

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Revd Dr Sam Wells
Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields

**"A Home for
Everyone"**
**- Responding to the
Displacement of
Populations**

(with speakers from some of the frontline charities supported by the London Churches Refugee Fund)

*Followed by refreshments, meeting and greeting
Further details: info@lcrf.org.uk*

Mon 20th June 2022 @ 7pm
St Martin-in-the-Fields WC2N 4JH

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

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

The Grove Singers
Directed by Beverley Howard
Present a

UKRAINE BENEFIT CONCERT

This London based chamber choir will sing a varied repertoire of unaccompanied music from Elizabethan times to the present day.

Eltham United Reformed Church,
1 Court Road, Eltham, London, SE9 5AD,
Saturday, 18th June 2022, 7.00pm

Entry £10 at the door- All proceeds to Disasters Emergency Committee – Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>)
www.thegrovesingers.org.uk

TRAINING COURSE IN PIONEER MINISTRY

Starting in September

& designed for lay people.

Find out more at the taster day

21st May 22

11–15.00

[FIND OUT MORE & BOOK](#)



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Small Church Network

"Making live easier and restoring energy for small churches"

An opportunity for all those involved in leadership, CRCW's, Ministers, Local Church Leaders, Elders, Church members of small churches

Subjects we will cover and stories we will share examples include Worship; Outreach and Pastoral Care.

This is our second meeting, and we welcome those who came last time and new faces

On: Saturday 23rd July

Venue: Crawley United Reformed Church RH10 3DF

Time: 10.30 – 2.30pm

(Near to Three Bridges Station and the Church has parking)

Please contact Martin Hayward your Mission and Development Officer
missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk for more information and to book a place

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch.

Children & Families Worker/Youth Worker Full or Part Time

Location: St John's URC, Orpington
Salary: £28k pa (pro rata for part time)
Hours: Full/part time (totalling an average of 35 hours per week for FTE)
Term: 3 year contract
Closing Date: Sunday 5TH June 2022
Email for job description/applications:
youthnchildren@stjohnsurc.org.uk



Know and Grow 1

Equipping churches in key word signing to be welcoming and accessible to adults with learning disabilities so that they can know Jesus and grow in their faith

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

9:45am registration. 10:00am – 4:30pm (bring your own lunch)

Caterham URC, 1 Harestone Hill, Caterham, CR3 6SX

**Advance booking essential as places are limited
- £25 per person**

Contact Rev Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk 07552 751 600
or Christine: info@counteveryonein.org.uk 07751 431277

Workshop includes:

- ▶ Introduction to learning disability
- ▶ A challenge and an opportunity
- ▶ What does accessibility mean for our churches?

Registered charity No. 1181852

CTE PRINCIPAL OFFICER FOR ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS ROLE

We are pleased to announce and share the exciting new job opportunity and website link to the CTE Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations role. We are keen for candidates to apply from within the ecumenical family. Applications must be received by 12 noon on Friday 27th May 2022.

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://cte.org.uk/vacancies/ecdev22/>

DBS VERIFIERS TRAINING! If you are responsible for these checks in your church or you would like more information about the process and safer recruitment, then this is the training for you. There will also be a one hour safer recruitment training in conjunction with this afterwards which can also be booked onto.

12 Jul 7.00pm 10 September 10.00am 10 October 2.00pm 15 November 7.00pm

TO BOOK: Carrie.kaunda@urc.org.uk



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50th anniversary tickets available

Free tickets to the URC's 50th Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving are now available.

On the afternoon of Saturday 1 October 2022, in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972, a chance to give thanks and to celebrate the five decades of the United Reformed Church. We want as many people as possible from across the denomination to attend.

[CLICK FOR TICKETS](#)



Facing life alone can be hard. When a family feels they are isolated and there is no one who can help them it's a scary place to be. Safe Families exists to create relationships and connection because everyone deserves to belong. YOU could play a part.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Church at the Edge

Eunice Attwood

Thursday 9 June

1.30pm



New reality, same mission

Be inspired, be reflective, be re-charged!

A monthly space for busy activists to reflect together

on what it means to be a 'Church at the Edge'

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

BOOKS NEEDING A NEW HOME

REDHILL URC have a number of Bibles for Younger People as well as 25 copies of Let's Praise all in good condition.

If you would like any of these please contact John Sinclair:

Finance@redhillurc.org.uk



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INTERIM MODERATOR

Interested in finding out more about the role & responsibilities of an Interim Moderator?

A training day is going to be run on July 19th. Interested?

If so, please get in touch with Andy Twilley:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



The poster features a blue and white geometric pattern. At the top left is the 'from the GROUND Up' logo with an upward arrow. Below it is the tagline 'unearthing hope and seeking justice'. Three icons represent 'INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS' (a group of people), 'KEYNOTE SPEAKERS' (a person at a podium), and 'EQUIPPING FOR ACTION' (hands holding a book). A yellow starburst says 'TICKETS NOW ON SALE!'. At the bottom, it states '11 JUNE 2022', 'HOSTED BY THE JOINT PUBLIC ISSUES TEAM', and 'IN LONDON AND ONLINE'. The JPIT logo is in the bottom right corner.

SOUTHERN SYNOD DIRECTORY

To get your copy email the Synod office.

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LAY PREACHERS

In the past few years over 80 people in Southern Synod have been trained as Lay Preachers. Why not invite them to take a service at your church. Their details are available in the Synod

Church in ST. MARKS BALHAM

St. Mark's URC are all well by His grace. However, we are going through a change as Rev. Andrew Fairchild is retiring at the end of this month. The challenges we face as a Church and the need for prayers for Church growth, Unity to work closely as a Team and the Lord to direct us as we are on a journey. We have two families who are abroad at the moment.

We pray for our Community as people are facing difficulties with cost of living prices which are on the rise.

We do need prayers to upgrade the Church in terms of the facilities, kitchen, toilets, damp on the walls and front of Church needs a new notice board.

Please pray with us for all these things in the name of the Almighty Jesus Christ. Amen.

Josephine Osei