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Kent Prayer Quake 2021



Rev Steve Uppal (Guest Speaker)
All Nations, Wolverhampton

Rev George Kalu
Christ Church Swanley

@ Christ Church Swanley
26th & 27th June 2021

Fellowship – Worship – Prayer – Teaching

Register at Eventbrite [<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-quake-2021-tickets-146896028977>]

For more information visit www.christchurchswanley.org.uk

Christ Church Swanley URC is a registered charity (No. 1134169)



YOUTH GET TOGETHER

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

Sunday 27th June - 6:00pm to 7.30pm
Meet other young people for an evening
games, discussion and worship.

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

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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

URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

Black History Monthly: Monday 21st June, 7.30-8.30pm

The argument for the payment of reparations for the legacies of slavery took a fresh turn with the publication in Atlantic Magazine of this article by **Ta Nehisi Coates**.



To find & read this text, Google "The Atlantic the case for reparations"

[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

TIME FOR GOD

Looking for a reason to host a TfG volunteer? Here's one: Our volunteers are all amazingly talented in their own individual ways. Over the years, we've had volunteers who are incredibly gifted in leading worship, in working with children and vulnerable, in administration and organisation, in making others smile - the list goes on and on!

We love our volunteers, and we know how much of a blessing they've been to our placements. If you're part of a church or Christian organisation and are interested in hosting a TfG volunteer on our 2021/22 programme, we'd love to hear from you. For more info, send us an email to

office@timeforgod.org

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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?](#)

CONTACT: Philippa Linton: Administrator (Education & Learning)

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Deadline for registrations

Friday 30 July 2021

[CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



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URC Online Safeguarding Training

The following dates are available for the FOUNDATION module:

15th June 2021 7pm
12th July 2021 7pm
24th July 2021 10am
3rd August 2021 12pm
3rd August 2021 7pm
16th September 2021 10am

(This training will last for approximately 2 hours long).

The following dates are available for the INTERMEDIATE module:

17th June 2021 10am
17th June 2021 6.30pm
13th July 2021 12pm
24th July 2021 1pm
12th August 2021 12pm
12th August 2021 6pm
16th September 2021 6.30pm

(This training will last for approximately 2.5 hours long).

Please note that you will be required to enrol and attend the Foundation training before being enrolled on to the Intermediate training, despite any previous workplace training or expertise.

To book on to this training, please email your name, church and preferred date to safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

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JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

*Touring to churches and schools this Advent
Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community*

"... a magnificent production. Our church members and their guests were powerfully moved."

Rev David Senior

"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."

Rev Novette Headley

"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."

John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church

Watch now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQm2j6hDoE>
www.springdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi

PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by 25 June.

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

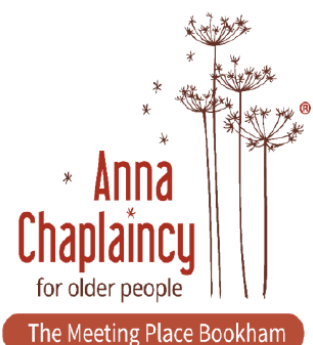
THE MEETING PLACE (BOOKHAM)

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.

www.themeetingplace.org.uk

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



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LICC LEARNING HUB

July 31st: 10.30—12.30

This event is open to anyone to attend: ministers, elders and members of the congregation so come and discover the potential of this exciting journey: it would be great to see representatives from all Southern Synod Churches present.

A learning hub is a series of eight workshops over a period of 2 years which takes a group of 10 churches on a journey exploring how to rediscover the reality of being missional, disciple making communities.

The New Testament sees *"Whole-life discipleship"* as being at the heart of the Christian life yet all too often churches have lost sight of this core aspect of who they are called to be.

Join us on July 31 to be enthused & find out more. Registration to attend the vision day is VITAL in view of restricted numbers.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Church in focus WEST SUSSEX AREA MINISTRY

The West Sussex Area Ministry is three URC congregations in the small communities of Billingshurst, Petworth and Pulborough, where change usually happens slowly... so this has felt a particularly strange year! While we couldn't worship in our buildings, they were put to good use by the food bank in Petworth and the Street Pastors in Billingshurst. Our priorities have been keeping in touch, both with church members and with the many friends who attend church support and activity groups; and especially enabling worship for everyone, whether they have Zoom, or email, or just a letterbox to post an order of service through. We enjoyed worshipping God outdoors in the church garden at Pulborough for several weeks, and intend do so again sometimes; and we look forward to continuing and developing our Sunday evening Zoom service, which would have been unimaginable eighteen months ago. Now we can look forward again!

Rev Anne Lewitt



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