

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Nahum 1: 7

Armchair Mission

A ZOOM meeting on 24th November 2020

Is it possible to 'do mission' with the present limitations the pandemic has created? A time to explore and discuss ways of reaching out during restrictions.

We will be looking at the acronym 'ACORN' developed by Michael Harvey (founder of the National Weekend of Invitation) as well as sharing stories of growth and health in these challenging times.

To register your interest please email
missionofficer@urcsouthern.org by 16th November



Just work?

Theos Senior Researcher
Nathan Mladin

Recovering the Dignity of Work

free interactive online seminar

Tuesday 20th October
10.00am – 1.00pm

learning networking praying

enquiries and registration
markball@kentworkplacemission.org



'THEOS'

Map by Konradt Hengsperg from the Home Project

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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zoom

GROW YOUR MINISTRY

November 7th

10.30 – 12.30

4 topics for you to choose from

Equal Partners: Empowering Children & Young People **TOM HACKETT**

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.

Empowering Our Generation

ANDY TWILLEY

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 "fit in our faith" & truly fulfil our potential.

Eco-Church: good for your church, good for the world, good for you. **ALEX MABBS**

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.

"Strengthening the Churches life & Mission"

MARTIN HAYWARD

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.

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

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EXPLORE YOUR CALL

November 18

19.00 – 20.30

An evening on ZOOM to find out what it means to become a...

**Minister of Word & Sacrament
Church Related Community Worker
Local Church Leader
Lay Preacher**

With input from a range of speakers, this will be an exciting opportunity to hear insights from those who are engaged in these ministries, to ask your questions, and most importantly, to
"Explore YOUR call".

To find out more, or to book a place,
contact Andy Twilley

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EXPLORE YOUR CALL

How might God be calling you to serve?

This event is to help you understand different roles in the life of Church which God might be calling you to. Have your questions answered and discover how to pursue what God is saying to you.

SPEAKERS

Bridget Banks

Angela Rigby

Jo Patterson

Ted Bellingham

Pam Tolhurst

Mark Minott

Sue Knight

Bill Bowman

Hosted by: Andy Twilley



PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by 23 October

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


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A FREE conference for all those engaging with under-fives in faith settings running over three consecutive evenings.
Book via Eventbrite: bit.ly/faith-with-under-5s
7pm to 8.45pm Tuesday 24th November - Faith with under 5s in wider mixed-age groups
Keynote: Becky May with discussion and small group time
7pm to 8.45pm Wednesday 25th November - Faith with under 5s in church worship (creche and pew)
Keynote: Gill Ambrose with discussion and small group time
7pm to 8.45pm Thursday 26th November - Faith with under 5s in toddler groups
Keynote: Alison Hulse with discussion and small group time





Poverty

Bible text: Acts 4

7pm
Thursday 15 October

Live discussion
YouTube: bit.ly/urctrilogue
Take Part: [Slido.com \(urctrilogue\)](https://www.slido.com/urctrilogue)

Fortnightly online Bible discussion programme aimed at the 16 — 25 age group. Join us for an hour of lively discussion, exploring a Bible passage & current topic. Interact with panellists by watching live on Thursdays at 7pm, or watch and listen back at any time.
Follow URC Youth Trialogue on Facebook for details of latest episodes.
<https://www.facebook.com/urcYouthTriologue/>
Watch – Episodes available on YouTube at any time – bit.ly/urctrilogue
Listen – Episodes available on major podcasting platforms – <https://anchor.fm/urc-youth>

Church in **focus** SOMPTING & GORING

At the start of the New Year Goring and Sompting were beginning to formulate some exciting mission initiatives.

Sompting was to be a community drop in centre, as we are located in a prime spot in the heart of the village. Outreach - introducing a get to know your neighbour scheme.

Goring was, and still is reviewing how we do Sunday church. Outreach - We are developing a two-year mission strategy for a major 750-unit housing development literally on our boundary. Sadly, our plans were radically affected by lock down. We turned our resources to our pre-school Little Fishes. After Easter we were able to take in more children and formed 2 'bubbles'. Total children 30. Prioritising key workers and vulnerable children. At this point we also used 2 of the church halls and most of the car park. We continue to explore new ways of being church.

Rev. Andrew Sellwood



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