideaway Youth Project.

## The ZI Campaign - What's it all about?

One of the things about Jesus which made Him so extraordinary was his love and open welcome for those whom the Pharisees and Sadducees saw as unclean. Jesus never turned anyone away. And yet today people of all kinds know or suspect that they won't get a welcome in many churches. So the URC has developed an evangelism campaign of radical welcome, backed by a powerful advertising campaign, which will tell people that there are churches where they will find a proper welcome whoever they are. Such a commitment to love will require our own personal discerning prayer, as well as the reflection and deep preparation of our congregation. The belief is that this radically welcoming approach will help the spiritual lives of many, many people who currently feel excluded from the love of God. And, by offering our own love, we believe it will help us too.

## What happens next?

The most important thing is to make sure that we take this opportunity seriously. It is a very big thing. It isn't a study programme or a reading project. It is about evangelism and congregational development which will support our church's confidence in offering love to women, men and young people who may well feel that the church has let them down – or is not for people like them. The process is not a complicated one; although the journey may well be profound. A "Companion" will accompany each individual congregation as we reflect and determine what it means to be a radically welcoming church.

## Why us?

Each one of us belongs to a tradition which says we're "called to be God's people, transformed by the Gospel, making a difference for Christ's sake". The URC is committed to transformation, to inclusivity and to changing things that are wrong or destructive. No wonder that this is being launched by the United Reformed Church. It's the most recent expression of all that makes us who we are. May God's Spirit help us to discern the way ahead!



**Welcome to all those who have responded to our book mark!**