

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

New Resources Available: [November](#)

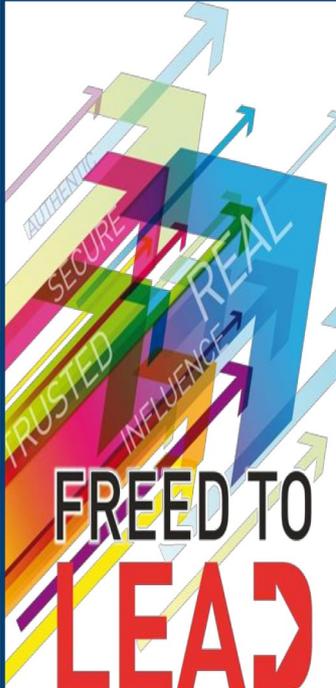
*St Andrew's Cheam*  
presents an  
**Introduction to  
Understanding and  
Interpreting the Bible**

*THE BIBLE: Sixty six books, varied styles of writing, many authors from very diverse cultures, can leave us struggling to fully understand its true message and meaning.  
This event will help you appreciate a little more of how to appropriately read and understand the Bible.*

December 4  
10.00 – 14.30

To register, contact: Andy Twilley  
[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)  
07552 751600

Drinks provided.  
Bring your own lunch.  
Everyone is welcome



**Be The Leader  
God Created  
You To Be**  
The Hayes Conference  
Centre, Swanwick

This retreat will help you understand identity-based leadership while learning to overcome common barriers to effective leadership.

**DATES**  
5 November 2018 to  
7 November

For full details or to register  
[CLICK HERE](#)

### MAD DAY

MAD training day in the autumn, St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks.

**November 17th, 10.00 – 14.30**

[Click here for more details and booking form](#)

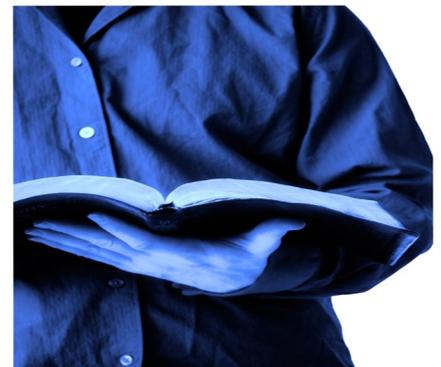
### CALLED TO PREACH?

The 2018 Lay Preachers training course has just ended and what exciting and inspiring journey it has been. The next course will start January 2019.

Do you know anyone who might be interested?

Please contact me to find out more:

[Andy Twilley](#)



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**TRAINING SEMINAR**

November 6  
St. Martins URC, Saltdean

Refreshments from 10.00 ready  
for prompt start at 10.30

Welcome to PowerPoint

Basics for creating presentations, plus lots more including; animations, audio, video, transitions and scrolling.  
To find out more, contact: [Andy Twilley](mailto:Andy.Twilley@urcsouthern.org.uk)  
[Training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:Training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

## IMAGINE...

*Effective leadership at every level of your church.*

*Leaders growing in Christ-like character.*

*Leaders confident about God's call on their lives.*

*Leaders equipped to lead.*

**LEADERSHIP** is a proven factor in growing healthy churches, yet so many churches struggle to find leaders, and many in leadership feel ill equipped in a changing church and world.

STARTING January, this course will help develop leaders passionate for God's work.

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more: [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



## NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

It is good to inform each other about upcoming events, and also to encourage one another regarding what God has done. In the next issue of the Newsletter, this box could include something about **YOUR** Church. Just 25 words and if possible a link to your church web site where folk can find out more. Send the details to [JENNY](mailto:JENNY)

## LAY PREACHERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Alison Gray will show us what the Old and New Testament has to say about Wealth and Poverty, Relating it to contemporary concerns and situations to inform our preaching.

**10th November, Bromley URC, 10:00—15:30**

Click here for more information or contact Jenny

Canon Andrew White (Vicar of Baghdad) is speaking at Charlton URC on Thursday November 29th starting at 7.30pm. CLICK [HERE](#)

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## HOLY HABITS

Andrew Roberts, the author of the book, will be speaking at CRE in October, and BRF are offering free tickets to attend. [CLICK for more details.](#)

Michael Harvey is coming to Charlton URC on Saturday October 20th from 10am to 1pm.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Please note:** All items for the next issue of "Mission and Vision" need to be sent to [Jenny Persaud-Haughton](#) by 19 October 2018

Paul Kerensa, a Christian comedian  
Performing at Heronsgate school,  
Thamesmead

On Saturday October 27th, starting at 7.30pm, the cost is £5

[CLICK 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](http://www.southernsynodurc.org.uk)

## Church in focus

Maidstone & Staplehurst

I have been minister at Maidstone since 2013 and Staplehurst In 2017. The relationship between both churches is positive and affirming we are sharing worship, social events and training. When possible we look to support one another practically and in prayer.

Staplehurst are looking forward to the 2018/9 series of Messy Church and Tuesday Morning 'Noah's. In the autumn they will be looking at Material from LICC 'Life on the Front-line'. Maidstone used the same material at Lent. We pray for the families in both Church fellowships and the demand and balancing of: 'Family, Work, Church'.

Anybody deciding to attend worship at Maidstone faces a many obstacles the challenge with parking and access with a 3.1 million scheme to replace the paving in Week Street. Our focus is on a building that needs lots of TLC and the Congregation needs to caring for spiritually and pastorally. Andrew Royal