

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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SUPERSLEUTHS



**2021 URC CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH
WORK HOLIDAY CLUB MATERIAL**

Download a free copy at
www.urc.org.uk/holiday-club

***"Never be afraid to trust
an unknown future to a
known God."***

Corrie Ten Boom



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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



August 12th and September 2nd

10.00—12.00

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INTRO TO THE URC

Interested in finding out more
about the URC, its history, and
ethos? This 2 session course is
a great opportunity to
understand more about who
we are. Maybe you've joined the URC from
another denomination. Or you are
considering some aspect of ministry and
want to deepen your knowledge of the
denomination's background. If so, please
get in touch with Andy Twilley and he can
keep you posted as plans come together.

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Equipping Small Group Leaders in your Church



Led by Revd. Andy Twilley
Training & Development Officer for Southern Synod

Where: St. Andrews, Canterbury

When: Wednesday July 21
Wednesday Aug. 25

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

Creating dynamic and inspirational small groups within the local church can transform both individual members as well as the vitality of the church. Over 2 days, 4 seminars will be presented:

- How to be Better Group Leader
- Using the Bible creatively in your group
- Refreshing prayer and worship in your group
- Your group can grow

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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.

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contact Andy Twilley: 07552 751600
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CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers
Training Course

January 2022

Who is God calling?



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Holds regular short courses and workshops on a
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CHILDREN & YOUTH WORK... IN MY CHURCH?

Working with children and young people in our churches has always been a challenge. Increasingly churches employ youth workers to address the gaps. But many cannot.

We are always looking for new ways to provide help and to support children on their life journey and encourage self-exploration in matters of faith.

Synod children's & youth committee is exploring a possible solution to providing youth work in your church using a tried and tested model that is less expensive than employing a youth worker as well as providing an opportunity for a young person or student. What do you think?



If you have one or more young person/s looking for part time employment...

If you as a church would like to consider how such a scheme could benefit you...

If you have a young person interested in working in your own church community...

**If you would like to hear more
contact cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk
or call 07455 840 676**

PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opune by **30 July**.

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

WORLD CHURCH

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Episode available from 7pm Thursday July 15th

Watch and take part live
or catchup any time



bit.ly/trialogueURC

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DDC Training for DBS Verifiers

The DDC are hosting a Free training to address all of these DBS questions like what the role of a verifier is, blemished disclosures and more!

Dates available:

10th September 4pm and at 2nd October 9.30am

This session will be held online for 1 hour and has limited capacity.

To book your place, please email Matt Baxter, Safeguarding Administrator at safeguarding@urc.org.uk

URC Online BASIC Safeguarding Training

To adapt with the changing government guidance and to facilitate learning whilst transitioning into reopening and meeting physically, the safeguarding team have adapted the physical training modules into a virtual format held via Zoom, which has been condensed to suit this platform.

The following dates are available for the **FOUNDATION** module:

- 24th July 2021 10am
- 3rd August 2021 12pm
- 3rd August 2021 7pm
- 16th September 2020 10am

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

The following dates are available for the **INTERMEDIATE** module:

- 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 BASIC 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, role, church and preferred date to safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk / safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



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CELEBRATE THE NOW
CREATE THE FUTURE



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Contact the Children's & Youth Work Office if you would prefer a printed booking form.
Post: Children's & Youth Work Office,
United Reformed Church,
86 Tavistock Place,
London WCH 9RT
Tel: 020 7916 8683
Email: children.youth@urc.org.uk



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Church in focus

EMMANUEL URC WEST WICKHAM, AND ELMERS END FREE CHURCH

The pandemic will be long-remembered for the disruption caused and heartache felt in life. Might it also have a legacy on church life? I reflect that: moving online has brought churches closer, they are more aware of their vulnerabilities – and strengths too, and lockdown has enabled some open and honest questions.

With an aging and extensive set of premises, Elmers End Free Church are asking what they actually need for their worship and mission,

At Emmanuel, in what has always been an active and busy church, there is a realisation that their volunteers are increasingly stretched, so they are exploring their priorities, aiming to do a few things well in their (1) worship, (2) premises and grounds, (3) church life, (4) faith nurture and (5) communication.

Time will tell how the pandemic's ripples wash the shores of church life, but we are equipped to grapple with questions about dying to one way of life and rising to a new way, so travel in faith, hope and love.

Rev'd David A. Pickering



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