# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION SVISION

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### **Small Church Network**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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





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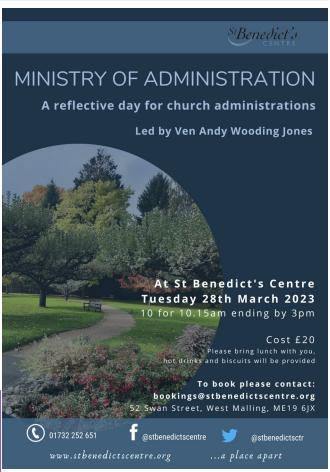
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#### SYNOD TOGETHER

This Saturday; March 11th, at Brighthelm

Let's come expectant of meeting the Lord as we gather together as His people.







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#### 'No. 84' New Monastic Community

Is New Monasticism catching your attention? Does being part of a small innovative residential missional community appeal?

Does taking time out to think and pray through new possibilities, or taking a gap year feel timely?

Are you excited by new ways of being and doing Church?

From Summer 2023, for those aged 18 and over, Redcar has a rare opportunity in the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church to become part of a household of three living within a simple Rule of praying, eating, studying and serving together while accompanying Redcar United Reformed Church & Redcar Baptist Church in missional presence in Redcar.

If needed, a modest maintenance allowance is available. You are invited to register your interest by Friday March 31st 2023.

Information Packs available from Lisa McAvoy, Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church, 4 College Lane,

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8JJ. Tel 0191 232 1168 lisa.mcavoy@urc-northernsynod.org

For an informal chat contact Sue Walker on 0787 335 4171 Biblesusan@aol.com



### South London Synod Area



30
minutes
of
prayer
time

Starting on the 13th of April you are invited to join with others in the South London Synod Area each Thursday for 30 minutes of prayer at 5.00pm

Zoom ID: 896 3882 1888

Passcode: URC5 Everyone is welcome.



#### "I AM MARK"

Christchurch URC, Sevenoaks are delighted to announce that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June they will be hosting a performance of 'I Am Mark', a daring new staging of Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart.

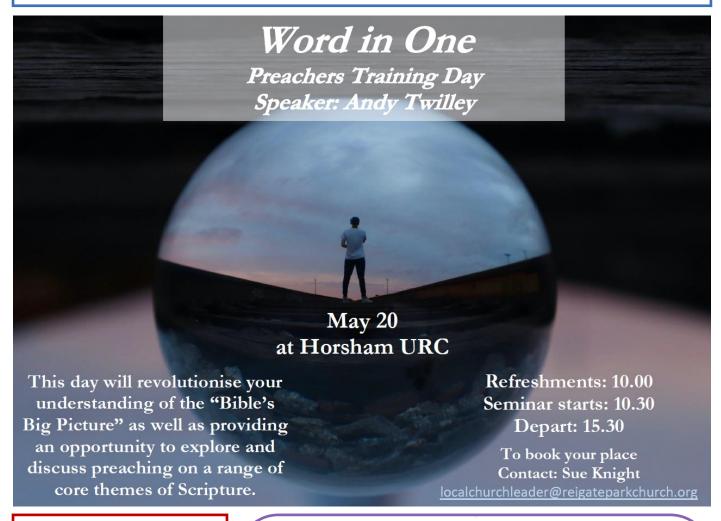
Tickets and more info available soon.



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

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



Would you be interested in being part of a Stepwise group: "Faith Filled Life"?

If so, please contact Andy Twilley:

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#### **Brand new resource**



From 1 March 2023

Faith Adventures for Children Together
The new weekly Bible-based resource
for children's groups from the URC
Download your free copy now at
www.bit.ly/urc-fact

Online walk-through and introduction to the resource with members of the writing team:

- 11 March 10.00am
- 14 March 7.30pm

Register for a free space on Eventbrite www.bit.ly/fact-info



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#### SPRING INTO STEPWISE

**Facilitator Training Sessions** 

We are offering two opportunities to come and learn more about Stepwise and be enthused and equipped to facilitate Stepwise in your church, <u>community</u> or wider context.

An online session will take place on Tuesday 21 March from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

This will be repeated with an in-person session at Church House, London on Wednesday 19 April, 11.00am - 3.00pm with lunch provided.

If you are interested in finding out what Stepwise has to offer, what's involved in facilitating Stepwise and how you might go about setting up a group as a facilitator, then please come along to either session. It would be great to see you!

For further details and to register for either session please contact David Salsbury david.salsbury@urc.org.uk or Marion Brown marion.brown@urc.org.uk



#### LAY PREACHER TRAINING

There is a possibility that an additional lay preaching course might be run starting later this year, designed for folk who could only attend an evening group. If this might be of interest please contact Andy Twilley ASAP.

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## Church in



## focus 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.

Revd. Stephen Lewis



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