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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

Wilderness 2021

Wilderness 2021 is a virtual retreat day for young people aged 12+ brought to you by Crossfire.

Saturday 22nd May 2021 will feature a day of digital content to help explore faith by looking at the account of Jesus in the wilderness. Content will be delivered online including guided prayer, meditation, craft and worship.

Book before 12th May to receive your box of resources (£3.95 P&P)

For more information and booking visit:
www.crossfire.org.uk

 

Crossfire is a GEAR event brought to you in conjunction with URC Youth

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This is now only available in electronic format & the contents are changing all the time. If you would like to request an up to date copy, please contact the office who will advise whether or not you can be sent one.

[CLICK HERE](#)

URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY

THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM



BLACK VOICES SPEAK OUT

Black History Monthly:
Monday 17th May 7.30-8.30pm

We'll be looking together at a selection of poems by black authors from the time of slavery to the present day, from the UK, the Caribbean and the Americas, with the help of our own black poet, Karen Campbell.

Poignant, challenging, inspiring, humorous....

A document giving the texts of some poems and weblinks to others will be available on the URC website

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Equipping Small Group Leaders in your Church



How To Be A Better Group Leader

This seminar explores core principles for leading dynamic and life changing small groups. It is ideal for either new leaders or existing leaders, to get renewed, refreshed and re-envisioned for leading a group.

Led by Revd. Andy Twilley

Training & Development Officer for Southern Synod

Where: St. Andrews, Cheam

When: Tuesday June 22

Time: 11.00 – 13.00

To find out more or to book a place please contact:

Nigel Dickinson: nigel@33sandy.co.uk

Stepwise

In the Autumn I hope to run **"FAITH FILLED LIFE"**, the first module in the Stepwise programme.

This is open to anyone from across Synod and will be run on ZOOM to make it easily accessible. Places are limited so get in touch for more details or to book your place, then I will keep you posted as specific details come together.

Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

It's sure to be a stimulating journey!

PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent to

Opuene by **14 May**.

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



URC: Spirituality presents...

STREAMS IN THE WILDERNESS

finding spiritual water in the desert

A free week of short, standalone sessions exploring spirituality in difficult times

7:30am

Morning Prayer

12:30pm

Food for Thought

7pm

Drinking Deeply

Guests include

Reuben Watt

Sue Henderson

Maggie Hindley

Ian Fosten

Elizabeth Caswell

Monday 24th-Friday 28th May 2021

More info + sign up: sitw.eventbrite.co.uk



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**July 31st
10.30 – 12.30**



Caterham URC

Come and discover what it means to be part of a LICC
"Church Learning Hub" equipping God's people for
whole life discipleship.

Come and be inspired by this exciting opportunity and
enthused as you see how this could fundamentally
transform your church's life.

ALL ARE WELCOME: Ministers, Elders and Members.

To find out more, or to book your place,
contact Andy Twilley: 07552 751600

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COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU
URC CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK HOLIDAY CLUB
MATERIAL
RELEASE DATE: 1 JUNE 2021
URC.ORG.UK/RESOURCES-FOR-CHILDREN-AND-YOUTH

SUPERSLEUTHS

Investigating the Bible's heroes and villains.

Ruth
Mary and Martha
Timothy
Esther
Abraham and Sarah

SOUTHERN SYNOD
Children and Youth Work

**children and
youth friendly
church**

Online Information Event
Wednesday May 26, 10am-11am

To book email cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk
Include your name and local church

God's World – Hands Off!
Environment Sunday Worship

Sunday 6th June 2021

An act of intergenerational worship
Released on 28th May on URC Children's and Youth Work -
YouTube (available in the full format or separate parts for
use)

A bank of resources are available to use to
help you worship and pray
www.urc.org.uk/resources-children-and-youth



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Congregational lament and growth: Emerging from lockdown

FIND OUT MORE: paul.barrett@lutherking.ac.uk

Conference sessions:

Telling the Stories: Old Testament as resilience playbook Dr Meg Warner	Sharing the Tears: The Gospels join our weeping Rev'd Dr Rosalind Selby	Touching the Wounds: Post-traumatic growth and worship Rev'd Dr Adam Scott
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Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

June 12 at Horsham URC

SPEAKER: Andy Twilley

Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.30 Depart: 15.30

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of books or resources they have found helpful.

Soup will be provided at lunchtime.

All are welcome!

To book your place contact
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner
Sue Knight: knight52@sky.com

The Meeting Place – Anna Chaplaincy

The Meeting Place(TMP) has worked for over 10 years from its base in Bookham to support those who are isolated in our community. We are now taking an exciting step forward to extend our work and, in conjunction with local churches in the area, to develop a chaplaincy to reach out to older people in Bookham and District.

We are looking for someone who loves working with older people. For someone with Christian faith who will work ecumenically across all church traditions, with people of other faiths and with no faith.

We want to recruit to a new post: ANNA CHAPLAIN for Bookham and District

- The post is for 20 hours a week

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Church in **FOCUS** CHRIST CHURCH, WESTGATE

Christ Church, Westgate has found itself faced with the same challenges as every church in the country. The Christ Church family has proved itself to be an absolute bedrock of prayer and intergenerational co-operation. We have switched many of our activities to online or telephone. During lockdown more of our elderly members have acquired Tablets, enabling them to enjoy connectivity for the first time. Sunday worship, SOAK Bible study, prayer group, coffee mornings and MESSY CHURCH, have all flourished. One of our youngest children, five year-old Noah, recently won the Lundie award for leading our Sunday worship service. We are all working together to develop the shape of our evangelistic missional outreach for the next few years. We have shown that with the strength that God supplies we will rise to face each challenge that comes our way.

Reverend Lisa-Maria Browning on behalf of the Ministry Team and Elders.

Rev Lisa-Maria Browning



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