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Isaiah 55: 2

Talking About...Mentoring Young People

How we might use a mentor model to help young people reach their full potential



Thursday, 23rd February 2023, 7-8pm
Book your place at bit.ly/TAMentoring



citizensuk

Hosted by Alison Webster, Citizens UK's Mission Theologian in Residence, this Learning Thursday series will build on our previous Community of Practice sessions which took place in 2022.

This series will continue in 2023, and will explore component elements of Community Organising through a theological lens, building resources and tools to support clergy, lay people and church institutions in their work for social justice with Citizens UK.

Registration is for the whole series, with all dates in 2023 listed below:

- Thursday 23 February, 16:00 - 17:30
- Thursday 4 May, 16:00 - 17:30
- Thursday 22 June, 16:00 - 17:30
- Thursday 5 October, 16:00 - 17:30
- Thursday 23 November, 16:00 - 17:30

You can register for the entire series here: [REGISTER](#)

REFORM MAGAZINE

We've taken the subscriptions to *Reform* back into Church House, to save the church a sizeable amount of money. We have set up a new website to manage subscriptions, and have phone and email support during office hours:

1. **Phone:** 020 7520 2721
2. **Email:** reformsubs@urc.org.uk
3. www.reformsubs.co.uk
4. **Cheques and correspondence:** Reform, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT

How Can I Train To Be A Supervisor?

URC Ministries Dept 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 20th – 24th 2023 at Westminster College.

To apply for the training contact: ministries.pa@urc.org.uk



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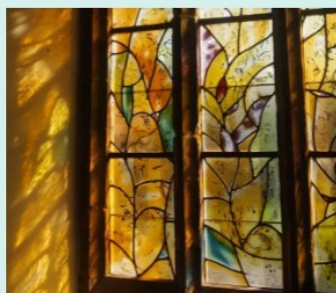
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2023

Offering *SPIRITUAL CARE* to those at end of life

at All Saints' Tudeley, Kent TN11 ONZ

An interactive morning workshop led by Penny Stephens, previously Chaplain at St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney & Hospice in the Weald, Pembury, with 24 years' ordained ministry.



A morning workshop for:

- ◆ All involved in Pastoral Care
- ◆ Health and Social Care Workers
- ◆ Anyone with a personal interest
- ◆ Volunteer & Staff Chaplains
- ◆ Family Carers

Please book to attend on one of the following dates:

Thursday 20th April, Friday 21st April,

Monday 5th June, Tuesday 6th June

All dates: 9:30am - 1pm

Cost: £10

(Bursary Available)

More dates may be offered if sufficient demand

To book contact Liz Wood:

chadmin@tudeley.org 01892 833241

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SAFEGUARDING FOR ELDERS AS TRUSTEES 2023

Webinar

Please join one of the dates below to gain vital information on your specific safeguarding role in the URC. This session is for all Serving Elders with Trustee Responsibility in their church.

From the webinar you will

- Gain an understanding of URC policies and how they underpin your role in relation to Safeguarding.
- Understand your role as a trustee for the church and how this links to safeguarding.
- Understand the 5 safeguarding actions outlined by the government for churches as charities.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS TRAINING IS IN ADDITION TO THE
FOUNDATION AND INTERMEDIATE TRAINING AND
COVERS SEPARATE INFORMATION**

March 14th 2023 7pm-9pm

October 20th 2023 2pm-4pm



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CARRIE.KAUNDA@URC.ORG.UK



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**The
Faraday
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for Science and Religion

SEMINAR

**Rupert Shortt – Science, Spirituality
and the Problem of Evil**

February 7, 2023 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



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**Dr Rope Kojonen – Evolution by
Design? Re-Evaluating the Darwin-
Gray Exchange on the Compatibility of
Purpose and Evolution**

February 21, 2023 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



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**Prof. Lydia Jaeger – Why Theology
Needs Science – and Why Science
Needs Theology**

March 7, 2023 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/events/seminars/>

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue
of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent to
Andy by **17 February**.

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

JUST A REMINDER...

SYNOD TOGETHER is taking
place on **March 11th**.



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Small Church Network

3rd Gathering

An opportunity for all those involved in leadership and members of small churches

We will be looking at material from **‘Talking Jesus’** and their report on the state of the Church in the UK

On: Saturday 25th March 2023

Venue: St John’s Marsh Green, near Edenbridge TN8 5QR

Time: 10.30 – 2.00 pm

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

Church in Twickenham URC

We hear of ‘long covid’ and I suspect that churches experience something similar. Members of Twickenham URC were back at Sunday services straight away, but we lacked the personnel to restart the weekday community activities. Three of us have enjoyed being involved with the LICC learning hubs. However, the pressures of illness and work amongst church members, plus the fact that different people lead worship week by week, have made it hard to introduce the vision of ‘whole life discipleship’ in any consistent way. Of course many recognise their faith as holistic already. Recently we have been approached by a local charity which hopes to offer lunches, companionship and help with life skills, using Twickenham church hall. We have been going through a frustrating time as we struggled to offer practical service, but we hope that this relationship will be a ‘new thing’ which God calls us to this year.

Rev. Stephen Lewis