

Newsletter Relaunch

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Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the Together
Liverpool newsletter.

Welcome to the relaunched Together Liverpool Newsletter

Together Liverpool exists to equip churches, Christians, communities and charities to bring hope, resources and support to their neighbours. We want our newsletter to help further this mission, sharing Jesus's heart for social justice.

The aim of our newsletter is to:

1. Recognise and encourage those who are already engaging with issues of social justice.
2. Inspire communities, of all shapes and sizes, to make a bigger difference in the world.
3. Challenge injustices affecting our neighbourhoods and the wider world.

Each newsletter will centre around a key theme: focusing on one aspect of Together Liverpool's social justice work. We will also direct you to social justice related events going on within and around the Diocese of Liverpool. Each newsletter will conclude with [10 ways you can respond to what you have read](#).

We'd love to include your stories of social justice within our newsletter: email these to us by clicking the button below.

Email us with your stories

Key Theme: Financial Inclusion

This issue's key theme is Financial Inclusion, focusing on ways we can help develop financial knowledge and increase access to useful and affordable financial products and services.

Universal Credit: preparing for the roll out



Together Liverpool are offering Universal Credit awareness training to help prepare individuals and organisations for the full service roll out of Universal Credit which begins in Knowsley from 16th May, St Helens in July and across Liverpool from September 2018. We are offering an hour-long overview of the changes, explaining how people will have to claim going forward.

What did those who have taken the training have to say?

'I have a much better knowledge on how to prepare our clients for the changes they're going to face.'

'It's still very scary but knowing more about it is really helpful.'

For more information please contact [Julia Webster](#) at Together Liverpool.

[Contact Julia Webster](#)

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from Together Liverpool

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7 schools join Lifesavers Savings Clubs across Merseyside



Lifesavers is an interactive financial learning program for primary school children. Through working closely with a local credit union, Central Liverpool CU, Lifesavers supports pupils to set up and run savings clubs for their peers.

Since the start of this academic year, 7 local schools have joined Lifesavers Saving Club supported through the work of Together Liverpool, with a further 7 due to go live in September.

To find out more visit the [Lifesavers](#) website.

Visit the website

Congratulations Madam President!



Karen Bennett, from Merseyside, has become President of the Association of British Credit Unions. The work of credit unions in Merseyside is critical in helping those who would otherwise have to turn to high cost lenders or loan sharks and is enabling many people to develop savings and access affordable finance for the first time in their lives.

Karen follows a great tradition of strong women leaders from Merseyside whose work has greatly improved the lives of their peers such as Kitty Wilkinson, Eleanor Rathbone, Margaret Simey, and Gee Walker.

Born and bred in Norris Green, Karen, who is Manager of Enterprise Credit Union in Huyton, is passionate about credit union growth and has a long track record of positive contributions to the movement across not only the Merseyside area but around the World.

Find out more about your local credit union at www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Events

18th May - LightNight justice installations



LightNight Liverpool arts festival, produced by [Open Culture](#), returns this year with free events celebrating culture across the city including two justice installations. The Cathedral will be a key venue for the festival.

Two installations within the Cathedral will focus on justice, inspired by the Old Testament Bible verse Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8, NIV)

Rest: Lady Chapel

The Lady Chapel will be set aside as a reflective, candlelit prayer space, with ambient sounds curated by Mark and Ellen Loudon. Compline (Night Prayer) will take place at 7pm and 9pm. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is a service of quietness and reflection, before taking rest at the end of the day.

Do Justice: Chapter House

The Chapter House will feature the work of multi-disciplinary artist Tristan Brady-Jacobs ([link](#)) as part of the first of three interactive discussions on the principles of the book of Micah. Micah 6:8 tells us that God expects people to do three things: Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly. Tristen will explore the first of these principles through his new lightwork and interactive lightbox which will encourage public discussion of how we 'do justice'. Using projections, overlays and close-up flyovers participants will help create a collaborative, visual response on the walls of the Chapter House to the call of God to 'do justice'. The installation will be in progress 6pm – 11pm.

See the [LightNight website](#) for more information about the events across the city.

Visit the [LightNight Liverpool website](#)

24th May - CAP Liverpool Church Partnership Day



All church leaders are invited to attend Christians Against Poverty's Church Partnership Day – an opportunity to find new ways to reach the poor and vulnerable in your community. The event is 24th May from 10am-2pm at The Bridge Chapel, Garston.

Spaces are limited on the day so booking in required via the Church Action on Poverty online [booking form](#) or by calling the office on 01274 760580.

[Book your place now](#)

4th June - Building a Fairer Financial System in Liverpool City Region Summit



Join us for a Stakeholder Workshop facilitated by the Just Finance Foundation.

Just Finance Foundation would like to invite all community groups, financial services providers, money advice and support agencies and any other providers or groups whose clients are excluded or at risk of exclusion eg. health, housing, family etc in the private, public or third sectors, to a workshop on 4th June. It will be from 9am-5pm

at The Quaker Meeting House in Liverpool.

The aim of the day is to define and map financial exclusion across Liverpool; identify key partnerships that can be forged across the city and define what inclusion for these groups entails, considering what improvements could be made over the next 3, 5 and 10 years. Just Finance Foundation will use the insight to develop a three-year programme of development, working with partners to act on systemic change. Individuals and families affected by financial exclusion will be consulted in parallel.

This is a free ticketed event.

[Get your free tickets here](#)

18th June - Micah Lecture



This year's social justice Micah Lecture will be delivered by community theologian Ann Morisy on the subject of 'Resilience and the risk of lopsided justice'.

Based on the verse from Micah 6.8, *"God has shown you what is good...and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God"*, the Micah Lecture was

formerly known as the Urban Lecture. This is the sixth social justice lecture in the series, previous speakers include Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Paul Bayes and Canon Lucy Winkett.

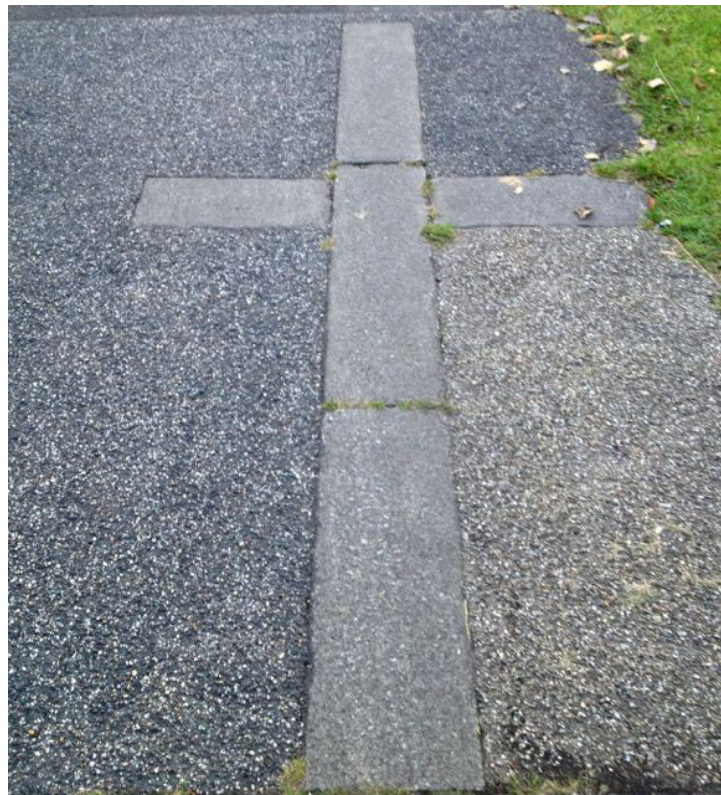
This year's speaker Ann Morisy has written several best-selling books exploring social action and the distinctive contribution churches can make; these include [Beyond the Good Samaritan](#); [Journeying Out](#) and [Bothered and Bewildered](#).

The free lecture will take place in the Lady Chapel within the Cathedral from 7pm-9pm on Monday 18th June. All welcome.

[Register for a free ticket](#)

Past Events

Diocese of Liverpool Urban and Estates Ministry Day: A new network



A new network has developed out of a gathering of lay and ordained leaders from across the Diocese of Liverpool as they explored how to develop and connect urban and estates ministry across the diocese.

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The Diocese of Liverpool Spring Environmental Summit



Fresh conversations began at the Environmental Summit, stimulating discussions about the 5th Mark of Mission.

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Trafficking Awareness for Churches Working with Vulnerable Groups - April 23rd 2018



A modern slavery 'train the trainer' course has equipped many across the Diocese to deliver training in their churches and communities.

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Useful resources and Services

[National Estates Churches Network Toolkit](#)



The National Estates Churches Network has developed a toolkit, bringing together valuable resources for all those working in estates ministry.

The [toolkit](#) is hosted on social media site Pinterest. It brings together a wide range of resources relevant to those interested in Mission and Evangelism; Discipleship and Learning; Children and Young People; Community Engagement; Worship, Reflection and Prayer. The toolkit also signposts to other organisations involved in estates ministry and directs users to relevant blog posts written by members of the network.

To access the toolkit, you need to sign up for Pinterest - a free service. Once you have signed into Pinterest to find the NECN 'board' search: 'National Estates Churches Network Toolkit' or click on the link below.

For more information about the National Estates Churches Network visit the [NECN Facebook page](#)

[Access the toolkit on Pinterest](#)

Sort out your confidential shredding– and support a local charity at the same time!



Social enterprise Bulky Bob's offers a secure document destruction and office recycling service, fully compliant with GDPR, with all profits going to help local people in need.

The new GDPR, (Data Protection), regulations mean many more documents need destroying, and paperwork needs to be kept locked away. Bulky Bob's can provide lockable consoles to store your confidential waste, with regular affordable collections. They also offer one-off clearances.

As well as confidential waste, Bulky Bob's also collect general paper, cardboard, plastics, cans, furniture, IT equipment and much more.

As a social enterprise and registered charity, Bulky Bob's provides a great service at low prices, and also the chance to support a local charity that gives furniture away to local people in crisis, and provides salaried training to long-term unemployed people.

To find out more about Bulky Bob's, their services, or their charitable work, please call Claire Donovan on 0151 305 5212 or email Claire.Donovan@bulkybobs.co.uk, or visit the website.

[Visit Bulky Bob's Website](#)

Meet the team behind Together Liverpool's newsletter and blog

Meet our news team, who are responsible for compiling and publishing the newsletter and blog content for Together Liverpool.

[Click here to meet the team](#)

Do Ten Things

#DoTenThings

Ten ways to respond to today's newsletter:

1. Direct an organisation concerned about Universal Credit to [Together Liverpool's Universal Credit Awareness Training](#)
2. Open an account with your local credit union www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk
3. Introduce the headteacher at your local primary school to the work of [Lifesavers](#)
4. Explore the [National Estates Churches Network toolkit](#) on Pinterest
5. Invite a friend to the [Micah lecture](#) on 18th June
6. Tell your church and community groups about the [Building a Fairer Financial System Summit](#) on 4th June
7. Interact with the justice installations at [LightNight](#) on 18th May
8. Host a [Together Liverpool budgeting course](#) in your church/community group
9. Let your church leaders know about the [CAP Church Partnership Day](#) on 24th May
10. Share about the work of Together Liverpool on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Let us know how you are getting on via social media using:
[#DoTenThings](#)

If you need to know more about advice services in your area please contact Julia Webster at Just Finance Network:
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Can't wait until the next newsletter?
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