



## TOGETHER **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** (TMAD)

Revidge Fold, Trinity Brownhill and Westbury Gardens  
United Reformed Churches, Community Ministry Project

*Everyone Has Something To offer  
Together We Can Make A Bigger Difference*

INTRODUCTION: Welcome to the sixteenth issue of **TMAD** News, the page in the newsletter to keep you up to date about Mal's work as our Community Minister.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

As usual Mal has continued to support all three churches in various ways, led worship on several occasions and represent the pastorate at various meetings both locally and regionally.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER in NORTH BLACKBURN:

In February Mal organised a CTNB quiz which was well attended and enjoyed by all. He also co led a joint service at Revidge Fold with Rev Arun John, St. James CofE and Rev Stuart Smith, Lammack Methodist. Mal preached and Arun and Stuart led Communion. The service was attended by 96 people and afterwards 70 people enjoyed a frugal lunch together.

YMCA: As some of you may know Mal is on the Blackburn YMCA committee and one of the projects supported by the YMCA is a project working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees. As part of this work an International Food Celebration Event was held in the Cathedral Crypt when certificates were presented to YMCA champions and foods from around the world were on offer including Lancashire.

FLY TIPPING PROJECT: This is a new project working with various agencies, housing associations and schools to tackle the issue of fly tipping in the area through education, awareness and practical involvement. It is in its early stages so watch this space for updates.

HOLIDAY CLUB: By the time you read this the Easter Holiday Club will have taken place which was again successful despite the low numbers attending. This years theme was 'What does Easter mean to you?'. This was explored through Bible stories, videos and songs. Other activities included games, looking at different Easter traditions and art and crafts. Everyone who did attend had a great time together and we learned more about the Easter story. Mal wishes to thank the 26 volunteers from across the Pastorate who helped out at some point during the four afternoons.

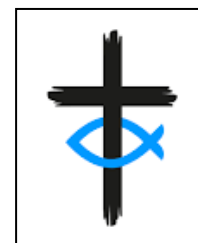


Some of the children doing a daily Craft Activity

### FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SAFE and SOUND PROJECT: Over the next few months Mal is planning to work with a variety of groups in the Trinity and Revidge Fold areas on an Intergeneration project with the aim of exploring where children, young people and older people feel safe and unsafe. He will be asking for volunteers from both Trinity and Revidge Fold to support him in this project and any help you can give will be very much appreciated. More information as to how you may be able to help will be available in due course.

URC NATIONAL and SYNOD: At the beginning of Mal Mal will be attending the National URC ministers gathering 'Walking the Way' and also representing the Synod at General Assembly in July.



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To find out more about **TMAD** or get involved please contact Mal on 01254 674862 or speak to any member of the steering group.

Happy Easter and thanks for your continued support.