

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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**Psalm 20:4**

## Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

**New Resources Available: [August](#)**



### PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Two sessions:

July 21 and August 18

10.30 – 12.30

Held at Wallington URC

Delegates need to be recommended by their Church.

To express interest in attending, please contact Andy Twilley: [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

### RETREATS FELLOWSHIP QUIET DAY

The Southern Synod Retreats Fellowship is open to all who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

**August 21st 2018**

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

### FREE/CHEAP CHURCH ITEMS

More items have been added to the Church Market place: Mission Praise books, multi-print copiers and plates.

[Free/cheap to good homes.](#)

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## 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 Sheehan: [Jenny.Sheehan11@gmail.com](mailto:Jenny.Sheehan11@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE MISSION PRAISE

Sompting URC are selling copies of Mission Praise Combined. 74 standard copies and 15 large print. The books are in good condition and are being sold for £2 each.

Please contact Brian and Shelia Dyer if you are interested: 01903753335 or 07792831467

## CALLED TO SERVE

An invitation from Wessex Synod for anyone interested in exploring how God is wanting them to serve.

**29th September, Fleet URC**

To find out more: [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](#)

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Final opportunity to get onboard for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Revd David & Mrs Lorna Bedford. Together they have led numerous pilgrimages over the years and this is their last one before retirement.

**14th to 24th February 2019**

We will be going with [McCabe Pilgrimages](#) who are hugely experienced in this specialist area and costs £1845pp. Deadline end of July.

Contact David Bedford for more information: [davidandlorna2012@btinternet.com](mailto:davidandlorna2012@btinternet.com)



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## **CWM Europe Regional Youth Programme**

### **"Beyond myself in exploring migration..."**

Date: 27 July – 4 August 2018

Spaces still available. Please apply ASAP.

### **"Beyond myself in exploring mental health..."**

Dates: 12 to 14 October 2018 and 11 to 13 January 2019

Applications now open. Apply by 16 July 2018.

Open to young people aged 18-25.

**Please note:** All items for the next issue of "Mission and Vision" need to be sent to [Jenny Persaud-Haughton](mailto:Jenny.Persaud-Haughton@urcsouthern.org.uk) by 10 August 2018

## **OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY**

Revd Bill Bowman and his wife Marion are leading party to see the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau in the summer of 2020, organised through McCabe's Pilgrimages. They warmly invite any members and friends from churches in Southern Synod to join them.

**31st July -7th August 2020**

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

## **Church in focus**

### **Emmanuel URC, Bexley URC and Geddes Place URC**

As minister of three congregations, here is a little about each.

Emmanuel, Sidcup: an LEP with the Methodist Church formed in 1976, meeting in the former Methodist building. I've only been minister since June so am still finding my way around and settling in. It is a mixed congregation with activities for all ages, with uniformed organizations, Messy Church, Ladies Fellowship hour.

Bexley URC has recently replaced some of its stained glass windows, 4 with interpretations of the "I am sayings" and the 5<sup>th</sup> with an interpretation of the 4 seasons. Many of those who visit the church for worship, afternoon teas, concerts comment on the windows. As a result of LMMR, there will be a new knitting group in the autumn and other activities are being planned to continue our mission of hospitality and welcome.

Geddes Place URC, "the church behind Nandos", is a modern building & following its recent LMMR has ideas about better engagement and relationships with the many groups that use the premises on a regular basis, NCT, AA, Diabetes UK (Bexley), Cruse to mention a few. There will hopefully be new groups starting in the autumn such as a card making group. A weekly lunch club is popular with the community drawing people in for home cooked food and company. All three congregations see their mission as hospitality, welcome, friendship often with food involved. Revd Alison Davis