

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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The Way of the Cross



Sunday 10 April 6.30pm

All are welcome to this Palm Sunday service at Trinity Church Sutton, (Cheam Road, SM1 1DZ) in the form of a performance of "The Way of the Cross", a sequence of readings, poetry and music based on the Passion narrative from St. Mark's Gospel, interspersed with traditional Passiontide congregational hymns as well as anthems by Gibbons and contemporary composers such as Philip Moore, Ronald Corp and David Ogden.

Free admission - retiring collection

<https://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/choral>



FIND OUT MORE

Free Resources Bundles for Churches
(Just pay P & P)



NORTHERN
COLLEGE

Our popular annual Lay Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Conference 2022

"The Church in and of the Community"

Thursday 12 May – Saturday 14 May 2022. (Attendance Thursday-Friday, OR Saturday, OR Thursday-Saturday. Costings on request)

Taking place on site and the programme will include a visit to a community project included in the cost.

Contact rosalind.selby@lutherking.ac.uk
for further details, costings and bookings.



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Hybrid Church Meet-up

Wednesday 30th March, 7:30-9pm

Following on from our successful launch event, come along to YOUR space to share and learn.

Share ideas and good practice

Hear valuable, experienced input

Gain inspiration on Children's and Youth Work, Community Outreach and Worship



More info email:
jenny.mills@urc.org.uk

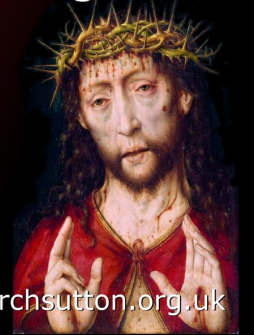
Meeting ID: 892 8553 7599
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The Problem of Painting Christ: strange responses to the greatest artistic challenge

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 [Opune](mailto:Opune@urcsouthern.org.uk) by 1 April.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website southernsynodurc.org.uk



Suffer the Children

REPAIRING THE WRONGS DONE THROUGH RACIST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thursday 28th April
at 14:00 (UK time)

**CWM LEGACIES OF SLAVERY
CHILDREN & RACISM
PROJECT**

Thursday 28th April
at 14:00 (UK)

VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 891 2416 0958
PASSCODE: 621565



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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](#)

INTERIM MODERATOR

Interested in finding out more about the role & responsibilities of an Interim Moderator? A training day is going to be run on July 19th. Interested?

If so, please get in touch with
Andy Twilley:
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Inclusive practice: providing pastoral support for LGBT+ young people

Free online training session led by Frontier Youth Trust

Tuesday 29 March 2022 7:00pm -8:30pm

Discussion topics will include:

- Creating LGBT+ inclusive environments
- Inclusive language and use of pronouns
- Pastorally supporting LGBT+ young people

Register at

<https://bit.ly/inclusive-practice>



Age comes to us all.

Dementia doesn't.

For further information and resources on supporting
older people in churches

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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



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

CONVENOR: SPRING SCHOOL PLANNING GROUP

The Spring School Planning Group... a sub-committee of Synod's Ministries Committee, plans and delivers an annual time of

learning, reflection and refreshment for the ministers, church related community workers and local church leaders of Southern Synod. The group comprises five ministers, one local church leader and the Synod TDO and the events are led by experienced external speakers for four days at High Leigh Conference Centre. The demand for leaders and conference centre spaces is high so the group usually has to plan at least two or three years ahead. Recognising differing needs and learning styles, the SSPG has adopted a three-year cycle of content and style, rotating between the foci of Bible Study, Retreat, and Praxis. Each conference includes teaching, prayer and reflection, plus time to relax and enjoy time with colleagues - the balance of these depends on the particular focus of each conference. In the last couple of years, participants have valued having more time to pray together in small groups called 'Travelling Companions': 'Prayer' will be the focus of this year's gathering in September. The Group is privileged to participate in God's mission by helping resource leaders for the benefit of all our churches. Participants consistently report that they value both the teaching and the opportunity to catch up with colleagues so we hope that all local churches will actively encourage their minister/CRCW/local church leader to attend these events.

Rev. Wendy Swan



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