

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Isaiah 46:4



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GROW YOUR MINISTRY

July 18th

10.30 – 12.30

4 topics for you to choose from

Equal Partners: Empowering Children & Young People TOM HACKETT

Come and learn more about the URC's "Charter for Children" and discuss how it can be used in our local churches.

Join us for a conversation exploring children and young people as equal disciples – able to play their part in the mission of God.

Eco-Church: good for your church, good for the world, good for you. ALEX MABBS

Eco-Church is a free tool that helps Churches and Church members respond creatively to the environmental crisis. It covers every aspect of life, not just buildings, and Churches have found that it opens new doors into life-affirming mission and discipleship. Alex will outline how Eco-Church works and how it can be a blessing to all. He will also introduce some simple ideas that can get Churches started in making a difference on an over-heating planet.

Empowering Our Generation ANDY TWILLEY

We can transform this generation by creating intentional, dynamic relationships in which we enable one another to maximise our God-given potential through sharing experience, encouragement and challenge. This seminar will explore how we can help one another get "fit in our faith" & truly fulfil our potential.

"Strengthening the Churches life & Mission" MARTIN HAYWARD

The future will always have a church, the question is 'what will it look like?' As we go through the pandemic and prepare to walk out the other side what will it mean for your church and your witness? During our time together we will look at how different churches have coped, what we have learnt, what we need to take into the future, what we need to leave behind and how we can make changes that last.

Choose your seminar and then book your place by e mailing Andy Twilley

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DO BLACK LIVES MATTER IN THE URC?

WITH PATRICIA AKOLI
& WALE HUDSON-ROBERTS

JULY 14
2PM - 3.15PM ZOOM

RSVP
VERONICA.DANIEL@URC.ORG.UK



Get a green take on the Bible with weekly videos from Alex Mabbs, minister of Brighthelm URC, as he brings together environmental concerns with the lectionary readings in a short video. Share it in worship or use it for ideas and encouragement in your discipleship or ministry.

The videos are on a YouTube channel called Earth Church: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckLJChIkKgU4ZO5c11tZ1jQ>

If you want sub-titles and don't see them, click on the CC button in the video window.

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent to [Opune](#) by 16 July.



PPE now available from CPO

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BOOST ONLINE

A two hour infusion of rocket fuel for your ministry among children, young people and families...

Thursday 16th July 10-12noon

Faith at Home

with Rachel Turner (*Parenting for Faith*)

Thursday 3rd September 10-12noon

Wellbeing in the New Normal

with Dr Kate Middleton (*Mind & Soul*)

Thursday 8th October 10-12noon

Effective Evangelism Online

with Dan Randall (*Hope Together*)

**BOOK TODAY AT WWW.SEPARTNERSHIP.ORG.UK/BOOST
£5 PER SESSION; CONCESSIONS/GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE**



INTERIM MODERATOR

Interested in finding out more about the role & responsibilities of an Interim Moderator?

We are running a training day on

July 29th

St. John's URC, Orpington,

led by Rev Jennifer Millington.

It will start with Registration at 10.00, ready for a prompt 10.30 start, finishing at 16.00

Interested in joining? Please contact

ANDY TWILLEY



Who: For 11 to 18 year olds connected in any way with the URC.

When: 7pm Fri 24 to 12.15 pm Sun 26 July 2020

(with breaks)

Where: IN YOUR OWN HOME, VIA VIDEO LINK

(details to be shared later)

And including: Intergenerational Worship on our

YouTube channel at 10.30am on Sunday

Book on [our events and opportunities page](#) or

or contact children.youth@urc.org.uk to find out more.

Come Study with Us 2020-21

Short Courses available at Westminster

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of short 3-5 day courses next academic year and we hope that you will find something to help you go deeper in your exploration of your faith and discipleship or resources and an opportunity for reflection on your ministry.



<https://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/>

PLEASE NOTE: A copy of this news sheet can be found and downloaded from the news section of the Synod website: www.southernsynodurc.org.uk



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CHILD'S PLAY: A VIDEOED SERVICE

We have often heard quoted the words of Jesus regarding having *"childlike faith"*. (Matthew 18) Taking this seriously, Sam Boyce, the Children & Families & Community Worker based at Christchurch URC in Westgate on Sea, has enabled his 5 year old son to produce a service which was recorded and is available for us to watch. Take a look and be inspired.

[CLICK HERE to watch the service](#)

Faith Talk



Many of us find it hard talking about our faith. We freely chat about the weather, sport, Covid 19... but faith?

As Christians, part of authentic fellowship involves us sharing in conversation at a faith level & a seminar will be taking place in the coming weeks designed to help us get started in this vital element of Christian life.

Interested? If so, let me know and I will keep you posted as dates / times come together.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Church in focus

SEAFORD, LEWES AND ALFRISTON URC

The current pandemic has had many tragic outcomes and caused so much disruption in all areas of life. The life of our churches has been no different to anyone else, with the closure of our buildings in Seaford (Cross Way Church LEP), Lewes (Christ Church LEP), and Alfriston URC (The Old Chapel) in East Sussex.

As for many, we provide a joint Sunday Worship Service via Zoom, including The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday, and a version of Messy Church on the 2nd Sunday. After the Service about 60% of the congregation stay on for "coffee" groups randomly assigned by Zoom. This has proved very popular with people getting to know those from the "other" congregation, or those they know less well. We produce a full Service sheet (usually 6 pages) which is emailed in advance, or posted out to those who are not technologically enabled.

Please pray for the challenges:

as Christ Church hosts the Fitzjohn Foodbank, meeting the needs of the community, with increased demands at this time

as Cross Way Church is progressing towards its major redevelopment work to provide a building fit for mission in the heart of Seaford town centre

as Alfriston URC helps married couples at this difficult time.

Rev. Andrew Mills



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