

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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God

is calling you

Local Worship Leader Course 2024
Will you answer the call?



Remind Me



Message



Decline



Accept

The course will run on Wednesday evenings from 6.30—9.00pm at Crawley URC.

REGISTER NOW



Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Intro to:

Vocation and call



The
United
Reformed
Church
Training

You're invited!

Thursday 30 November
19:30-20:45
Zoom

Go to www.bit.ly/47AR0rw or search
URC Training on Eventbrite and
click on the 'Conversation Starter -
Vocation and Call' icon.



Vocation and Call



INDUCTION of Cristina Cipriani as minister of Crawley URC. Cristiana will also be Synod Ecumenical Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to **Andy** by **1 December**.

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



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SACRAMENTS COURSE

December 12th & January 9th
10.30 – 13.00

Christ Church URC, Petts Wood

Interested? Then contact Andy Twilley:
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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:



Children's & Youth Development Officers
Mersey Synod - Steven Mitchell cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Southern Synod - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

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

December 2023
Evenings 18:30-21:30

4 online sessions

Mon 4, Weds 6

Mon 11, Weds 13

Register at:
www.bit.ly/mhfa-dec23



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*The Story of God,
the Story of Us.*

Youth Leaders Gathering
Whitemoor Lakes, Lichfield. 26-28 January 2024

The URC Youth Leaders Gathering is an opportunity for all involved in working with young people to meet with others, share ideas, learn together and be refreshed in their work with young people.

We live in a world shaped by stories - whether it be the 24/7 news or the worlds created by Hollywood studios - stories are everywhere.

But how do we know live and share the story of God in today's world?

And how do we allow that story to shape our own personal stories and impact the lives of young people today.

Together we will explore this theme.

WHO IS IT FOR?
all who work with young people aged 11-25 that are in any way connected with the URC (volunteers and employed) in uninformed organisations, Pilots, youth groups or any other setting.

WHAT TO EXPECT
Meet others, share ideas, space to think, see resources, space for worship and prayer, Input from experienced practitioners, inspiration and encouragement.

Cost £124 funding available—speak to your Synod CYDO
Book your place at <https://linktr.ee/urcyouthleadersgathering>

IGNITE
Prayer and the Holy Spirit
Growing in prayer with the help of the Holy Spirit

Do you ever long to develop in your life of prayer? Would you like to discover how the Holy Spirit can make a difference and take you deeper into that great adventure of prayer?
Why settle for less when Jesus promises more?

Through testimony, teaching and practice, this Ignite explores some of the basic ingredients of prayer and looks at:

- ♦ What it means to ask in the name of Jesus
- ♦ How vision and prayer shape the future
- ♦ Intercession that is led by the Holy Spirit

Join us for this faith-inspiring event and discover how much more God can do in you, for you, and through you.

Saturday 27th January 2024
9:30 am - 5 pm

"The teaching, prayer, worship and practical application has transformed my personal spiritual walk."

- » Light refreshments will be provided
- » Please bring a packed lunch
- » Parking is limited

St Andrew's URC
Watling Street
Canterbury. CT1 2UA

Find out more and book your free place:
dunamis.org.uk/ignite-events

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

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Church in  focus

PREPARING FOR MINISTRY

"What is the meaning of life?" this question continues to roam the minds of many people as it has done for many centuries and it seems to me that for the most part, people are caught up in an endless cycle of materialism and a constant urge to satisfy a natural hollowness in the human being. I think this way because I was in this category before my mind was illuminated by God to the reality that I exist to function as a tiny fragile part of a whole, the human race. Since I began my training as a United Reformed Church (URC) Ordinand in Northern College, just over two years ago, my ability to live out my calling of service to humanity through the URC has been shaped, enriched, and broadened in many ways and with fresh insights. There is no better thing to do in life now than this, also, the immeasurable support I am getting from my family, church, and college to live out my purpose and meaning is highly treasured."

Maurice Omorojie