

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

Living Church, exploring God's gift and calling

An online event

Speakers (from the International Reformed Anglican Dialogue)

The Revd Canon Helene T Steed, The Church of Ireland

The Revd Dr Elizabeth Welch, United Reformed Church in the UK



First Session: **Tuesday 2 November**, 2.00 to 3.30 pm
Concluding Session: **Wednesday 3 November**,
10.00 to 11.30 am (BST)

This webinar will be a combination of input, breakout groups and plenary sessions, during which the speakers will respond to questions posed in the Zoom chat. On Tuesday we will unpack the use of the word *koinonia*, which is often translated as 'fellowship' or 'communion', with Elizabeth Welch speaking on the Trinity's gift of *koinonia* leading to deeper human relationships.

On Wednesday Helene Steed will speak on 'crossing over to the other side: *koinonia* and mission. Philip Brooks and Callan Slipper (URC and Church of England National Ecumenical Officers) will explore what this means for ecumenism at local and intermediate level. The webinar will conclude with a short act of worship.

All are welcome to join this webinar though it is especially suitable for church practitioners, particularly Ecumenical Officers.

Koinonia:
God's Gift and Calling



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



To learn more about this free event, go to: www.cte.org.uk/IRAD

Please book via Eventbrite: <https://irad.eventbrite.co.uk>

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



More info - can be obtained from the GEAR
Prayer Secretary, Richard Turnbull -

prayer@gear.org.uk

Pray4URC

Thursday evenings at 8.15pm from 28 October for four weeks on

www.facebook.com/Pray4URC

The GEAR team are hosting a fifth season of short live prayer times in the run up to the meeting of Assembly Executive (the new name for Mission Council) in late November. All are welcome to tune in and pray along with those leading on the Zoom panel. You don't need to be a Facebook user to view these meetings - but if you are, you can interact with the page and add greetings, comment and prayers during the live meeting. This adds to the sense of community as we pray together for our church.

LICC LEARNING HUB 2022

Have you considered the possibility of being one of the 10 churches forming the new Learning Hub which is starting on January 29th? It is a wonderful opportunity to go on a journey which will transform your church's view of being a community which embraces the concept of Walking the Way... living the life of Jesus today.

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.

ANDY TWILLEY



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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

LET'S ALL PRAY

for Synod Together as it takes place on Saturday. **Pray** that it will be a source or inspiration and blessing for all who attend.

Pray that the Lord's will is discerned.

Pray that folk will be envisioned for what lies ahead.

Pray that there will be a genuine sense of unity of mind and purpose.

LAY PREACHING COURSE

Is God Calling YOU or someone you know to be trained as a Lay Preacher? As plans come together for 2022, contact Andy Twilley to find out more.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



WCM UK

INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY COURSE

Six evenings (Online) starting on 12th October, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

Whether you are a new member of a team, an individual wanting to find out more about workplace chaplaincy, already a chaplain who would like to refresh your training or a team leader with new volunteers to train, we would love to hear from you.

For further information and to book a place, follow this link:

<https://www.workchaplaincyuk.org.uk/resources/training/an-introduction-to-workplace-chaplaincy/>

To speak with us about the course, or anything else workplace chaplaincy related, please contact

Dick Johnson on 07946 655450, or by email at info@workchaplaincyuk.org.uk

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PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by **15 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>

URC Youth Leaders' Gathering JUBILEE!

The URC Youth Leaders' Gathering will take place from 28-30 January 2022 at Whitemoor Lakes.

It's a gathering for all who work with young people aged 11-25 that are in any way connected with the URC (volunteers and employed) in uniformed organisations, Pilots, youth groups or any other setting.

Join us for a weekend connecting with other youth leaders across the URC:

- gather to share your situations, stories, needs, dreams and ideas.
- gather to receive inspiration and resources for your ministry.
- gather for a time of reflection and worship, encouragement and fellowship.
- gather for some 1-2-1 mentoring support.
- gather to discover what the URC and URC Youth offers you and your young people.

This event will be in the same place, at the same time as [URC Youth Assembly](http://urc.org.uk/events-and-opportunities)

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a taste of URC Youth Assembly, or even to bring young people along!

urc.org.uk/events-and-opportunities



JUBILEE!

28-30 January '22

Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas, Staffs

COMMEMORATE THE PAST
CELEBRATE THE NOW
CREATE THE FUTURE

BOOK IN BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2022 AT
www.urc.org.uk/urcya

Contact the Children's & Youth Work Office if you would prefer a printed booking form.

Post: Children's & Youth Work Office,
United Reformed Church,
88 Tavistock Place,
London WC1H 9BT

Tel: 020 7916 8683
Email: children.youth@urc.org.uk

A WEEKEND OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP INCLUDING:

- YOUTH DECIDES — DISCUSSIONS
- WORKSHOPS AND KEYNOTES
- WORSHIP
- SILENT DISCO

COST ON OR BEFORE 11 NOVEMBER: £115
COST FROM 12 NOVEMBER: £145

AGE: YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND S3 STUDENTS IN SCOTLAND UP TO 26 YEARS (INCLUSIVE)

Age limit extended for 2022 only due to cancellation of YA2021.
Creche available for children 0-5 years old.

FUNDED SPACES AVAILABLE
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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 S&SSA AREA LEADER

"Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same. All may change but Jesus never, glory to His name."

I am not sure the last time I sang that hymn in church but the words keep running through my head and offer some sense of assurance and are words that reflect all that is happening within Surrey & Sussex. Like every other Synod Area we are facing the challenges of a post-covid world and the challenges of gaining and probably re-gaining ground lost when the doors of our churches were closed. However we are also facing some major changes. Two of our minister's have recently been called to serve the Wider Church to become Synod Moderators and our prayers and thanks for their service to Surrey & Sussex go with Bridget and George, Two of our ministers have been called to new pastorates and two have retired, as I said challenges and changes but the churches are facing all these challenges with good heart because, ... *"All may change, but Jesus never, glory to His name."*

Graeme Allan (Area Leader)



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