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**30
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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.

SAVE THE DATE

"I AM MARK"

Christchurch URC, Sevenoaks are delighted to announce that on Friday 9th 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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done the course.

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Activism in Ministry

This interactive workshop with Alex Clare-Young discusses activism as a poorly understood facet of pioneering ministries.

25th March 2023
2pm

One of the least understood forms of pioneer ministry sits at the end of the pioneering spectrum, and is ministry as activism. This interactive workshop will begin with a brief overview of the different forms that pioneer ministries might take, followed by an in-depth conversation about how activism can be a part of the ministry of all believers, lay and ordained, pioneer and church-based, whatever our ages or identities, as we live out the mission of Christ in each of our contexts. This workshop will be facilitated by Alex Clare-Young, who is a minister and activist working in a pioneering role in Cambridge City Centre.

For tickets - www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/activism-in-ministry-an-interactive-workshop-on-zoom-tickets-541260774547



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Interested in attending the
sacraments course?



May 4th : 10.00 – 12.30

May 31st: 14.00 – 16.30

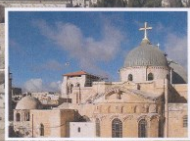
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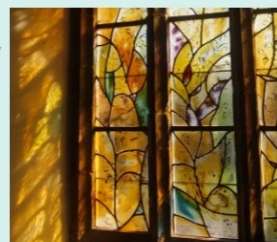


2023

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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

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To book contact Liz Wood:

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Word in One *Preachers Training Day* *Speaker: Andy Twilley*

**May 20
at Horsham URC**

This day will revolutionise your understanding of the "Bible's Big Picture" as well as providing an opportunity to explore and discuss preaching on a range of core themes of Scripture.

Refreshments: 10.00
Seminar starts: 10.30
Depart: 15.30

To book your place
Contact: Sue Knight

localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org

POSTPONED

Small Church Network
3rd Gathering

Stepwise

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

If so, please contact Andy Twilley:

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The graphic features a large green leafy branch with several circular portraits of diverse grandparents. The text 'Glorious grandparenting' is written in a large, stylized font at the bottom. To the right, there is a section titled 'Calling all grandparents' with details about free gatherings.

Calling all grandparents

Join our free in-person or online gatherings

- 10 June in Reading
- 17 June in Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- 15 and 19 June online

www.bit.ly/glorious-grandparenting for more details

Glorious grandparenting

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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PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to [Andy](#) by **31 March**.

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

Church in focus

Burgess Hill URC

Burgess Hill URC is one of the group of churches participating in the current LICC Learning Hub. Paul is an elder of the church: here is his reflection on the journey.

The LICC Learning Hub is challenging, stimulating and frustrating, all at the same time! When a congregation is energetic and enthusiastic, I have no doubt the rewards are to be found quite quickly, because the appetite to be involved and to participate is already present. When a congregation is more inclined to interpret their “Waiting for God” along the lines of a former sitcom pending push-ups with daisies, the challenges are slower to become a reality for more than a handful of people. Nevertheless, the principal motivation to encourage whole-life discipleship in disciples of any age –shall we say between 16 and 106 – is an essential requirement of discipleship for us all! The course has helped many find their feet in following the footsteps of Christ in every and any encounter with minds that do and do not enquire after Jesus. The burden remains for us to be a regular part of the everyday life, thereby demonstrating the love of God for them as well as being ready to tell of his love at any stage of the person’s life experience.

Development of frontlines away from the four walls of the sanctuary and expressing the worshipful life in every quarter is the delight and the challenge to face us all. Happy hunting!

Paul Woods