

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

There has been a high level of interest shown in this seminar which will take place

JUNE 25
14.00—16.00

If you would like to attend, you need to REGISTER and you can do this by simply e mailing **Andy**:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

TWO SPECIALIST SEMINARS

Online Youth Groups using Zoom

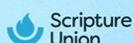
[CONTACT TOM](#)

Bible study groups on ZOOM

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SYNOD INVESTMENTS

Southern Synod has switched its Equity Based Investments with Epworth to their “Climate Stewardship Fund”, a non-fossil fuel fund. For more information contact [John Dennison](#)



Mental Health and Wellbeing Suite Resources from Scripture Union



SUITE AVAILABLE NOW

Scripture Union's Mental Health and Wellbeing resources are intended to help you engage children and young people in supportive and helpful conversation around the challenges that a child or young person may be facing. Endorsed by the Mental Health Foundation.

Explore the resources here

<http://su.org.uk/mentalhealth>



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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.

[CLICK HERE
TO BOOK
NOW](#)

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 19 June.



Following the success of our "Making A Difference" days, we are delighted to present the sequel:

GROW YOUR MINISTRY

Taking place: July 18th

10.30 – 12.30

4 "Workouts" to choose from to help you "get fit" in your walk with God, plus a presentation by our new Moderator elect. SEE page 3 for details & [BOOK NOW!](#)

Pray4URC

Thursdays 8:15 - 8:35



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A call to weekly prayer for our church from 4 June

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<p>Equal Partners: Empowering Children & Young People TOM HACKETT</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Empowering Our Generation ANDY TWILLEY</p> <p>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 "<i>fit in our faith</i>" & truly fulfil our potential.</p>
<p>Eco-Church: good for your church, good for the world, good for you. ALEX MABBS</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>"Strengthening the Churches life & Mission" MARTIN HAYWARD</p> <p>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.</p>


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

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Trialogue

3 Panellists
3 Questions
3 Values

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

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to inform you that Rev. Bridget Banks has been selected to become our new Synod Moderator. She will take up her post on September 1st. Let's all support her in our prayers as she prepares to take up this important post.

Church in focus

CROSSWAY URC is situated in a vibrant, dynamic and transient part of London, Elephant & Castle. We have a

modest, but growing and active congregation. We are a multi-generational, multi-ethnic church with representatives from almost every continent and different social and economic backgrounds. Blessed with a beautiful state-of-the-art building, CROSSWAY has a vision to serve one another and develop community projects. Ultimately our focus is 'to deepen our relationships with God and each other and participate in God's transformation of our individual lives and of our community', which is based upon the 'great commandment' that Jesus gave to His first followers and is encapsulated in the URC's initiative 'Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today'.

In the wake of COVID-19 our vision has not changed, only much of our church life has moved online. This has not hindered but rather enhanced our reach to those who previously would never have darkened the doorway of a church.

As we begin the discussion on reopening our doors, we pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we all go forwards into the 'New Normal'.

Rev. Jacob Bali (SE1 Evangelist | Minister)



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