



### **The United Reformed Church 'More than Welcome' Tent**

**Takeaway area**

The United Reformed Church present 'More than Welcome'. Visit our venue for fun, family activities and to start the knitted food treasure hunt. Come and relax in our comfy, cosy, colourful tent and share your stories in The Big Chair. We look forward to making you more than welcome!

### **Knitted Food Treasure Hunt!**

**Around the festival site**

**All weekend**

Starting and ending at the United Reformed Church Tent, search around the festival site for picnic hampers laden with knitted food from The Great Feast and help fill our empty banqueting table!

### **The Big Banqueting Table**

As part of the United Reformed Church's 'More than Welcome' theme, have a look at and bring your picnic to this large art installation, constructed by Nic Walters. Shelter under the canopy if it rains!

### **Waiters Street Theatre**

**Around the festival site**

**All weekend**

Faith, hope & gaffertape theatre company have teamed up with The United Reformed Church to bring some fun spontaneous street theatre to this year's festival. Watch out for shenanigans around site as the team strive to make you 'More than welcome'!

### **Pop-Up Picnic Liturgies**

**URC Tent Saturday 12.30pm / Sunday 6.45pm / Monday 12.30pm**

Over the weekend, there will be three pop-up picnic liturgies taking an unseasonal look at being 'More than Welcome'. Each one starts at the United Reformed Church Takeaway Tent and will wander around different parts of the festival site.

### **All Welcome (terms and conditions apply)**

**Pagoda or The Tree House??**

**Saturday 6.45pm**

Jesus invited everyone to the feast, but the Church does not open its doors equally wide to everyone. Are we getting better? What is it like to be made unwelcome by Church? How can we change things – and how will it change us? This panel discussion is one of the United Reformed Church's 'More than Welcome' events. Chaired by Elizabeth Gray-King. With Rachel Mann, Savi Hensman, *Sister Tersesa i Villa?*, *Jendella Benson?*, *Elizabeth Edman?* -check with Paul N.

**Lucy Berry**

**URC Tent**

**Saturday 8pm**

Rev. Lucy is a poet-performer-minister-mum. She speaks about love, loathing and fear operating in faiths and society. She has written for the Beeb, taught in HMP Holloway, performed from Beirut to Motherwell. She's irritable, intense, funny. Listen first - and then let's talk - about what you recognise or reject in her poems...

**Cake & Debate:**

**Sunday 5.15pm**

United Reformed Church Youth presents **Would I lie to you?** style Cake & Debate! We'll have the whole compliment of rounds you've seen on TV following the URC's theme of 'More Than Welcome', so get ready with your best poker face, best investigation skills, and an empty stomach for the cake!

**Constance Coltman**

**Red Tent**

**Monday 2pm**

Hear the story of Constance Coltman, the first woman minister ordained in Britain, 100 years ago. Join a conversation about the experiences of women at Greenbelt now who face challenges in their ministry today. Use the 'herstory' to inform and inspire our present and future.

### **United Reformed Church 'Intentional Conversations'**

Jesus was a guest at a banquet where he told a story about another banquet. But how relevant is the Parable today? Who gets invited; who gets left out; and, who ignores the invitation altogether? More picnic than banquet, participants are invited to share, challenge and inspire in this series of standalone but connected conversations.

**1. Who is missing from the banquet?**

**Saturday 11am**

Who is missing from our churches? Who do we fail to reach out to and why? Who should we be issuing invitations to and what is the best way to do it?

A conversation specifically for those who want to engage with people who don't go to church.

**2. A banquet for those wishing to make their banquets better**

**Saturday 2pm**

How can churches build on their experience, celebrate what is good and design ways to be even more welcoming?

A conversation using Appreciative Inquiry to develop Gospel welcome.

**3. A banquet for those who might forget they have been invited**

**Saturday 4pm**

What would the banquet look like if it were hosted by, and aimed at, people living with dementia? And how does it feel to be one of the guests?

A conversation specifically for those facing the challenge of being welcoming to, or being welcomed as, a person living with dementia.

**4. A banquet for those already welcoming the stranger**

**Sunday 12.30pm**

What are the issues faced by people already making strangers more than welcome? What are

churches learning by the reality of doing this, and what support is needed and provided for them?

A conversation specifically for those who already make asylum seekers and refugees more than welcome in their churches.

**5. A banquet where the host is "lame, crippled and blind"**

**Sunday 4pm**

What does it mean to go beyond providing disability access, becoming a Church which goes out of its way for guests who usually might be invited but not properly facilitated?

A conversation which explores the reality of disability, and how to engage creatively with making a difference.

**6. A banquet for those celebrating women in church leadership**

**Monday 11am**

What would it have been like to host Constance Coltman's ordination tea in 1917? Who would have attended and who would have been noticeable by their absence? What would a banquet celebrating women in leadership look like today?

A celebratory conversation to mark the centenary of the ordination of women.

**7. A banquet reimagined**

**Monday 4pm**

What has the banquet looked like to a note-taker who works in images? How do these reflections provoke new conversations? Who remains unrecognised and is yet to be invited?

A concluding conversation for those who re-imagine and are inspired by creativity, drawing together the learning from the weekend's conversations.

**'Intentional Conversations' are organised by UnReCognised**

Connected through Greenbelt and the URC, UnReCognised emerged over a pint in the Beer Tent in 2009. After a break to have babies, move house, host events, study for PhDs and write poems, they are back. Eating, praying, and reading the Bible together, their aim is to create conversational spaces that challenge and reshape Church.

*Biog for Cake & Debate; Dan is the URC Youth Assembly Moderator and has spent time travelling the country visiting areas and other denominations as an advocate for children and young people's voice in the church. He's a pilot, and an Ultimate Frisbee player, so loves all things flying!*