

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

“They all joined together constantly in prayer.” *Acts 1: 14*

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

The Bible is an amazing book filled with wonderful truths to build our lives on. Yet many people struggle to understand how it all fits together. The seminars on May 20th are designed to transform your view of the “big picture”. As the day unfolds we will see how:

- ◆ there is a cohesive message from Genesis to Revelation, creation to the new heaven & new earth
- ◆ the Bible books relate to the Bible characters
- ◆ it all fits on an historic timeline
- ◆ the messianic line flows from Genesis 3 to the birth of Jesus

What’s more, we will be affirmed and encouraged as we explore some of its core truths and reminded of how its transformational message brings us hope and a genuine sense of peace and belonging.

ALL ARE WELCOME... contact Andy for more details or Sue Knight to book your place.

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Online Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



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Southern Synod - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Visit the MHFA England website at mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

Fully Funded Spaces
Available

Register at:
www.bit.ly/may-mhfa
May 2023 - Evening Course

18:30-21:30

4 online sessions

Tues 16, Thurs 18

Tues 23, Thurs 25



Talking about...Eco Church

How do we encourage children and young people to have a role in ensuring our churches are more eco-friendly?

Thursday, 27th April 2023
7-8pm



Book your free place at
www.bit.ly/URCTalkingAbout



Inclusive practice: pastorally supporting LGBTQ+ young people

Free online training session led by Frontier Youth Trust

Weds 26 April 2023 7:00pm -8:30pm

Discussion topics will include:

- Creating LGBTQ+ inclusive environments
- Inclusive language and use of pronouns
- Pastorally supporting LGBTQ+ young people

Register at
www.bit.ly/inclusive-practice2023



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Westminster College and the Cheshunt Foundation
invite you to
the Easter 2023 Cheshunt Lecture

‘Flesh and blood theologies’



Dr Karen O'Donnell

Westcott House, Cambridge

Thursday, 4th May
14.15-15.30 BST
Healey Room
Westminster College
and online

A lecture and discussion on the topic of Dr O'Donnell's latest book, *The dark womb: Re-conceiving theology through reproductive loss* (SCM Press, 2022), taking embodied experience seriously in theological discourse, and their implications for Christian ministry. A reception will follow for those attending in person.

Please visit cheshunt.eventbrite.co.uk or scan the QR code to register for the reception or receive the streaming link.



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is calling you



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Message



Decline



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Lay Preaching Course 2024

Will you answer the call?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the
sacraments course?



May 4th: 10.00 – 12.30

May 31st: 14.00 – 16.30

Crawley URC

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

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PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “*Mission & Vision*” need to be sent to **Andy** by **28 April**.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website

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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

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Church in **focus** Brockley and New Cross CRCW Project

As a Church Related Community Worker (CRCW), or Community Minister, I am working with two churches, St. Andrew's, Brockley, and St. Michael's United Church, New Cross.

The Ministry, through Community Development principles, is to build partnerships, build sustainability, and respond to the huge issues that affect our communities... to enable the Church to be relevant to its community. Currently, by far the biggest challenge facing our communities is poverty, and the cost-of-living crisis.

The first year has been about getting to know people, building bridges, forging those partnerships in community, and building trust. Partnerships are being built with the credit union, foodbank, debt advice services and refugee services. As part of this, I would like to highlight the Monthly Christian Prayer Vigil at the Home Office (third Monday of the month from 12.30pm – 1.30pm), where an ecumenical group hold a service to remember those who were victims of global migration (222 who died in March 2022 were remembered). A very poignant and dignified response to current Government rhetoric and policy.

Your prayers, please, as we continue to explore with St. Michael's United Church (Local Ecumenical Project with the Anglicans), their vision for mission with the congregation, the building and community engagement.

Simon Loveitt