

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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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

New Course Dates Available

Afternoon Course 13:30-16:30

Mon 15, Tues 16
Mon 22, Tues 23
November 2021

Evening Course 18:30-21:30

Mon 15, Tues 16
Mon 22, Tues 23
November 2021

(Must attend all 4 sessions)

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

Towards Appreciating Neurodiversity

Mon, 27 September 2021

19:00 – 20:30 BST

On Zoom



We will be sharing stories and experiences, hopes and dreams for how the URC might be more inclusive and support a celebration of neurodiversity.

To book a free place to attend, please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/urcneurodiversity>

SMALL COVERED TRAILER

Could your church use a small covered trailer to help in its ministry? If so, there is one available within Synod and for details please contact Mark at the Synod Office:

prop.admin@urcsouthern.org.uk



Let's talk about race!

A webinar on understanding our unconscious bias by Tyler Lowe.

WHEN: Tues 5th October
TIME: 18:00 (60mins)
WHERE: Online (Zoom)

Limited spaces available
To book a space on this webinar, please email Belinda, Synod Safeguarding Officer at:
safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

www.LovingLifeCo.com

TALKING ABOUT...

Reconnecting with Families with Children



7 – 8 pm, Thursday 23rd September on Zoom
Book your space for free at bit.ly/TalkingAboutURC2



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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

LICC LEARNING HUB 2022

Interested in your
church being one of
the 10 churches
forming the new
Learning Hub?

Contact Andy Twilley
to find out more.

[ANDY TWILLEY](#)

Is God Calling YOU or someone you know to be trained as a Lay Preacher? As plans come together for the series starting in 2022, please contact Andy Twilley if interested in finding out more.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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CHRISTIAN
RESOURCES
EXHIBITION

The Christian Resources Exhibition is once again taking place in person from October 12-14 at Sandown Park, Esher & the URC will be there on stand N2.

This is the usual appeal for volunteers. If you would like to come down for a day or for half a day, please let me know. All offers of help are welcome, especially if you have programme work or items to publicise, give away or to talk to people about.

The train to Esher is from Waterloo and there is a free shuttle bus to the racecourse for those not wanting to walk the ¾ mile between the two.

The 14th is the day we'll be packing up before some of us leave to lead the National Synod of Wales training day and Synod! Please let me know if you're able to help.

Andy Jackson: andy.jackson@urc.org.uk



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PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by **1 October**.

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

Hybrid Church For All



A series of online workshops offering practical suggestions for Hybrid Church (where we combine worship in person and online)
All sessions via Zoom, Thursday evenings 7:30-8:45pm

30 September: leading multi-sensory worship with Sam Hargreaves

14 October: practicalities of hybrid church with Dan Morrell

21 October: learning from experience with local URC leaders

Please book online at

<https://hybrid-church-workshops.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sutton Methodist Circuit – London District PART-TIME COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER Based at the Bandon Hill Methodist Centre

Main duties

- To develop the Centre as a community resource
- To reach out to the community with opportunities for social belonging and life enhancement
- To make provision for the daily operation of the Centre

Applicants with relevant experience of community work and general management, computer literacy and affinity with the aims of the Methodist Church are sought.

The post is for 20 hours a week

Starting salary of £12,740 pa

For an application pack and more information please contact:

Mr Paul Gotts

53 Warnham Court Road, Carshalton Beeches SM5 3LY

e-mail: suttoncircuit@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Noon on Friday 22nd October 2021
Anticipated starting date 1st January 2022 or sooner



What is God asking of YOU?



Ministry Enquirers' Event
to help you think about God's call to Worship Leading, Lay Preaching, Ministry with children and young people, the Ministry of Word and Sacraments, Church Related Community Work or Chaplaincy.

Enquirers' Event Saturday 2nd October 2021
10am – 4pm on Zoom
Contact ministries@urc.org.uk
to register and get programme details



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children and youth friendly church **Online Information Events**

Tuesday October 19, 7pm-8pm
Friday October 22nd, 2pm-3pm



Choose the best date for you and register now!

Email: cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Include your name and local church

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



Church in focus

REFLECTIONS FROM CSUA AREA LEADER

The fact that the CSUA is an ecumenical Area is greatly to our benefit – we get the best of both worlds! One of those benefits has just shown itself, when we were planning to seek a part-time lay worker/community worker for United, Crowborough, and Cornerstone, Uckfield, not to replace the Minister, who has just left for the West Country, but to help develop the churches' community outreach. We then realised that the role of a Methodist Deacon is virtually identical to the lay worker's profile that we had worked up. We now hope to put in an application for a Deacon in the next few days and if successful, as we hope we will be, he/she will start next September.

In the meantime, we have rented out the manse in Crowborough until 31st July 2022 to an Afghan family through the offices of Wealden District Council, who were extremely grateful for the offer.

John Lane



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