

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Psalm 42: 11

## Crossway Mayflower 400 Festival

18<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

### EXHIBITION

#### ONLINE

An amazing and exciting journey through the history of Crossway, The Pilgrim Church and its links to the Mayflower 400 Story.

★ For a **FREE** visit click here

### ANIMATED COACH TOUR

#### ONLINE

The Mayflower's voyage to America in 1620 animated by actors from People's Company.

19 SEPTEMBER 2-4pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 82100409842  
Passcode: 914370

### SHARED STORIES & FOOD

#### SOCIALLY DISTANCED

People who have journeyed to our community share their stories and reflect on the experience of the migrants who sailed on the Mayflower to America in 1620 in search of a better life.

A celebration of our diversity.  
22 SEPTEMBER 4:30-6pm

★ To join and book **FREE** tickets via Eventbrite click here

★ To see the event click here

### TALKS

#### ONLINE

**FREE** Talk 1 - Reverend Doctor Robert Pope: Making haste from Babylon: The Pilgrims and the search for Beulah land

21 SEPTEMBER 7-8:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1076 1530  
Passcode: 843607

### TALKS

#### SOCIALLY DISTANCED

**FREE** Talk 2 - Reverend Doctor Peter Stevenson: Mayflower 400-Southwark and Stamford, a shared American history

22 SEPTEMBER 3-4:30pm

★ To join and book **limited** tickets via Eventbrite click here

★ To see the event click here

### TALKS

#### ONLINE

**FREE** Talk 3 - Rita Cruise O'Brien: The Story of the Mayflower

23 SEPTEMBER 7-8pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 5709 3896  
Passcode: 247428

**FREE!** Go to [www.crosswaychurch.org.uk](http://www.crosswaychurch.org.uk) for more information

WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL THAT TELLS THE STORY OF SOUTHWARK, CROSSWAY, THE PILGRIM CHURCH AND THE MAYFLOWER IN 1620

Partnership between People's Company and Crossway United Reformed Church

Funded by and partners:



## WELLBEING IN THE NEW NORMAL

Online training with Dr Kate Middleton (Mind & Soul)

Thursday 3rd September 2020 | 10-12noon

Book at [www.separtnership.org.uk/boost](http://www.separtnership.org.uk/boost)



ONLINE ROCKET FUEL FOR CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & FAMILIES' WORKERS, CHURCH LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS/CARERS

## 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](http://WWW.SEPARTNERSHIP.ORG.UK/BOOST)  
**£5 PER SESSION; CONCESSIONS/GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE**



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## 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  
Chair for Wessex Synod

Refreshments from 10.00  
Starts: 10.30  
Depart: 12.00

Soup will be  
provided at  
lunchtime.

**Postponed until 2021.  
Revised details to follow.**

**Everyone welcome!**

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

**BOOK  
NOW**

## 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

Tuesday mornings  
10.30 – 12.30

Starting: 22 September

For details  
[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

*Understanding & Handling God's Word*

**On  
ZOOM**



**DORKING URC**

## WHEN JESUS RETURNS:

a series of seven talks with seven clear wake-up calls to the church. Revelation demystified.

For full details and to book, please email

[pastordavid.dorkingurc@outlook.com](mailto:pastordavid.dorkingurc@outlook.com)

OCTOBER 11TH/18TH/25TH  
NOVEMBER 1ST/8TH/15TH/22ND  
SUNDAYS - 5:00PM-6:00PM

WEEKS 1,3,5,7 DORKING URC, MAIN HALL,  
RH4 1BS  
WEEKS 2,4,6 EASTWICK ROAD CHURCH,  
WORSHIP AREA, KT23 4BE

[Revd David Bedford](#) is pastor of Dorking URC and is in the last year of 38, in full-time ministry. He offers this as the one thing he believes the Body of Christ needs to hear at a time such as this, as he retires.

Whilst hoping to deliver the seven sessions live at Dorking and Bookham congregations, he may well offer a Zoom option nearer the time.

## GET TOGETHER

Everything has become a bit messy and we are unable to 'do' our Messy Church in the ways we are used to.

- GET TOGETHER with other Messy Church teams via a Zoom session within the URC
- Share what has been possible, the successes and good news
- Explore the challenges and concerns for how we can 'do' Messy Church in the future

These sessions will be hosted by five URC Children's and Youth specialists (CYDO's) offering advice, support and encouragement for you during this messy time!

Hosted by the South 4 Synods: South Western, Southern, Thames North and Wessex

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 10:30am – 12:00pm	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 7:30pm – 9:00pm
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Book your place for either session via: [CLICK HERE](#)



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**What does the Lord require of YOU?**



**Ministry Enquirers' Day**  
for anyone thinking about God's call  
to Lay Preaching, Ministry of Word and Sacraments or  
Church Related Community Work  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**  
10am – 1pm via Zoom

**For full details contact**  
Farrah Falomi-Carrer at [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk)





**STEPPING OUT?**

**EXPLORING YOUTH WORK OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING**

**1 September 2020 7-8.30pm FREE**

With Tim Evans, CEO of Worth Unlimited and member of Hodge Hill United Church (LEP)

To book your place go to  
<https://stepping-out-urc.eventbrite.co.uk>

**HEROES & VILLAINS**

**-- IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?**

**YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2021**


**29 TO 31 JANUARY 2021**

**WHITEMOOR LAKES, ALREWAS, STAFFS**

A WEEKEND TO FOCUS ON JESUS,  
TO SHARE IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE,  
AND TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHURCH TOGETHER!

**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)  
URCYouth @URC\_Youth #URCYA21

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)



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86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT



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A new range of training seminars have been launched for the Autumn.

[CLICK HERE for details](#)

## PLEASE PRAY...

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

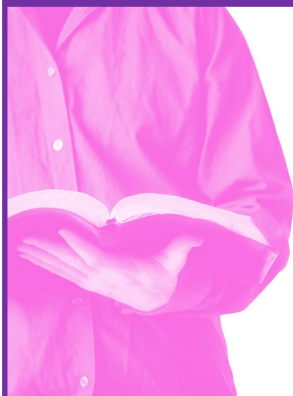


## PLEASE NOTE

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)

## CALLED TO PREACH



Is God calling you, or someone in your church to train as a Lay Preacher? If so, please contact Andy Twilley to find out more about the 2021 training course.

[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:** all items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opuene](mailto:Opuene) by 11 September

## Church in focus

**CATHERINE KINGDOM: Finance Officer & Trust Secretary**

My role covers several areas across the Synod but is designed to help the Synod and the churches fulfil their mission. I look after the finances of the Synod and for those churches that hold money and investments with us and cover any trust issues. In practice this means if you have a tricky issue and it is not property or ministerial than its probably one for me. I love the variety that my role brings and helping churches find new ways to use their resources to carry out their mission and make a difference to their communities. Every day is very different and can present new challenges and this year has certainly brought new issues for me as it has for everyone involved in church life. I am always happy to visit churches to discuss any concerns they may have and help equip them for the future.

*Catherine Kingdom*

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