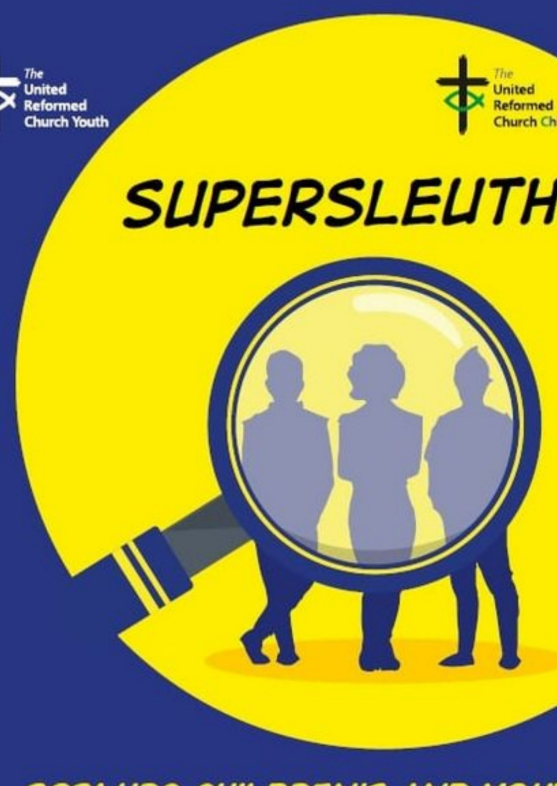


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The United Reformed Church Youth

SUPERSLEUTHS

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

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

The Council for World Mission Caribbean and Europe Regions


Joint Youth Initiative 2021

Have you been struggling to cope since COVID-19? Are you struggling with a mental health challenge? Do you want tips and advice from young people like you?

THIS ONLINE EVENT IS FOR YOU!

Youths "Rising to Life" in the face of COVID-19

**CONVERSATIONS ON
MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS & COPING
IN, DURING AND
BEYOND THE
PANDEMIC**



Age Group - 18 to 30 years

2 & 3 September 2021

zoom
Video Conferencing

2 ½ hours each day starting at 10 a.m. in Jamaica, 11 a.m. in Guyana and 4:00 p.m. in the United Kingdom.

In a safe space, participants will be guided in conversations on -

- The life-denying reality of mental health challenges
- Practicing mindfulness during the pandemic
- Coping and enduring whilst remaining committed to learning (formal education)

The sessions will be informative, uplifting and encouraging!

For More Information or to Register

Please contact your member church leadership or CWM regional Staff - Caribbean, vickeisha.burke@cwmission.org and Europe, sainimili.kata@cwmission.org

Online Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



Tom Hackett
Children's & Youth Development
Officer
Email: cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Visit the MHFA England website at mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland



Next Course September 2021

Tues 21, Thurs 23
Tues 28, Thurs 30
Mornings 9:30-12:30
(Must attend all 4 sessions)

To book a space email
cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk



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GOD CALLS YOUNG PEOPLE

Can you find the 10 young people who the Bible tells us were called & used by God when they were young.

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CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers
Training Course

January 2022

Who is God calling?

Is there anyone you sense God is calling to become a Lay Preacher? Old or young... encourage them to pursue the call by contacting Andy Twilley who will be delighted to give more information.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

The first meeting of

SMALL CHURCH NETWORK

An opportunity to learn of ideas to [make life easier and restore energy for small churches](#)

Open to all Ministers, Local Church Leaders, Elders and Church members of small churches

Introduced by the Revd Bridget Banks Moderator of Southern Synod

On: 11th September 2021

Venue: Brighthelm Church and Community Centre BN1 1YD

Time: 10.30 – 2.30pm

Subjects we will cover and stories we will share: examples include Worship; Outreach, Pastoral Care, Regulations make easy? Use of equipment in church for streaming or general use

Please contact Martin Hayward your Mission and Development Officer missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk for more information and book a place.

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch.

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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

AGE

You may be old at 40 and young at 80; but you are genuinely old at any age if:

You feel old;

You feel you have learned all there is to learn;

You find yourself saying, "I'm too old to do that";

You feel tomorrow holds no promise;

You take no interest in the activities of youth;

You would rather talk than listen;

You long for the "good old days" feeling they were the best.'

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

Intergenerational Worship

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching

October 23rd
at St.Paul's URC, South Croydon

SPEAKER: Ruth White
CYDO for Wessex Synod

Refreshments from 10.00
Starts: 10.30
Depart: 15.30

Soup will be provided at lunchtime.

All are welcome!

To book your place contact
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner
Sue Knight: localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org

PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opune by 20 August.

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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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

Oxted URC



A newsletter produced every month containing
news, information on events and resources, plus
opportunities to get involve.

**TO FIND OUT MORE OR FOR FREE
SUBSCRIPTION**

DDC Training for DBS Verifiers

Free 1 hour online 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

2nd October 9.30am

To book your place, please email:

Matt Baxter, Safeguarding Administrator: safeguarding@urc.org.uk



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URC Online BASIC Safeguarding Training

The safeguarding team have adapted the physical training modules into a virtual format held via Zoom, which has been condensed to 2 hours for this platform.

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

3rd August 2021 12pm

3rd August 2021 7pm

16th September 2021 10am

The following dates are available for the **Intermediate module**: (2 ½ hours)

12th August 2021 12pm

12th August 2021 6pm

16th September 2021 6.30pm

NOTE: 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 for this training, please email your name, role, church and preferred date to safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

Church in focus

CHRIST CHURCH BELLINGHAM, LEE GREEN & TRINITY CATFORD URC'S

The three churches in the pastorate re-opened for public worship on Pentecost day, 23rd May and we have celebrated as a 'hybrid' church with services in person at 10.30am and Zoom at noon.

The pandemic has impacted all three churches: some have lost members whilst many others, scarred by loneliness. Our new 'normal' must therefore take cognisance of these negative impacts. Members have attested to the value of being able to connect, even if only on Zoom, and this has literally been 'a lifeline' for those who have felt isolated.

Our lectionary readings have focussed on the mission of the Twelve and their focus on 'healing' which serves the needs of the whole person. We have been blessed by those who have volunteered to ensure the flock (church & community) is shepherded and shielded from isolation. As we return, we look forward to serving the needs of our communities again, in singing, dance and fellowship.

What have we learned from this experience? It is that we need to take away any negativity and replace it with positivity, and affirmation of the value the Creator God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has for each of us. Mt 6:34

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Rev. Raymond Singh