



Welcome to the June 2019 edition of the Together
Liverpool newsletter.

Editorial

“It was a joy to experience such a loving welcome - being blessed by people who just showered us, unconditionally with warmth and love.”

Laden with pens, pencil cases, calculators, sweets and old phones, a few weeks ago a team from Christ Church, Norris Green set off for Accra, Ghana. They were filled with excitement – to meet the children the church has been sponsoring for the last few years. They were ready to love the people they encountered, people that, up to now, they had only seen on videos and in photos.

In this edition of the Together Liverpool newsletter we think about what it means to love our neighbours: our neighbours in faraway countries who, as the team from Norris Green explain, taught them so much and showered them in love, and our neighbours closer to home. We are urged to translate this love into action – to campaign, to pray, to give, to walk alongside others, to fight injustice both here in the UK, and overseas.

My prayer is that this edition will challenge us to ask, once again, that ancient question ‘who is our neighbour?’ and in answering we will be moved to act.

As always we suggest [ten practical ways to respond to this newsletter](#) - do let us know how you get on using the hashtag [#DoTenThings](#) or email newsletter@togetherliverpool.org.uk

Dr. Naomi Maynard – Together Liverpool Project Development
Worker

**Key Theme: Loving our
neighbours**

**From Norris Green to Ghana –
and back again**



Having recently returned from 12 days in Ghana with a team of parishioners, Revd Canon Helen Edwards, the vicar of Christ Church Norris Green, talks to our newsletter editor Naomi about the joys of connecting with our neighbours abroad, and what this can mean for us back in the Diocese of Liverpool. Helen also shares some valuable words of wisdom for other churches or community groups looking to connect with projects overseas.

[Read the article](#)

Christian Aid: a message from our regional coordinator



From LightNight to Big Brekkie events - it was a busy Christian Aid Week across Merseyside! Regional coordinator, Helen Parker-Jervis, would like to say a big thank you for all the support, and encourage us to connect in with Christian Aid North West:

Who are Christian Aid? For over 70 years, Christian Aid have been standing alongside the poorest of our neighbours - working across 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

How can I get involved?

Pray for our work both here and abroad

Connect with us by liking the [Christian Aid North West Facebook page](#) to keep up-to-date with local news and events

Support our work through a one off [donation](#), regular giving or running a fundraising event

Join us on the 26th June at the [The Time is Now](#) mass lobby in London. Christian Aid, alongside thousands of others, will come together to send a message to politicians that it's time to end the UK's contribution to climate change and pass ambitious laws that create a healthier environment for nature and people

Christians At Pride in Liverpool



June has become known around the world as 'Pride month': Kieran Bohan, Missional Leader for the Open Table Network outlines the history of Pride, explains why Liverpool Pride happens at the end of July and urges Christians from all traditions to join together to walk with alongside our LGBT+ neighbours.

[Read the article](#)

How can I get involved?

Find out more about:

[Open Table](#) and [Christians At Pride](#)

Join us at Pride In Liverpool:

Saturday 27th July - March & Community Stall: muster at St George's Hall, finish at festival site on Tithebarn Street

Sunday 28th July - Post-Pride Service, Lady Chapel, Liverpool
Cathedral refreshments from 6pm with a service at 6.30pm

For further details email Warren: liverpool@opentable.lgbt

These Walls Must Fall



Each year approximately 30,000 people in the UK are held in administrative detention without time limit, in prison-like conditions. This is not for having committed a crime: it is purely for reasons of immigration administration and enforcement. Tens of thousands more live in fear, with the threat of indefinite detention hanging over them. [These Walls Must Fall](#) is an initiative to raise awareness of and challenge the use of indefinite detention in the UK's immigration and asylum system.

We're asking our readers to:

1. [Sign up](#) to the national campaign
2. Use the [campaign resources](#) to take action in your local community
3. Tell others about These Walls Must Fall with the help of the campaign [selfie card](#)

Could you be our Anti-Trafficking Project Co-ordinator?



Human trafficking and modern slavery are growing problems in the UK. The Diocese of Liverpool is looking for a passionate individual, either lay or ordained, to become our anti-trafficking project coordinator – working with the Clewer Initiative and Triangle of Hope to equip individual, parishes and schools to be able to identify and challenge human trafficking and modern slavery. Working alongside the Director for Social Justice, this is a voluntary position, taking about 6 hours per week.

Read previous project coordinator Revd Christel Langdon-Griffiths' (nee. Erving), [reflections on the role](#).

[Contact Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon](#) for an informal chat about the role.

Together Liverpool Champion



At Together Liverpool we love to celebrate people who translate what they have learnt about social justice into action. This edition our Together Liverpool Champion is Tamar, a mum of two young boys who, after reading our [Environmental](#)

Justice newsletter decided to make a few changes at home.

Here's her story:

“After reading the newsletter, we decided to try give up single use plastic for Lent – my 5 year old was keen to help the sea creatures! Doing a shop was hard, I hadn't realised how much plastic there is, even bananas come in plastic and they literally have their own little armour already on! I wasn't in a position financially or time wise to be trekking to multiple shops but started to buy off the market stalls in town when I was there. By the end of Lent it didn't feel like we had made a big difference, but we have picked up some good habits on the way! I'm way better at remembering to bring my own bags and to recycle. I'm trying to grow some of our own herbs and vegetables, and we are generally more aware about the amount of plastic we are using and what is wasted. My son will now ask if something has too much plastic in and if it does he will pick another thing, he's even started to pick up rubbish from the floor!”

Want to share your story or nominate someone to be our next

Together Liverpool champion? Email

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[Get in touch](#)

Upcoming Events

**Faiths4change 'pay as you feel'
community lunch and crafts–
every Monday!**



Come meet your neighbours, make new friends and learn new skills at a free community meal from 11.30am every Monday at St Michael in the City on Upper Pitt Street in Liverpool, with cooking and craft activity sessions from 12-2pm.

Be the first to hear about Faiths4change activities via their [Facebook page](#)

19th- 23rd June - The Great Get Together



Inspired by Jo Cox MP, communities up and down the country will be getting together in June to celebrate kindness, respect and all we have in common. There's plenty going on across the diocese including:

Birchwood Come Together Café on Wednesday 19th June 12pm-1pm at Tanhouse Community Centre, Skelmersdale

The Great Get Together Picnic on Friday 21st June 11am-2pm at Netherton Community Garden, for more details email: pauline.gillett@feelgoodfactory.org.uk

The Great Get Together on Saturday 22nd June 1pm-4pm at Unitarian Cairo Street Chapel in Warrington

The Great Get Together on Saturday 22nd June 1pm-6pm at The Snig, Mersey Hotel, Widnes

The Great Get Together on Sunday 23rd June 2pm-5pm at St James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan

For further details and more events visit www.greatgettogether.org

**22nd June - Liverpool Launch of
Red Letter Christians UK**



Red Letter Christians UK is a new relational network for those who want to live for Jesus and justice in the UK. It will be launched in June 2019 through a series of prophetic public actions, events and seminars across the UK featuring Red Letter Christians founders Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo alongside UK-based Jesus & justice activists.

Join in the Liverpool launch on Saturday 22nd June 7.30-9.30pm at The Lady Chapel, Liverpool Cathedral. Tickets available via Eventbrite for £6.40

[Visit Eventbrite for tickets](#)

Useful Resources & Services

Churches of Sanctuary



Could your church join hundreds across the UK and Ireland to become a **Church of Sanctuary** – a welcoming place of safety for all, offering sanctuary to people fleeing violence and persecution?

Find out more via The Churches of Sanctuary Project new website – launching on Sanctuary Sunday on 23rd June. The website includes an updated version of **Hospitality and Sanctuary For All** - a reflective resource suitable for churches and small groups.

[Visit the website](#)

Together Liverpool News

Our New Project Development Worker



In May, Dr Naomi Maynard joined Together Liverpool as our new Project Development Worker. Naomi has been our newsletter editor for the last year. Her new role will involve facilitating the project work of Together Liverpool, supporting our partners in making a Bigger Difference across our diocese.

[Do Ten Things](#)

#DoTenThings

Ten ways to respond to today's newsletter:

1. Sign up to the [These Walls Must Fall](#) campaign
2. Go to the [Faiths4Change](#) community meal – is there someone you could bring along?
3. Give thanks for [Christian Aid](#) week and commit to praying for their ongoing work
4. Share details of our anti-trafficking project coordinator vacancy with your church leaders
5. Send a powerful message to politicians through supporting [The Time is Now](#) mass lobby in London
6. Join us at the Pride service on 28th July in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral
7. Explore entering into a new mission partnership with a project overseas – start by speaking with your church leadership
8. Nominate someone to be our next Together Liverpool champion
9. Invite your neighbours to one of [The Great Get Together](#) events
10. Read [Hospitality and Sanctuary For All](#) and share with your church leaders

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



Do you need more information about advice services in your area?

[Contact Us](#)

Can't wait until the next newsletter?
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