

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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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

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**

Stepwise

"FAITH FILLED LIFE", the first module in the Stepwise programme will be starting September 29th on ZOOM from 14.00 – 16.00. It's not too late to register:

Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

It's sure to be a stimulating journey!

Youth Get Together

Sunday 24th October

2pm, The 02, London

A gathering for 15-25 year olds from
Thames North & Southern Synods

An opportunity to meet together for
an afternoon of food and activities

Contact your CYDO to book
Thames North - Lorraine Downer
cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk
Southern - Tom Hackett
cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk



**URC YOUTH TRIALOGUE ONLINE
DISCUSSION PROGRAMME**

COMMUNITY

Episode available from 7pm Thursday August 19th
Watch and take part live or catch-up anytime
bit.ly/trialogueURC

URC Youth
re-ASSEMBLED
AUGUST 2021



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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**

Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain

Shaping our everyday prayer

A Zoom Conference for all who pray and lead
prayer in Christian Communities

22nd September 2021

2.30p.m.-5.30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89501586685>

Facilitated by Rev. David Birchall SJ and

Rev. Peter Gardner

For more info, visit www.jlg.org.uk



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



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.

2 & 3 September 2021

Age Group -
18 to 30 years

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



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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**:

16th September 2021 10am

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by **3 September**.

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

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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.

Church in focus

REFLECTIONS FROM A WKESSA MINISTER

Like many, during the pandemic, the local church leaders and ministers of word and sacraments in WKESSA have continued to meet regularly to encourage, inspire and pray for each other by meeting on Zoom. Whilst meeting online is beneficial in many ways – safety, less travel, etc – we decided to meet together in person once restrictions allowed and risks could be mitigated.

As many people have discovered over the summer, meeting in person when we can is wonderful! After months of internet only interaction, the words of Hebrews 10:25 took on a new meaning for me as my colleagues and I spent time together in the manse's garden in Bexhill. Our next meeting may be on a walk together, in a church, or back on Zoom whichever is the safest option at the time. However we are able to meet – *"let us not give up meeting together..."* - to share stories, news, concerns, laughter, communion, prayer, [insert your activity here].

Rev. Angela Rigby