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REFORM 500

Remembering the Zurich
Wurstessen of 1522

Celebrating the witness
of Reformed churches in
West Sussex 2022

*It is good and commendable that songs of praise be
sung by all people on Sunday.* Ulrich Zwingli

Join us for Songs of Praise

With the Martineau Brass Quintet
and the Amici Singers

Petworth

United Reformed Church

6.00 pm
Sunday, 6 March 2022



Meeting ID: 841 2792 2403
Passcode: 244431

Wednesday 23rd February 7.30pm

Following our successful training sessions, Education
& Learning and Children & Youth invite you to meet together.
We hope this will become a regular gathering.



Email: jenny.mills@urc.org.uk for more information.

Lent 2022 series

We are hosting a lent series that is open to any individuals and churches who wish to join us. Each week there will be worship, Bible Study, discussion and prayer as we unpack the aims of GEAR.

Wednesday 2 March – Growing Close to Jesus, led by Sally Willett
Wednesday 9 March – Enthusiastic about the Bible, led by Andy Twilley
Wednesday 16 March – Alive in the power of the Spirit, led by Paul Stokes
Wednesday 23 March – Reaching out with the good news, led by Ashley Evans

All from 7.30-9pm on Zoom.

Contact Matt Stone for the Zoom details: chairman@gear.org.uk

The sessions (excluding any discussions) will be recorded and made available the next day for any churches who wish to use them.



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Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

June 18 at Horsham URC

SPEAKER: Andy Twilley

Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.30 Depart: 15.30

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of books or resources they have found helpful.

Soup will be provided at lunchtime.

All are welcome!

To book your place contact
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner
Sue Knight: knight52@sky.com

Talking about...

(Re)Starting From Scratch

24th February 2022 7-8pm

It is now nearly two years since the country experienced its first lockdown. Churches valiantly tried to maintain contact with their young people but face-to-face meetings and events had to stop.

Youth Work is now firmly back on the agenda - but, for many churches, it seems as though we are having to start all over again from the beginning.

In this session, we will hear from 2 youth work practitioners about what it might mean to (re)start from scratch - and how we can be more effective.

Get your free ticket from
<https://bit.ly/3FnfZQn>



The Problem of Painting Christ:

strange responses to the
greatest artistic challenge

by Dr Chloë Reddaway

Tuesday 29 March
7.30pm

Tickets £5 from www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk



PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by 18 Feb.
A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website southernsynodurc.org.uk

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What is God
asking of
YOU?



Ministry Enquirers' Event

to help you think about God's call to Worship Leading, Lay Preaching,
Ministry with children and young people, the Ministry of Word and
Sacraments or Church Related Community Work.

Enquirers' Event

Saturday 12th February 2022

10am-3pm online

Register with ministries@urc.org.uk
to receive Zoom details

INCLUSION

I'm sure we all agree that ensuring we are inclusive as local churches is so important as this reflects something of the heart of God and the ministry of Jesus.

Yet are we truly inclusive when it comes to folk with learning difficulties?

I am considering the possibility of facilitating an initial training day entitled **"Know & Grow"**. The day of training run by *"Count Everyone In"* is designed to deepen understanding of learning disability, the challenge for churches and how to set up a ministry group for adults.

It will be face to face training NOT on ZOOM and for this to go ahead there needs to be a minimum of 15 people attending. The cost per delegate is £25. Is this something you would be interested in?

To register an initial interest, contact me:

Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Church Leadership Programme

Transforming Leadership from the Inside Out

**Strengthening personal qualities, insights and skills
for effective Christian leadership**

The Church Leadership Programme (CLP) is a comprehensive programme to refresh experienced lay and ordained leaders in authentic leadership, helping church leaders to develop external skills from their core sense of being.

To find out more:

<https://urc.org.uk/church-leadership-programme>



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United Reformed Churches
in the London Borough of Lewisham



The United Reformed Churches in the London Borough of Lewisham invite you to a

Service to mark the 50th Anniversary of the United Reformed Church

Sunday 27th February 2022: 3pm

St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Brockley Road. SE4 2SA

Guest Preacher: Rev. Nicola Furley-Smith
Secretary of Ministries, United Reformed Church

RSVP:
revjohngrundy@gmail.com
www.standrewsbrockley.com

50th anniversary tickets available

Free tickets to the URC's 50th Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving are now available.

On the afternoon of Saturday 1 October 2022, in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972, a chance to give thanks and to celebrate the five decades of the United Reformed Church. We want as many people as possible from across the denomination to attend.

[CLICK FOR TICKETS](#)



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PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the
sacraments course?

Feb 28th & March 28th

14.00 – 16.00

Oxted URC

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



REVISED



The Significance of Worship in a Changing World

Date: 26th - 27th April 2022

On-line Conference

A conference over two days to explore how
worship might be developed in the
post-covid world of the mid 21st century.

Cost: £15

Further details and registration:
john@spiritualseekers.co.uk
or at:

<http://www.spiritualseekers.co.uk/TOWConference22.html>

Church in focus

CANDIDATES & STUDENTS CONVENOR

I have been Convener of the Synod Candidates and Students Committee for three years. Before that I spent several years as a member of the committee during

Stuart Dew's term as convener.

It is a great privilege and one of the joys of my role to see candidates answer God's call and progress to ordination/ commissioning. The role of the C&S committee is first of all to explore the strength of the call and if we feel the call is strong and the candidate has the necessary attributes required for training we then put their names forward to the National Assessment Board who make the final decision. The C&S committee then have pastoral concern for candidates who go forward for training until their ordination or commissioning. We regularly pray for them and receive reports of their progress. In turn the C&S committee report to Synod Ministries Committee.

The C&S committee are made up of a team of experienced interviewers with a variety of skills and includes Ministers, Local Church Leaders and Elders as well as our TDO, Andy.

I would encourage anyone exploring a call, be it to Ordained Ministry, CRCW or LCL, to first of all to speak with their minister or interim moderator who will explain the process and check that the pre-interview *qualifications are met*. "What may God be calling you to be?"

Bill Bowman



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