

Theme:

Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

Discerning God's plan for Southern Synod.

Guest Speaker – The Revd Kevin Watson, Moderator of the General Assembly
of the United Reformed Church 2016-2018

AGENDA

1. (9:30 am-10:15 am) Arrival and Registration in the Cornwall Room.
 - *Coffee/Tea & biscuits will be served in the Main Hall.*
 - *The Synod Together Meeting will be in the Sanctuary.*
 - *The Youth Event will be in the Hall behind the kitchen.*
2. (10:25 am) Health & Safety Notices *(The Revd Andrew Sellwood)*
3. (10:30 am) Constitution of Synod Together *(The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith, Synod Moderator)*
4. Opening Worship and Bible Study *(The Revd Kevin Watson, Moderator of General Assembly 2016-2018)*
5. Synod Roll & Apologies for absence *(Synod Clerk)*
6. Pastoralia *(Synod Clerk)*
7. Reception of Jubilee Ministers *(Synod Moderator & Synod Clerk)*
8. Appointments of Tellers *(Synod Clerk)*
9. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2017 at East Croydon URC. *(Synod Clerk)*
 - 9.1 Matters Arising (*not covered elsewhere on the Agenda*).
 - 9.1.1 Disinvestment from fossil fuels
 - 9.1.2 Revised LMMR policy
 - 9.1.3 Resolution 4 Pastoral care of Ministers and Local Church Leaders in Southern Synod.
Item 12.2 - Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.
10. Synod Moderator Review [**PAPERS A1 & A2**] *(Synod Clerk & Mr Nigel Macdonald)*
Future arrangements and staffing for Ecumenical support within the Synod.
11. 'Walking the Way' *(Synod Moderator & The Revd Andy Twilley, Training & Development Officer)*
12. Synod Council Report [**PAPER B**] *(The Synod Moderator, Convenor)*
13. Synod Trust Matters: Local church trusteeship *(Synod Moderator)*
14. Synod Ministries Committee Report [**PAPER C**] *(The Revd Bridget Banks, Convenor)*
 - 14.1 Training for Synod recognized Lay Preachers *(The Revd Andy Twilley, Training & Development Officer)*
15. Synod Finance Matters [**PAPERS D1 & D2**] *(Mr John Denison, Synod Treasurer)*

16. Synod Children and Youth Work Committee Matters [**PAPER E**] (Mr Graham Purdye, Convenor)
 16.1 'Walking the Way' with Synod Children and Youth. (Synod Youth Executive)
17. Welcome to Goring United Reformed Church & directions for lunch (Mrs Valerie Cooper, Church Sec.)
18. Break for lunch (**1 pm - 1:50 pm**) – Soup and tea/coffee to be served in the Main Hall
 - Grace to be said by *the Revd Andrew Sellwood*.
 - There will be stalls in the Lounge for Tradecraft/Fairtrade goods *and selling of:*
- **URC 2018 diaries - pocket size £7.00 and A5 £9.99 (Both are soft back).**
 - **URC Prayer Handbook 2018 – On eagles' wings at £6.50.**
 - **Mug with image of Constance Coltman - £5.00.**
 - **Bag with image of Constance Coltman - £4.00.**

(2:00 pm) AFTERNOON SESSION

19. Introduction of new Ministers, Candidates & Students and Thanks & Farewells.
 (Synod Clerk & Synod/United Area Leaders, Committee Convenors)
20. Presentation by our synod's ministerial students.
21. 'Walking the Way' - Presentation by Mr Martin Hayward (Synod Mission Development Officer)
22. Address on 'Walking the Way – Living the life of Jesus: Discerning God's plan for Southern Synod.
 (The Revd Kevin Watson, Moderator of General Assembly 2016-2018)
23. Synod Clerk's items
24. Thank You (Synod Clerk)
25. Closing Worship (Synod Moderator)
26. Closing of Synod Together Meeting (Synod Moderator)
27. Departure - (Tea & cakes will be served in the Main Hall)

2018 Synod Together Meetings

1. **Spring Meeting - Saturday 10 March 2018** (10:30 am – 4:30 pm)
 At East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP.
2. **Autumn Meeting - Saturday 13 October 2018** (10:30 am – 4:30 pm) - TBA