

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Isaiah 9:6

SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

Led by Andy Twilley

Jan 9th/April 19th, Tunbridge Wells URC, 2pm

Whilst there is no church car park we are well served by the town car parks and public transport

[Click here for more information](#)

Contact Rev Helen Warmington:

revhelenurc@aol.co.uk Tel 01892 671141

SCIENCE AND FAITH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

A professional workshop aimed at church leaders, lay or ordained, and those in training. Run by The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

10-11 January 2018

[Click here for more information](#)

THE BRIEFING 2018

A one stop gathering for church leaders to hear what's happening across the Capital in 2018 in terms of mission and evangelism.

An opportunity to connect with other leaders, to pray for the Capital and to kick off the New Year with a sense of expectancy!

January 11, Waterloo

[For more details, click here](#)

PRAY THE WAY

An evening of worship and prayer for the United Reformed Church focussing especially on Walking the Way.

January 13th, Reigate Park Church, 19:00-20:30

[Click for more details.](#)

URC YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2018

A weekend to focus on Jesus, to share community with other young people, and to explore what it means to be a church together.

19 to 21 January 2018,

Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas, Staffordshire

Age: Year 10/S3 to 25 years (inclusive)

Funded places available for young people attending from Southern Synod.

Contact [Tom Hackett](#) for more info.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Basic training course for all individuals working with children, young people and adults at risk on behalf of the United Reformed Church.

January 14, Trinity URC, Wimbledon, 17:00-20:30

To book please email [Lauren](#)



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FUTURE TRAINING FOR YOUR CHURCH

“WELCOME”

Led by Revd Andy Twilley Training Officer for Southern Synod.

January 19, Cobham URC

[Click here for more information](#)

CALLED TO PREACH

Is God calling you or a member of your church to become a Synod Recognised Lay Preacher? There is a brand new training course which will commence in January.

Session 1 is taking place on **January 23rd**, from **1.30 to 4pm**, at **Horsham URC**.

Contact [Andy Twilley](#) to book your place.

MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

A seminar, delivered by Livability, looking at some general information about mental health, provide an opportunity for the participants to reflect on what mental health issues we encounter, both within church and beyond and also take part in a discussion about practical ways forward for Churches.

January 27th, Christ Church, Petts Wood, 10:00-14:00

We are asking for a donation of around £10 towards this workshop. Lunch included. Please email kat@copley.online if you intend to attend.

TRINITY EPIPHANY LECTURE

"The Gospel Stories of Jesus' Birth" by the Very Revd Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans

The talk and discussion will address the questions: Why is it that only Matthew and Luke supply any information about Jesus' birth, while Mark and John pass over it in silence? Why are Matthew's and Luke's stories so different? Where have these stories come from? How important is the virginal conception of Jesus? Are we dealing with history, myth, or something in between?

January 30, Trinity Church, Sutton

[Click here for more information](#)

M.A.D. DAY 2018

A day for anyone within your church who wants to "Make a Difference".
Join us to be encouraged, equipped and inspired.

February 3rd 2018, St Andrew's, Canterbury

[For more details, click here.](#)

FUTURE TRAINING FOR YOUR CHURCH

“PASTORAL CARE”

Led by Revd Andy Twilley Training Officer for Southern Synod.

February 16, Cobham URC

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For ministers, lay preachers and worship leaders

“DESIGNING WORSHIP TO FACILITATE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD”

Organised by the Redhill & East Grinstead
Methodist Circuit

March 3rd, 10.00 – 16.00

Everyone welcome.

[Click here for more information](#)

WALKING THE WAY: Living the life of Jesus today

The first set of resources produced by Southern Synod for Churches to use in 2018 are now available to download from the website. These include:

- Family talk
- Sermon outline
- Study material
- Powerpoints

[Access them by clicking here](#)

Please note: A copy of this news sheet can be found and downloaded from the news section of the Synod website:

www.southernsynodurc.org.uk

Please note: All items for the next issue of “Mission and Vision” need to be sent to [Lauren Kane](#) by 29th December.

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EXPLORING METHODISM

A morning of seminars and discussion.
All are welcome.

February 22, 10.30 – 12.30, Ashford

[Find out more and book your place](#)

DEMENTIA AWARENESS EVENT

Seminars include;

Becoming a Dementia Friend

Dementia and the local Church

Presenters: Rev. and Mrs. Andy Twilley

March 28, Christchurch URC, Tonbridge,

10.00 – 12.30

[Click here for more information](#)

A CONFERENCE FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

Come and learn more about the Power that Heals Broken Relationships. Led by Dr Gwen Rose and Revd Dr Peter Stevenson.

May 18th, Crossway Christian Centre, 9:30-16:00

To book a place contact:

florencegrose@gmail.com

or visit: www.spiritualityandhealing.org



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Church in  focus

PURLEY URC

Our mission (which is part of God's mission) is to live the love of God - through:

worship – we offer a variety of worship opportunities on Sundays and regularly during the week;

the service and care we give to God's people and God's world – we have a strong commitment to pastoral care alongside supporting for example, Traidcraft, Christian Aid and Commitment to life;

by our commitment to be inclusive – after lengthy and prayerful discussion, we are seeking registration to conduct same-sex marriages;

to work for peace and reconciliation - evident through our unique 5 way International Partnership (next summer we will be hosting a gathering of young people from Germany, the Czech Republic and the US);

by being faithful Christians and by responding to the community around us – our building is used by community groups, many of whom are dealing with vulnerability and addiction.

Revd Russell Furley-Smith