

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Matthew 5: 14 & 16.

Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

New Resources Available: [February](#)
[March](#)

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

[Click here for more information](#)

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



A great resource for visitors at Easter.

[Find out more](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Kent Workplace Mission, which is sponsored by Southern Synod, invites all those involved in any form of chaplaincy to their 2018 conference.

Theme: Mental Health

February 8th, Canterbury, 9:30—16:00

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

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](#)



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STUDY DAY FOR PREACHERS

Mark's Gospel

March 3, Redhill Methodist Church

9.45 for 10am start

[Click here to find out more](#)

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](#)

CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND

hosted by Reigate Park United Reformed Church

Humility and Holiness

Walking with Jesus in the Spirit of the Beatitudes

18 – 20 May 2018, Selsdon Park Hotel,

South Croydon

Led by Revd Neil Thorogood,

Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge

For details contact: John Knight 01293 774698

Boost Conference 2018

IDENTITY AND BELONGING IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

A day for children's and youth workers, volunteers and church leaders to explore together how we can welcome and allow children and young people to truly belong in our ministries while they are wrestling with some of the most challenging areas of their identity.

6th March 2018, Emmanuel Centre, Westminster

9:15 – 4:15pm

[Click for more info and tickets](#)

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

INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

This workshop is aimed at leaders of Churches, plus leaders in the Corporate, Public Sector, Third Sector and small business. Cost £300.

21st-25th May

[Click here for more information](#)

Run by Keswick ministries.

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CROSSFIRE YOUTH CAMP 2018

An exciting event for young people in the URC aged 12+ to explore more about faith in Jesus Christ through small groups, teaching, worship and a whole range of fun activities.

Friday 25th - Monday 28th May 2018

Stathern Lodge, Leicestershire, LE14 4EX

Cost: £30 per person when booked before 30th March (£40 thereafter), tent hire from £5.

Find out more: www.crossfirecamp.org.uk

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GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The new General Data Protection Regulations which will come into force in May 2018. Church House will be publishing advice and materials specifically designed for churches at the end of January 2018.

In the meantime they have provided a list of links to a number of excellent resources available online.

The advice and links from Church House can be found [here on the Synod Website](#).

Please note: All items for the next issue of "Mission and Vision" need to be sent to [Lauren Kane](#) by 9th February.

Church in focus

EMMANUEL EASTBOURNE

Well my retirement is looming large, what can I do to ensure a quiet few months as I coast towards the finish line? I know, let's bring four congregations from two different denominations together into one new congregation. Sell off three buildings and knock down and rebuild on the site of the fourth. That shouldn't cause any extra work should it? That is what is happening to St Andrew's Eastbourne and Upperton Eastbourne, and Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches. As of the 7th of January they don't exist but are part of Emmanuel LEP Eastbourne. The next few months will, I am sure, be full of unforeseen as well as expected hiccups but right now we are rejoicing that after years of planning, praying and false starts Emmanuel is happening. The new build won't be finished in my time as minister but the congregation will have an opportunity to bond and grow together before the new build happens. Me, I will get to be like Moses standing on the borders of the promised land, knowing where the people of God are going and glad to have been part of the journey that has brought them to this point, even though I won't enter the promised land with them. I will continue to pray for them daily in retirement, I hope that retired or active you will pray for Emmanuel Eastbourne as well.

Revd David Yule