


# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY!

August 12<sup>th</sup> was International Youth Day. To mark the occasion, members of URC Youth have put together an act of worship, which is now available to view online. The worship links in with the World Council for Churches theme for the day; "Young people and mental health" 

The service is available to view on the URC Children & Youth Work YouTube Channel and can be accessed via this link -

[https://youtu.be/e8ktwVeJ\\_MQ](https://youtu.be/e8ktwVeJ_MQ)

## Intergenerational Worship

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching

October 24<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Paul's URC, South Croydon

**SPEAKER: Ruth White**  
CYDO for Wessex Synod

Refreshments from 10.00  
Starts: 10.30  
Depart: 15.30

Soup will be  
provided at  
lunchtime.

**All are welcome!**

To book your place contact  
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner  
Sue Knight: [localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org](mailto:localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org)



## DDC DBS TRAINING

ARE YOU A DBS VERIFIER IN YOUR CHURCH?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE DDC DO?

ARE YOU UNSURE ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THE DBS PROCESS FOR A WORKER IN YOUR CHURCH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO COMMON QUESTIONS RELATED TO DBS CHECKING?

THE DDC ARE HOSTING A FREE TRAINING TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE!

### DATES AVAILABLE:

12PM 4TH SEPTEMBER

12PM 2ND OCTOBER

12PM 15TH OCTOBER

THIS SESSION WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM FOR 1 HOUR AND HAS LIMITED CAPACITY.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL BELINDA NIELSEN, SYNOD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER AT [SAFEGUARDING@URCSOUTHERN.ORG.UK](mailto:SAFEGUARDING@URCSOUTHERN.ORG.UK)

## 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

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**HEROES & VILLAINS**

-- IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

A WEEKEND TO  
FOCUS ON JESUS,

TO SHARE IN  
COMMUNITY WITH  
OTHER YOUNG  
PEOPLE,

AND TO  
EXPLORE WHAT IT  
MEANS TO BE  
CHURCH TOGETHER!






**YOUTH ASSEMBLY  
2021**

**29 TO 31 JANUARY 2021**

**WHITEMOOR LAKES,  
ALREWA, STAFFS**

COST ON OR BEFORE 11 NOVEMBER: £110  
COST FROM 12 NOVEMBER: £140  
AGE: YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN ENGLAND & WALES, AND S3  
STUDENTS IN SCOTLAND UP TO 25 YEARS (INCLUSIVE)

BOOK HERE: [www.urc.org.uk/urcya](http://www.urc.org.uk/urcya)  
Tel: 020 7916 8683  
Email: [children.youth@urc.org.uk](mailto:children.youth@urc.org.uk)  
Instagram: @URCYouth Twitter: @URC\_Youth Facebook: #URCYA21



Children's & Youth Work Office, United Reformed Church,  
86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT

## CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers training course has now run for 3 years with over 50 delegates enjoying an exciting and inspiring journey.

The next course will start January 2021.

Do you know anyone who might be interested?

Please contact me to find out more: [Andy Twilley](#)



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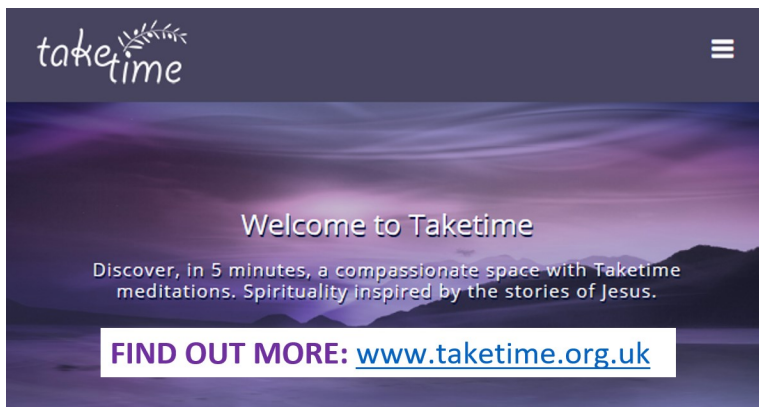
## PLEASE PRAY...

for Rev. Bridget Banks as she takes up her post as Synod Moderator.

## 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](http://www.southernsynodurc.org.uk)



**PLEASE NOTE:** all items for the next issue of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent to [Opuene](mailto:Opuene) by 28 August

## Church in focus

### St Andrew's URC, Balham

What is the role of St Andrew's URC Balham in a time of Covid-19? The UK is facing a recession on a scale due to Covid-19, but this could be a great opportunity for our church to stand frontline to change our community and extend the world mission.

Firstly, our church would tackle poverty issues such as housing, hunger, debt, welfare, and despair by creating more jobs. This vision will be started by transforming our church hall into London World Mission Centre in July 2021 since we decided to terminate the contract with the current tenant who uses it.

Secondly, by working together with volunteers such as local and international doctors our church will launch 'The Journal of African Public Health and Policy' to support doctors and nurses in Africa.

Pray for the renovation of our church hall and launching the new journal for contributing to the community development and world mission.

*St Andrew's United Reformed Church Balham  
Rev Dr JunSoo Park*