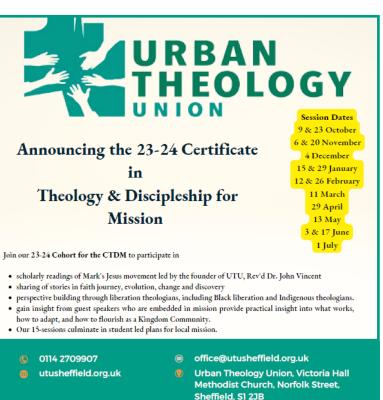
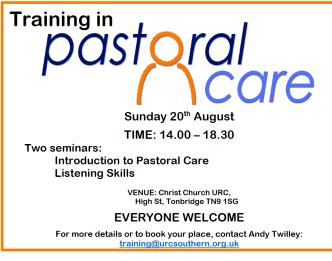
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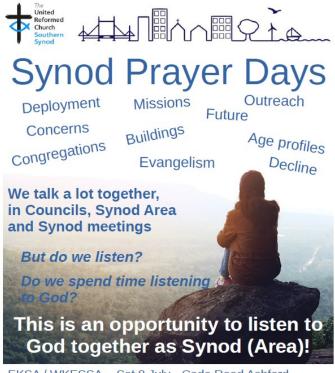


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EKSA / WKESSA Sat 8 July Cade Road Ashford S&SSA Sat 22 July Crawley URC

SLSA Sat 29 July Crossways URC, Elephant & Castle

& Castle

CSUA Sat 9 Sep Emmanuel United Church,

Eastbourne

All days start at 10am for 10:30 finishing at 4pm



Synod Prayer Days Agenda

10:00 Arrivals

10:30 Opening Worship + Intro

10:45 General Prayers for Synod and Synod Area

11:15 Prayer Sessions

Individual Prayers

Lectio Divina Prayer Walks
Centring Prayer Labyrinth
Craft & Writing 1:1 prayers
Group prayer activity at 11:30

Lectio Divina or Listening Prayer

12:30 Lunch

13:15 Gathering Worship

13:30 Prayer Sessions

Same as in the morning
Group prayer activity at 13:45

15:15 Plenary session to bring what we heard together

16:00 Close

These days are an opportunity to listen to God together!

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to **Andy** by **14 July.**

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November 22

19.00 - 20.30

An evening on ZOOM to find out what it means to become a...

Minister of Word & Sacrament Church Related Community Worker Local Church Leader Lay Preacher

With input from a range of speakers, this will be an exciting opportunity to hear insights from those who are engaged in these ministries, to ask your questions, and most importantly, to "Explore YOUR call".

To find out more, or to book a place, contact Andy Twilley training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PRESIDING AT A FUNERAL



17 August 2023 10.30 – 13.00 Crawley URC

A training session to explore all aspects of conducting a funeral service, particularly designed for Elders or Lay Preachers who might be called upon to serve in this way.

To express interest in attending, please contact Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Church in



S&SSA

Convening a Pastoral Committee (Surrey & Sussex Synod Area) is both a privilege and challenge, with a wide brief with churches and ministers. Starting late November 2022, when due to have just 4 ministers for 30 churches, has meant much "catching up" to be done after 5 retirements in 12 months. Helping churches adapt to a new world with so few ordained ministers, reducing from 16 ministers 4 years ago to a target of 8.5 in 4 years' time, means much challenging re-thinking of our life and how we work. The LMMR focus on the local church's mission, and the priority ministry needs to help make that work, remains central to our planning. We have 7 new Visionary Companions to help 14 churches prayerfully consider their life, resources and relationships, and understand how to move forward. We welcome prayers and encouragement and God's blessing in that work.

John Bunker Pastoral Committee Convenor



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