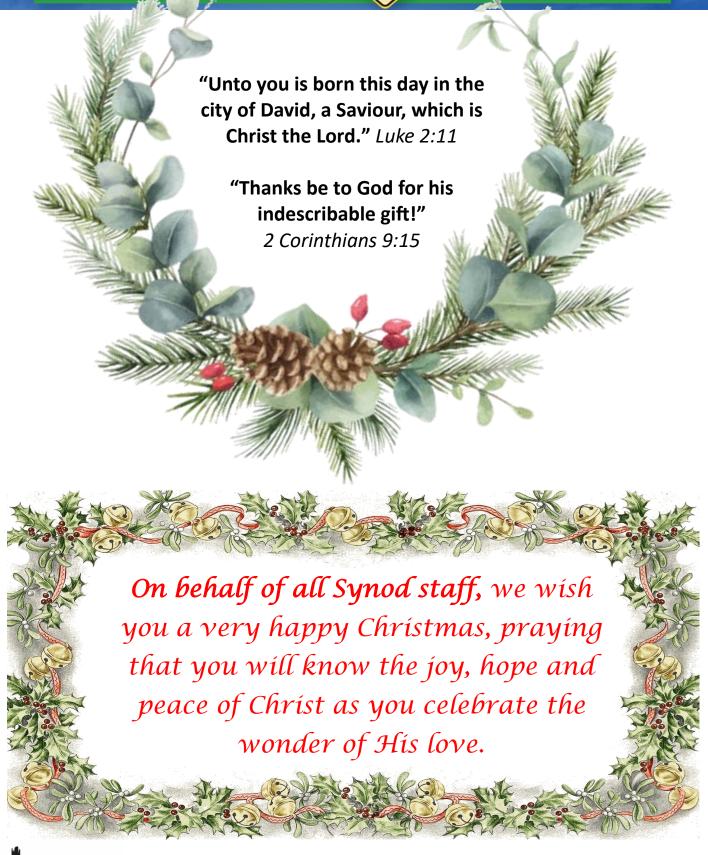
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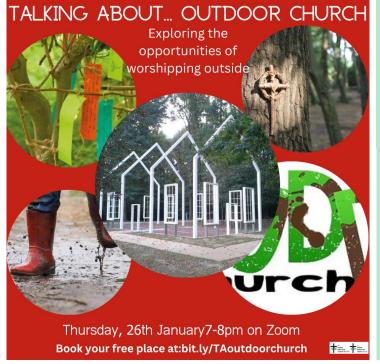
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### LAY PREACHING COURSE 2023

This 8 session course will commence on January 23rd.

The sessions will take place at Caterham URC from 11.00—13.30.

Is God Calling YOU or someone you know to be trained as a Lay Preacher? Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register your interest.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Andy by 6 January.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website <a href="mailto:southernsynodurc.org.uk">southernsynodurc.org.uk</a>



THREE MORE PEOPLE from Southern Synod have been accepted to train for ministry, following the recent assessment board conference.

PRAISE THE LORD!



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January 24: SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care
February 21: SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries
March 21: SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills

VENUE: Faversham United Church (LEP), Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PE.

#### TIME: 10.30 – 13.00 **EVERYONE WELCOME**

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

#### WHAT IS DEMENTIA AND WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO TO HELP?

https://southernsynodurc.org.uk/advocating-for-the-elderly/

For further information

follow the link or e-mail drianethopewell@outlook.com





#### **MARSH GREEN & OXTED URC**

There was a time when the main role of an interim moderator was to facilitate the introduction of a candidate minister to a pastorate. But that was in the days when potential ministers could be plucked like ripe fruit, from low hanging branches. Now, I see my task as being more about challenging, encouraging, and assisting local elders, and members, to see themselves as heirs to the future of the church - helping them to find their vision, and to carry that forward. I am delighted to report that the elders at both Marsh Green (St John's) and Oxted (Church of the Peace of God) have understood that. Of course, if God, in God's wisdom, introduces the right minister, she or he will be welcomed lovingly. But until then, the churches are striking out, with growing confidence, and discovering gifts they didn't know they had. And that is quite exciting.

Stuart Dew Interim Moderator



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