

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Hebrews 10: 23


ADVANCED NOTICE

The **Climate Sunday** initiative is calling on all local churches, denominations, ‘streams’ and networks to hold a climate-focused service on 6 September preferably, but definitely during the period of 1 September - 4 October, which is recognised by a growing number of denominations as ‘Creationtide’.

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

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to Opuene by 22 May.



Join us each week for 50 minutes of Lively discussion, exploring a Bible passage and current topic – join in and share your thoughts and questions with programme via Slido as part of the community

Primarily aimed at 16-25 year olds

Broadcast **LIVE** on the **URC Children's and Youth YouTube channel**
Use link: bit.ly/urctrialogue

Thursdays
7pm

3 Panellists
3 Questions
3 Values

TWO PERSPECTIVES OF CRISIS

危机

This symbol is Chinese for CRISIS, yet can be interpreted in 2 ways:

DANGER or OPPORTUNITY

Let's allow God to reveal to us how our present “Crisis” can be viewed and responded to as an exciting “Opportunity”. We might be surprised by what God opens up for us!

CONDUCTING FUNERALS SEMINAR

May 20th

Starting 14.00

Interested in attending then please get in touch:

Andy: training@urcsouthern.org.uk



DISTRIBUTED CHURCH

A SERIES OF WEBINARS
WITH MIKE MOYNIGH

Exploring key themes from contextual mission & the lessons they offer to the wider church beyond lockdown

Tue 26th May: Starting a Fresh Expression
Wed 27th May: Listening for ideas
Thu 28th May: Nurturing community
Tue 2nd June: Exploring
Wed 3rd June: The essence of church

FIND OUT MORE: [CLICK HERE](#)



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PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

SESSION 1 of this 2 part training course
will take place on **June 12th 10.00—12.00.**

Delegates need to be recommended by
their Church. Interested in attending?

Please contact 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

FIND OUT MORE

WHICHEVER YOU HAVE...



Cheer someone with a call TODAY!

ANSWERS: FIND THE BIBLE BOOKS PUZZLE

*Revelation, Numbers, Mark, Luke, Job, Amos, Judges, Esther,
Lamentations, Hebrews, Peter, Titus, Kings, Ruth, Acts, James*

Congratulations to everyone who found all 16.

Sue Knight From Reigate Park URC was the fastest response.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Are you an Elder, Church Secretary, Volunteer,
Safeguarding lead, Minister or just wanting to
learn more about Safeguarding?

Please email me at:

safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk with your
name, role, Church and availability (weekends or
mid-week).

If there are specific topics which you would like
to learn about, please state these in your email.

Belinda Nielsen

Synod Safeguarding Officer.

SAFEGUARDING DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING & SELF ISOLATION

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to emerge in the UK
and throughout the rest of the world. At these difficult
times, we would like to help churches not only promote
everyone's wellbeing but also consider actions for those
who are more vulnerable in the next weeks and months.
Unfortunately, other countries have seen spikes in financial
abuse, fraud, online abuse and domestic abuse during this
time. So now more than ever, it is important that we
maintain telephone contact with those who we know to be
at risk and seek support and advice from the Synod
Safeguarding Officer where there are concerns.

The Government have issued guidance on supporting
victims of domestic abuse which can be found here: [https://
www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-
19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-
victims-of-domestic-abuse](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse)

The URC's guide to supporting people affected by domestic
abuse, Appendix R of Good Practice 5, is now available to
download and can be found here:

[https://urc.org.uk/images/safeguarding/GP5/
Appendix R A guide to supporting those affected by d
omestic abuse.pdf](https://urc.org.uk/images/safeguarding/GP5/Appendix_R_A_guide_to_supporting_those_affected_by_domestic_abuse.pdf)

Please do not hesitate to call me, Synod Safeguarding
Officer for support at 07716 640 596 or
safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

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Discipleship Development Fund
[Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.](#)

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

Touring to churches and schools this Advent

Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community

"... a magnificent production. Our church members and their guests were powerfully moved."

Rev David Senior

"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."

Rev Novette Headley

"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."

John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church



www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi

God's Big Picture

Presented by Andy Twilley

DATES
22/9/20
27/10/20
24/11/20
26/1/21
23/2/21
23/3/21

VENUE
Redhill URC

Tuesday mornings
10.30 – 12.30
Starting: 22 September

For details
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Understanding & Handling God's Word

Interested in finding out more about using ZOOM? If so, we are considering running a seminar to help you explore its potential.

Interested? [CLICK HERE](#)

Church in focus

TWICKENHAM AND HAMPTON HILL URCS

... are closed, at least the doors are! Here in leafy south-west London, members & friends are keeping in touch (virtually) & we have a half hour Zoom Sunday service, with emails of the script to all on the church lists & printed copies for those without internet.

The challenge for us all is how we will start again and imagining new ways to be church in our communities, with likely medium-term restrictions on numbers and vulnerable groups meeting. Our Community Support Manager, Clare, started working with the two churches in September 2019, two months after me, and has made many positive new relationships, starting new groups for young and old, including music for people living with dementia, but she is now furloughed.

Please pray for the people who are part of our churches, and for all our communities as we look ahead in faith, hope and love.

Rev. Stephen Lewis (minister)



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