

Theme: Caring for People and Planet

Guest Speaker – Mr Ben Niblett, Senior Associate, Campaigns, Tearfund

AGENDA

1. (9:30am-10:15am) **Arrival and Registration** (In the Lounge)
 - **Coffee/Tea & biscuits will be served in the Kingsbury Hall.**
 - **The Synod Together Meeting will be in the Sanctuary.**
 - **The Youth Event will be in .**
2. (10:25 am) Health & Safety Notices (The Revd Pauline Sparks)
3. (10:30 am) Constitution of Synod Together (The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith, Synod Moderator)
4. Opening Worship (Synod Moderator)
(Will include the induction of The Revd Andy Twilley, Synod Training and Development Officer (TDO))
5. Child Friendly Church Award to Caterham URC (Children's & Youth Development Officer & Moderator)
6. Farewell to Mrs Cathy Glazier, CYDO (Synod Clerk & Moderator)
7. Synod Roll & Apologies for absence (Synod Clerk)
8. Pastoralia (Synod Clerk)
9. Welcome of Ecumenical Guests (Synod Clerk & Moderator)
10. Reception of Jubilee Ministers (Synod Moderator & Synod Clerk)
11. Appointments of Tellers (Synod Clerk)
12. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2016 at East Croydon URC. (Synod Clerk)
 - 12.1 Matters Arising (*not covered elsewhere on the Agenda*).
 - 12.1.1 East Kent Synod Area resolution (Minute 9.1)
 - 12.1.2 South West Sussex United Area (SWSUA) (Minute 20.4)
13. Synod Council Report [**PAPER A**] (The Synod Moderator, Convenor)
14. Synod Ministries Committee Matters [**PAPER B**] (The Revd Jennifer Millington, Convenor)
15. Synod Finance Matters [**PAPERS C1 & C2**] (Mr Ian Fleming, Synod Treasurer)
16. Synod Children and Youth Work Committee Matters [**PAPERS D & D1**] (Mr Graham Purdye, Convenor)
17. Synod Clerk's items to include
 - 17.1 Synod Moderator Review [**PAPER E**]
 - 17.2 General Assembly 2016 Resolution 7 – Marriage of same-sex couples [**PAPER F**]
 - 17.3 General Assembly 2016 Resolution 31 – Environmental Policy [**PAPER G**]
 - 17.4 General Assembly 2016 Resolution 26 – Churches' Mutual Credit Union [**PAPER H**]
 - 17.5 General Assembly 2016 Resolutions 3 & 42 referred to Synods [**PAPER I**]
 - 17.6 Disinvestment – Resolution from Brighthelm Church [**PAPER J**]
 - 17.7 Nominations [**PAPER K**] (*to be tabled*)
 - 17.8 Church Closure – Hartley URC [**PAPER L**]
18. Welcome to Christ Church (URC), Petts Wood & directions for lunch (Mrs Kat Copley, Asst. Church Sec.)
19. Break for lunch (**1 pm - 1:50 pm**) – Soup and tea/coffee to be served in the Kingsbury Hall
 - Grace to be said by *the Revd Pauline Sparks*
 - There will be stalls in the Lounge for Tradecraft/Fairtrade goods *and selling of URC 2017 diaries at £7.00 each and the URC 2017 prayer handbook - Feasts and festivals at £6.50 each.*

(2:00 pm) **AFTERNOON SESSION**

20. Introduction of new Ministers, Candidates & Students and Thanks & Farewells.
(Synod/United Area Leaders, Committee Convenors & Synod Clerk)
 21. Theme Presentation: **Caring for People and Planet** (*Mr Ben Niblett, Senior Associate, Campaigns, Tearfund*)
 22. Presentation: **Eco Church – What does that mean to you?** (*Revd Pauline Sparks, Minister at Petts Wood*)
 23. Thank You *(Synod Clerk)*
 24. Closing Worship *(The Revd Andy Twilley [Training and Development Officer])*
 25. Closing of Synod Together Meeting *(Synod Moderator)*
 26. Departure - (Tea & cakes will be served in the Kingsbury Hall)
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2017 Synod Together Meetings

1. **Spring Meeting - Saturday 11 March 2017** (10:30 am – 4:30 pm)
At East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP.
 2. **Autumn Meeting - Saturday 14 October 2017** (10:30 am – 4:30 pm)
At Goring United Reformed Church, Barrington Road, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 4AE.
Opposite the Leisure Centre in Shaftesbury Avenue.
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