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Greening Your Church

A half-day workshop to help you show God's love for Creation Tuesday 18th May, 10.00 – 12.30, by Zoom

- Be inspired by what the Bible says about Creation
- Explore practical ideas you can try out
- Discover the Eco-Church resource and the difference it can make to your church's mission and discipleship
- Take away a tool kit of resources

Led by Alex Mabbs, special category minister at Brighthelm United Reformed Church and Southern Synod's 'Green Apostle'

To book places for you and others from your church, contact Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the sacraments course?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:



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Church Leadership Programme

2021 to 2022

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The Programme The Church Leadership Programme (CLP) is a comprehensive programme to refresh experienced lay and ordained leaders in authentic leadership, helping church leaders to develop external skills from their core sense of being. A mix

of physical and virtual learning, the course threads from September to June

Dates

The first residential will take place September 17-19 2021 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds To find out more?

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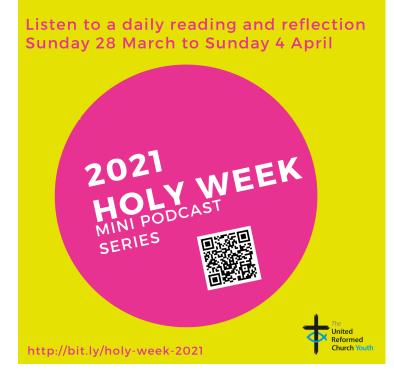




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PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent to <u>Opuene</u> by **2 April.**

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website <u>southernsynodurc.org.uk</u>



Black History Monthly: Monday 19th April, 7.30-8.30pm

IMMEDIATE

Elizabeth Heyrick's classic 1824 Anti-slavery Pamphlet

In April we're reviewing a classic text from the struggle of Abolitionists with the UK Establishment as they sought to end slavery in the British Caribbean colonies. It's a lively pamphlet by a Quaker woman, Elizabeth Heyrick, called "Immediate, not gradual, abolition" written in 1824 (after the slave rebellion in Demerara) in which she picks a fight not only with the Slave Interest, but with the male leaders of the UK Abolitionist movement. Its vigour is <u>undimmed</u> and its relevance remains fresh and challenging today.

The text of Elizabeth Heyrick's pamphlet will be available on the URC website...

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YOUTH GET

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from Thames North & Southern Synods

Online gathering for young people aged 13-25

Sunday 28th March - 6:00pm to 7.30pm

Meet other young people for an evening games, discussion and worship.

Book Via Eventbrite - bit.ly/youth-get-together-march



Church in (focus synod clerk: RUSSELL FURLEY-SMITH

"Come on, God. Me – Russell – Synod Clerk of Southern Synod? You've got to be joking!" Here I am, struggling with my sermon for Sunday following Synod Together on Saturday and 3 days of online Mission Council – and now I've got to sum up in a few words my new role as Synod Clerk. Fortunately, God has a sense of humour and does the joined-up thinking for me. At Mission Council we were asked the question 'What is the purpose of the URC?' The text for my sermon is: '... we would like to see Jesus' (John 12 v.21) and there is the answer to Mission Council's question. I am privileged as Synod Clerk to play a small part in supporting local churches and individuals to help show Jesus to others, through representing you at meetings such as Mission Council and helping facilitate the management of Synod. Thank you for your support.

Rev. Russell Furley-Smith



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