

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"* **Luke 19: 38**

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:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Church Leadership Programme

Transforming leadership from the inside out

Strengthening personal qualities, insights, and skills for effective Christian leadership

2021 to 2022

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 every academic year.

Dates

The first residential will take place September 17-19 2021 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds

[To find out more?](#)

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'Building for the Future'

A Zoom conference, for all interested parties, to consider strategies for churches and church buildings

19th April 3pm-4.30pm



Registration deadline: 16th April, to register email mission@urc.org.uk
Include 'Building for the Future' in the subject line, and your name and email address. Please tell us which church you belong to, or are representing, if appropriate.



Further information, full programme and updates will be available here:

www.urcbuildingsforum.co.uk



Login details will be sent a few days before the meeting. The meeting will be recorded in speaker view with only those providing input being recorded, to assist us in planning further conferences.

Walking the Way
Living the life of Jesus today



Live discussion
3 voices - 3 perspectives

Join us and our different guests each episode as we explore a variety of topics key to mid-teens and young adults.

Watch live

or catch up on past episodes
Facebook - [urc youth trialogue](https://www.facebook.com/urcyouthtrialogue)
YouTube - [bit.ly/trialogueURC](https://www.youtube.com/bit.ly/trialogueURC)

Listen

to podcasts on all platforms

Take Part

sharing your thoughts and questions during the live programme
Slido.com code - [urctrialogue](https://urctrialogue.slido.com)
Facebook - [urc youth trialogue](https://www.facebook.com/urcyouthtrialogue)

Fortnightly
Thursdays at 7pm



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Listen to a daily reading and reflection
Sunday 28 March to Sunday 4 April

**2021
HOLY WEEK**
MINI PODCAST
SERIES



<http://bit.ly/holy-week-2021>

PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opune](mailto:Opune@urcsouthern.org.uk) by **2 April**.

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

URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

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

IMMEDIATE



**NOT GRADUAL
ABOLITION**

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 *undimmed* and its relevance remains fresh and challenging today.

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

[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Christian Chaplain, HMP Durham (External)



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Ref: 42379

Band:5

Salary Minimum: £32,405 - £36,476

Post Type: Permanent

Working Hours: 37-hour working week

Closing Date for Application: 19/04/2021, 23:55 hours

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YOUTH GET TOGETHER

Online gathering for young people aged 13-25
from Thames North & Southern Synods

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