

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ELDERS

Dates:

14th June at 7:30pm

July 21st 2pm

Duration: 90 minutes

if you would like to book on, or would  
like further details, please email  
[carrie.kaunda@urc.org.uk](mailto:carrie.kaunda@urc.org.uk)

**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](mailto:Carrie.kaunda@urc.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](http://www.thegrovesingers.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All items for the next  
issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be  
sent to [Opuene](mailto:Opuene) by **17 June**.

A copy of this news sheet can be found  
& downloaded from the Synod website  
[southernsynodurc.org.uk](http://southernsynodurc.org.uk)

**CANCELLED**

The Lay Preaching  
training day planned for  
June has been cancelled.



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk) for more information and to book a place

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch.



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk) 07552 751 600  
or Christine: [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto: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



BOOK YOUR TICKET  
23 X 06 X 2022

Multiply 2022

Meet the Multiply 2022 contributors

Multiply 2022 is an opportunity to gather with others who share a vision to see the Church reach new people in new and renewed ways.

Our conversations and teaching will be led by an exciting range of contributors at our 12 locations and online, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience on church planting, culture engagement and leadership. We can't wait to hear from them all. Head to our website to find out more about them.

[Book Your FREE Ticket](#)



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## SOUTHERN SYNOD DIRECTORY

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## 50th anniversary tickets available

Free tickets to the URC's 50<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



**LONDON CHURCHES  
REFUGEE FUND**

[www.lcrf.org.uk](http://www.lcrf.org.uk)

**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](mailto:info@lcrf.org.uk)*

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 @ 7pm**  
**St Martin-in-the-Fields WC2N 4JH**

## How can I train to be a supervisor?

URC Ministries Department has partnered with Westminster College and Wesley House in Cambridge to provide training for the Certificate in Pastoral Supervision.

Further courses are scheduled for

November 14-18, 2022

March 20-24, 2023

To apply for the training contact:

Ministries PA <[ministries.pa@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries.pa@urc.org.uk)>



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## REIGATE PARK URC – REIGATE SURREY CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY WORKER – Part time (22.5 hours)

Reigate Park Church seeks to appoint a Part Time Children's and Family Worker to coordinate and develop existing and new initiatives.

We are looking for someone with an active Christian commitment, with qualifications and experience in relevant disciplines e.g. education or youth work, and with good communication and team working skills.

The individual will work a flexible 22.5 hrs per week to include 2 Sundays per month.

The salary will be pro-rata of an FTE in the range of £25,000 depending on qualifications and experience. There is no accommodation offered with this post.

For more information and an application pack:

<https://www.reigateparkchurch.org/post/vacancy-children-s-and-families-worker-rpc>

Closing date: 30th June 2022

## 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 Directory.**

## Church in focus

## CATERHAM URC

Like so many other places Caterham URC faced enormous challenges during the pandemic. Worship was initially zoomed from a laptop on the communion table but in the last few months new sound equipment and cameras have been installed and preparations are in hand to move from Zoom onto other online platforms as 'hybrid' worship continues. In making these changes the church has much appreciated the advice and support of the Synod.

The church is blessed with children and young people and, with the assistance of Tom Hackett, is working through the Children & Youth Friendly Church scheme. The church is also enriched by a close and supportive partnership with Caterham School, a Congregationalist foundation, which I serve as Chaplain.

The church is part of the 'North Downs Cluster' of nine churches & recently the cluster has been exploring how to move forward in faith and hope with the challenges presented by the departure or retirement of every minister by October. I will be the last to go and I give thanks for all the faithful disciples in the URC who continue to share, in 'the ministry that [we have] received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.' (Acts 20:24)

*Rev Julian Thomas*