



In Rotherham

Linking our Lord with the Locality

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**NEWS FROM MANNY DEXTER AT LIBERTY CHURCH  
about a YOUTH EVENT called "The Pulse"**

*Manny is not related by blood to Adrian, but he definitely is related by Christian faith! He's from the United States, thus adding to the cosmopolitan and international nature of our town. Here's what he has to say -----*

"My name is **Emmanuel Dexter** and I am the **Youth Pastor** at **Liberty Church** here in Rotherham (formerly RPC). I am contacting you all because I am organizing a **Youth Event** called **"The Pulse"** for **Friday June 6th at 8pm.**

"I know that in the past **Unite** provided a large meeting where our youth groups could come and relate to each other, but now we don't really have that. **My goal is to establish a youth event that takes place every other month where young people and youth leaders from the community can come together and grow together through encountering Jesus.**

"The event will be inspirational for Christian youths who are already a part of a youth group or church, and evangelistic for their unsaved friends. It is my hope and prayer that we see young people saved and ALL of our youth groups growing.

"That is the aim of this event. It would be so good to have you come along and bring some young people with you, if that is possible."

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# JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE VOLUNTEER!

## Make sure you join in with enthusiasm

During the first week in June it is nationally the week for volunteers and volunteering. But here in Rotherham, thanks to the expertise and enthusiasm of VAR (--- that is [Voluntary Action Rotherham](#), in case you didn't know already), the entire month of June is being devoted to all aspects of volunteering. It's called National Volunteers Month. The theme is "[Count Me In](#)"

We'd like to think that if you are a volunteer yourself you will continue to put in your usual contribution of commitment that makes life better for EVERYONE in the local community, including the benefits to yourself.

Do you know somebody in your church, your family, among your friends and neighbours who might have a little time to dedicate to volunteering? If so, please do encourage them to get involved.

**Remember:** whether we admit it or not, we ALL depend to some extent on others volunteering. Let us make sure we do the same sort of thing to help[ other folk. As it exhorts us in our scriptures --- GO THE SECOND MILE!

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## THE REMARKABLE BROTHER YUN

There will be a special service at Liberty Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7.00 pm.

You will be able to hear the remarkable story of BROTHER YUN, who has been instrumental in the development of the Christian House Church networks in China. Accounts about his life and ministry are to be found in his autobiography 'The Heavenly Man'.

\*\*\* This is an open invitation to you and your friends to go along to Station Road for a joint service hosted by Liberty Church and Hope Church.

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# OPEN CHURCH AT TALBOT LANE METHODIST CHURCH

*opposite Rotherham Town Hall*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 12 noon

The church will be open for you to come in and look around  
and discover the beauty of this Grade II Listed building.

While there, you can enjoy a bacon butty, cakes, scones, tea or coffee.



**Did you know that every time there is a Bank Holiday Monday there is an *open invitation* to a Coffee Morning at Talbot Lane Methodist Church from 10.00 am to Noon? Sometimes there is also an organ recital on the church's original 1904 Harrison and Harrison Organ; or there may be other musical entertainment arranged, prior to an optional soup and roll lunch.**

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## **We are living in great and incredible days!**

The sense of expectation and excitement across many of the churches in Rotherham is truly amazing.

"I am constantly hearing stories of growth, a renewed vibrancy and many churches reaching their capacity on Sundays, with standing room only. Some churches are going to double servicing, or are finding bigger buildings.

***"What amazes me is that this is not just one church in Rotherham doing well, but it is THE CHURCH in Rotherham doing well," writes Pastor Adrian Dexter.***

He adds, "Many leaders and intercessors have been meeting together to pray for all our Churches for a few years now, and whilst I accept that ***"United Prayer"*** is not the only reason why we are seeing such consistent *across the board* growth, I do believe it is a significant part of what God is doing to change the spiritual climate so that there may be a great openness to the Gospel.

“A few years ago God gave me a commission and a mandate: **‘gather those who have heard the call, to pray for a revival in the Church and an awakening in the Nation’**.

“We are praying that a **“rising tide will lift all boats”** and we are going to continue to push through in United Prayer until we see the fullness of what God is wanting to do in *darkest Rotherham*.

“We are continuing our monthly united prayer events on the **‘-teenth Friday of every month’** starting at LIBERTY Church, S60 1JH from 8.00pm until late. The next event is on the **sixteenth** of May (On the **seventeenth** of October we are running a 24-hour prayer event in **Sheffield** --- see the FOOTNOTE below for more information about this event. \*\*\*).

“The evening will be called **IGNITE** and will be focussed on Prayer, Worship, Intercession and Prophecy, and we will be picking up on some of the **“Harp and Bowl”** strategies from **IHOP (International House of Prayer)**

“If you would like to host an **IGNITE** evening, please let me know.

“If you cannot make it,” concludes Adrian, “please be aware that we will be battling and praying for your church to see increase and blessing in every area. Remember, there is a session on the Friday of each month when the date is anywhere between the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. “

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**\*\*\* FOOTNOTE**

We will be planning a **24-hour Prayer Initiative** in **Sheffield** from **Friday 17th October 2014 at 7.30pm through to Saturday 18th October finishing at 7.30pm**

I believe it is important that we get a good response from **Ministers and Church leaders from Doncaster, Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield**. We are therefore looking for up to **six Churches and Church leaders from each South Yorkshire Town/City** to carry part of the event.

We are having a planning meeting over breakfast on **Wednesday 4th June between 7.00am and 8.30am, at Liberty Church, Station Road, Rotherham, S60 1JH**

Please could you make sure that **at least one or two leaders from each town/city** can come along on that particular Wednesday to help organise and shape the event.

- **Please let me if you can or cannot make it** as we need to arrange for the caterers to provide the right amount of **bacon!**

This, again, is Adrian speaking.

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**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE that it will not be possible to send out another CTR News until late June, ready for July.**

# CHRISTIAN AID

## SHEFFIELD NIGHT HIKE

Here is your chance to do something different for **Christian Aid**. There will be a **NIGHT HIKE** of some seventeen miles on a circular route starting and finishing at St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor, Sheffield. The route will take in the Hathersage area, though you won't see too much of the grand scenery in those parts, because it is definitely a NIGHT Hike.

The start time is 8.30 pm for this dusk-till-dawn walk on **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014**.

So, now you are keen to take part, simply make sure you know how to register. You can do this online via [www.SheffieldNightHike.org.uk](http://www.SheffieldNightHike.org.uk) or by e-mail at [register@SheffieldNightHike.org.uk](mailto:register@SheffieldNightHike.org.uk)

For further information, please phone the Yorkshire Regional **Christian Aid** Office in Leeds on 0113244764

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## PARTY IN THE PARK

At **Liberty Church** in Station Road, Rotherham, we are very keen to serve and facilitate others churches who would like to participate in a united high-profile community outreach event called **Party in the Park**.

- We have been granted permission to place a large marquee in **Clifton Park from Monday 21st July to Saturday 26th July 2014**.

Our heart would be to provide **excellent community activities** that raise the **profile of the church in the borough**, encourage **community cohesion** and lay a foundation for a **clear presentation of the message of Christianity**.

We would like to facilitate other churches to help us run various activities including:

- Workshops : dance, drama, drum, football skills and so forth
- Children's activities: crafts, games, sport
- Youth activities, music, drama, sports such as volleyball
- Entertainment: juggling, face-painting, stilt-walking, music, performance, X-factor drama, street dance.
- Bouncy castle, community BBQ, "Its a knockout" team games and other types of fun competition
- Testimonies and gospel messages, and worship, choirs and solo artists and prayer
- Information stalls and presentations

Please contact me to express your willingness to be involved.  
With every blessing from **Adrian Dexter**: 07790030899

## NEW COURSES FOR LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

*Jonathan Buckley* of the White Rose YMCA and *Mike North*, the Youth and Children's Development Officer for the Sheffield Anglican Diocese, are starting to advertise the second intake of the '*Aurora Youth Ministry*' and '*Aurora Children's Ministry*' courses which will run from September.

Aimed at volunteer youth and children's workers in the local church, these courses are designed to meet the needs of volunteer youth and children's leaders and workers who have busy lives and no formal qualifications. It is a ten-month course run by the YMCA, Sheffield Diocese and Cliff College. It costs £200 (bursaries are available) and students can gain a Level 3 or 4 Cliff College Certificate in Youth or Children's Ministry, and a Bishops Certificate in Youth or Children's Ministry at levels 2, 3 or 4.

Anyone interested in the course can find out more information at [www.auroratraining.org.uk](http://www.auroratraining.org.uk), or by contacting [jonathan.buckley@ymcawhiterose.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.buckley@ymcawhiterose.org.uk) or via his mobile on 07450 778678.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### A CHANGE OF DATE TO NOTICE

The originally arranged date for the **AGM of Churches Together in Rotherham** was Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The Action Group has decided to bring this meeting forward to **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY** for a very good reason.

Many of our readers will know that **Rev Vernon Marsh** was a President of Churches Together in Rotherham before he took up the Chairmanship of the Sheffield Methodist District some years ago. Vernon has now reached the age of retirement from full-time ministry and his leaving service is on --- you've guessed it! --- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Firth Park Methodist Church in Sheffield at 7.30 pm. We know that a number of Rotherham folk are planning to celebrate Vernon's ministry on that night; hence the reason for the **CTR AGM to be at The Hub on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**.

After the AGM on that night, our guest speaker will be *Julie Jones*, who leads the *Lighthouse for Women* in this area. She will have an interesting story to relate. As for all CTR events, this will be an open meeting to anyone who is interested.

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*The **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ROTHERHAM** Action Group would be pleased if you could ensure that other people in your church know about our Newsletter. Sending it on by e-mail is easy enough, and if you could arrange for just one printed copy to be pinned to your church notice-board that would be helpful.*

*This is especially useful in churches where the main contact person does not have access to a computer, for we send out several more items of news nowadays than was the case a few years ago. Please make sure that your church gains the best benefit from its links with **Churches Together in Rotherham**. Thank you.*

