

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Crossway Mayflower 400 Festival

18TH - 25TH 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 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:



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

Understanding & Handling God's Word

On
ZOOM

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



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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 3rd October 2020
10am – 1pm via Zoom
For full details contact
Farrah Falomi-Carrer at ministries@urc.org.uk

EDUCATION SUNDAY

2020: A Learning People in a Time of Change

Intergenerational Worship for Education Day 2020 - Sunday 13th September 2020

An act of worship created by the URC Children's & Youth Work team and friends, on behalf of Churches Together in England. Premieres on YouTube on Education Sunday, 13th September 2020, and will remain active for viewing after that date.

Watch via this link - bit.ly/education-sunday-worship

Additional Resources for Education Sunday available here: www.cte.org.uk/EducationSunday2020

AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON YOUTUBE

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 PLACES.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL BELINDA NIELSEN, SYNOD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER AT SAFEGUARDING@URCSOUTHERN.ORG.UK



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

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.



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GROW YOUR MINISTRY


November 7th
10.30 – 12.30

4 topics for you to choose from

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

[CLICK HERE for details](#)

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

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



GROW YOUR MINISTRY

Taking place: November 7th
10.30 – 12.30

4 "Workouts" to choose from to help you "get fit" in your walk with God, plus a presentation by the Moderator.

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by 25 September

Church in focus

ST ANDREW'S, CHEAM AND WALLINGTON URC'S

I was inducted as the minister of both churches at the start of Advent last year which has made for an interesting journey so far. The two churches had not previously been grouped together but started to get to know each other during their vacancies. How much the two churches were going to work together was always going to be a question but the pandemic meant joint working in some areas has become vital. This is especially true in relation to worship. Since March we have been producing a joint weekly audio service for the two churches available online and over the phone. St Andrew's has been open on Sunday mornings since the end of July and Wallington will be opening in mid-September. Both churches have pre-schools which are open again and other hall users are returning. The interesting journey continues.

Rev. Craig Bowman