

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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October



Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

October 28 at St. Paul's URC, Croydon.

SPEAKER: Steve Rouse

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 Advocate
Sue Knight: localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org



You are invited to the North Downs Cluster of Churches talk on

Angels in Art

With a retiring collection for



Where: Reigate Park Church, Park Lane East, Reigate, RH2 8BD

When: October 31st at 2:30pm
Refreshments provided

A light-hearted look at angels. We sing about them and admire their beauty, but do they exist and if they do, how do they pass their time in heaven? Speaker, Dr Katy Brown

Dr Katy Brown is a graduate of the University of London and has lectured for the Universities of Edinburgh, Sussex and Surrey and the Open University. She has a particular interest in Italian Medieval and Renaissance art the majority of which was the result of religious patronage. Angels are frequently found in panel paintings and frescos and they add greatly to their beauty. Her talk will illustrate their magnificent appearance and the roles they play in Christian iconography.

To book a place at this free event, contact Wendy Hopkins (wendy_hopkins@ntlworld.com 07855 233770) or the Church Office (office@reigateparkchurch.org 01737 249766)

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Training in pastoral care

November 1: SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care
November 6: SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries
November 27: SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills

VENUE: Dorking URC,
53 West St, Dorking RH4 1BS.

TIME: 19.00 – 21.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley:
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

EXPLORE YOUR CALL



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".

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Remembrance Sunday

12 November 6.30pm

Fauré's Requiem



Venue: Trinity Church Sutton (Cheam Road opposite Sutton Library)

Music: Faure's Requiem and pieces by Franck and Parry with the Trinity Festival Choir and an instrumental ensemble.

Web link : <https://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/requiem>

Free entry, all welcome



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Online Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



Children's & Youth Development Officers
Mersey Synod - Steven Mitchell cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Southern Synod - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Visit the MHFA England website at mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

December 2023
Evenings 18:30-21:30
4 online sessions
Mon 4, Weds 6
Mon 11, Weds 13

Register at:
www.bit.ly/mhfa-dec23



Stepwise

Would you be interested in being part of a Stepwise group: “Faith Filled Life”?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “*Mission & Vision*” need to be sent to **Andy** by **20 October**. A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website southernsynodurc.org.uk

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2024

YOUTH LEADERS GATHERING 26-28 January 2024

As in previous years this event will run in parallel with the URC Youth Assembly at Whitemoor Lakes.

For all those who work with young people in URC settings, this will be a chance to meet with others to be encouraged, challenged, inspired and equipped.

There will be a mixture of input, worship, space to relax, prayer and social time as we spend time together in this temporary community to hear from God and learn from each other.

SAVE THE DATE and look out for further details soon

Any questions contact John Stephenson: john.stephenson@urc-northernsynod.org

Story STORY STORY

What will you discover?

**URC
= YOUTH ASSEMBLY =
= 2024 =**

26 to 28 January 2024
Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas, Staffs

#URCYA24 [urcyouth](https://www.urcyouth.org)

For all young people with a connection to the United Reformed Church including:

A WEEKEND TO HAVE YOUR SAY, MAKE FRIENDS AND FIND FELLOWSHIP:

- **Youth Decides** – discussions on issues that matter to us – leading to action and engaging the wider church
- **Workshops** – craft, drama, Bible studies, opportunities to grow your skills and thinking
- **Worship** – led by Youth Assembly band plus prayer room, late night communion
- **Entertainment** – campfire, karaoke, games and more

Fully funded places provided for young people from Southern Synod.

Year 10 students in England & Wales and S3 students in Scotland up to 25 years (inclusive)

Creche available for children 0-5 years old.

Book your place through
cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk
before 2 January 2024

or contact children.youth@urc.org.uk if not in Southern Synod.

If you or your group need a leader to accompany you, please get in touch with the Children's & Youth Work Office using the following details:

Children's & Youth Work Office, United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT	020 7916 8683
children.youth@urc.org.uk	

Find out more about Youth Assembly at bit.ly/Youth-Assembly



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God
is calling you

Local Worship Leader Course 2024

Will you answer the call?

Remind Me
@naycrumors

Message

Decline

Accept

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Church in SYNOD CLERK

Just one year ago I stood up at Synod Together, as your Mission and Development Officer. Little did I know that within a year I would be standing up again but as your Synod Clerk. If you are surprised, that makes at least two of us!

Most of my ministry, inside the URC, in past employment and as a therapist, has been aimed at enabling people to be who Christ has called them to be. This is not a passive role, far from it, it needs discernment and ability to create healthy environments for Gods children to flourish, and amongst other things, this is what I hope to bring to the role.

I'm as flawed as the next person, so it's great the URC believes in teamwork. As Clerk to Synod Council my role ensures that the work of Synod Together continues in between our large meetings. This means I am on many meetings and teams. One team which attracted me to the role was the Synod Officers, Bridget our Moderator, Russell the new Convenor of Synod Council and John Denison the Synod Treasurer. To know that you have a good group of people striving to support you and Christ's call for the Synod will make the role a privilege to serve.

I look forward to serving Christ as your Synod Clerk.

Rev. Martin Hayward