



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

It's hard to believe that Mal has now been with us for three years, starting his ministry here on 14th November 2014. Since then a lot has been achieved as we have journeyed Together to Make A Difference.

These achievements have been well documented through his reports and these pages in the newsletters which we hope you have enjoyed reading.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

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

FIRST MONDAYS GROUP: John East was the speaker at the November meeting and gave a very interesting talk about his father during the war which was well received. They are holding their Christmas lunch on Monday 4th December and a programme for 2018 has been drawn up. New members are always welcome.

MEMORY CAFE: Members have been busy making things to sell on their stall at Revidge Fold Christmas Fair on 2nd December including bird boxes, gift tags, table decorations, candle holders and decorating tumblers. The group is becoming very well known and respected by various agencies who refer people to the café which means numbers are growing all the time with over 20 guests accompanied by an appropriate adult attending each session.

FAMILY EVENT

Unfortunately the It's-a-Knockout held during October half term didn't go as planned with only 2 children attending. We did however play some of the games as planned with the helpers from each church forming two teams and having fun and one elder remarked "that yes it was disappointing the numbers were low but it turned out to be a very good team building exercise". Thanks to all those who gave up their time to help.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS: These take place on the third Saturday of each month 9.15am @ Revidge Fold, they are a PASTORATE event and numbers continue to

grow including people from Accrington and Blackburn Baptist Church. They are a valuable part of our prayer life and an opportunity to take time out for personal reflection. All who come along get a great deal out of them.

TRAINING: In November Mal attended a URC training course to be able to assess candidates applying for ministry and recently he underwent training to build a TMAD website. Obviously the site is in its infancy but you can take a look at what he's done so far at <http://togethertomakeadifferenceurc.org.uk/>

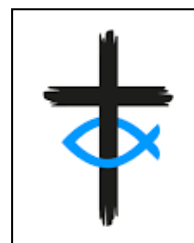
TMAD REVIEW: The review of Mal's post by the URC mentioned in the last issue went very well, they were very impressed and inspired by what we doing here together.

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FAMILY CHRISTMAS QUIZ: Mal is organising a Pastorate Family Christmas Quiz 7.00pm @ Trinity on Friday 15th December. For more information about this please see poster and separate leaflet giving more details of how you can take part.

The next **Prayer Breakfast** will take place on Saturday 16th December, 9.15am @ Revidge Fold

Then there's all the Christmas activities taking place in each of the three churches during the coming weeks which Mal will be supporting.



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 reading and a Merry Christmas,
watch out for more details!