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REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

In recent months there have been significant changes relating to the registration of marriages. On November 3rd I will be running a training session from 10.00 in which the new processes will be explained, plus time for questions. This event is open to anyone to attend and will be particularly useful for authorised people and ministers.

Please contact me if you would like to attend.

[Andy Twilley](#)



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



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Reigate Park Church
Park Lane East, Reigate RH2 8BD



**An Introduction to Wellbeing and Mental Health
in Children & Young People**




Tuesday 23 November, Park Room
7.30pm, to include refreshments
led by Ella Sowton

Ella works for the YMCA and is heavily involved in their Waves Project

For further details contact Pat Denchfield, pat.denchfield@reigateparkchurch.org


THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING – ALL WELCOME!





Incredible

The Greatest man in history, had no servants, yet they called him Master. Had no degree, yet they called him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today. His name is Jesus.



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

PLEASE NOTE

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opue](mailto:Opue@urcsouthern.org.uk) by **29 October**.

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

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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



ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER

World Day of Prayer, which is a registered charity, is a women-led, global, ecumenical prayer movement. The Trustees are looking to appoint an Administrator/Treasurer to lead a team for their small office in Tunbridge Wells. The closing date for applications is 10 November 2021 with interviews on 2 December. Salary circa £28,000 for a 30 hour week. An information pack and application form are available from the office: WDP, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RR Tel: 01892 541411 email: office@wwdp.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.

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

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



Church in focus

REFLECTIONS FROM SLA AREA LEADER

The London area is made up of 53 churches in total. We are situated within the inner ring of the M25 and stretch from Elephant & Castle in the north to Bexley in the east, Orpington in the south and Tolworth in the west. Some of our churches are large suburban churches. (Large in URC terms that is) Most of our churches are small and are in urban situations. What the future holds for all our churches is very much up in the air. There have been years of decline and now after covid we have death, despondency, alteration of habits plus we have people moving out of London. It is a time of change and of course opportunity. The best news is that God holds us now and into the future. We do not know how things will develop. It is exciting and frightening in equal measure.

Rev. Lesley Charlton (Area Leader)



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