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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 23<sup>rd</sup>
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!



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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

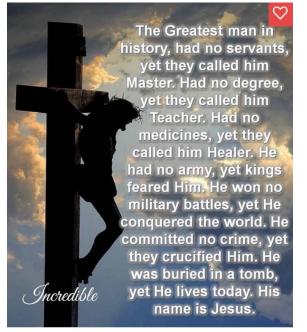
Ella works for the YMCA and is heavily involved in their Waves Project

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

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING - ALL WELCOME!









More info - can be obtained from the GEAR Prayer Secretary, Richard Turnbull - <u>prayer@gear.org.uk</u>

#### 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.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opuene by 29 October.

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

#### **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** 



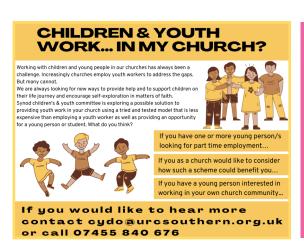
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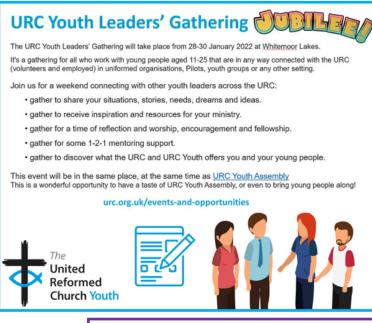
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LAY PREACHING COURSE

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

Living Church, exploring God's gift and calling Speakers (from the International Reformed Anglican Dialogue) The Revd Canon Helene T Steed, The Church of Ireland

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Concluding Session:

Tuesday 2 November, 2.00 to 3.30 pm 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 (DRC and Church of England National Ecumenical Offices) will explore what this means for ecumenism at local and intermediate level. The webinar will conclude with a short act of worship.

ll are welcome to join this webinar though it is especially suitable f hurch practitioners, particularly Ecumenical Officers.

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

#### ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER

World Day of Prayer, which is a registered charity, is a womenled, 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. 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



#### **REFLECTIONS FROM SLSA 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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