

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## SACRAMENTS COURSE

This two session course is designed for Elders or Synod Recognised Lay Preachers, wanting to be authorised to preside at the sacraments.

The course is being held

at: St. John's URC, Orpington

on: February 13 and March 26

from: 18.30: refreshments and registration

19.00: start and 21.00 finish

*To find out more or to book your place,*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**M.A.D. (2) IN 2019**

Following the success of the M.A.D. days I am delighted to announce we will be running another series of days across synod in 2019, with a brand new set of seminars.

February 2: Crowborough

July 13: Horsham

November 9: Canterbury

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## LAY PREACHING COURSE 2019

The 8 session Lay Preachers training course will start on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Redhill URC. There are two time slots to choose from: 10.30 – 12.30      19.00 – 21.00

If you are interested, please contact me to find out more:

[Andy Twilley](#)



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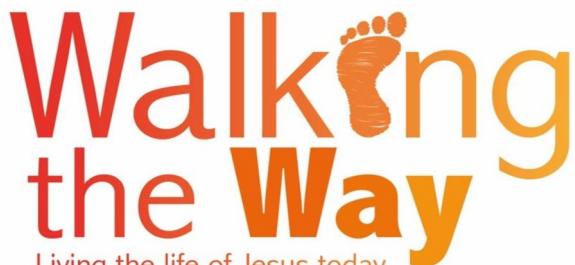
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## Starpoint Youth Festival in Hungary: July 2019

Opportunity for young participants aged 18 to 34 from the URC to attend the upcoming **Starpoint Youth Festival** in Hungary. The event will take place **21-28 July, 2019** (including travel days) in Debrecen.

Follow the link below for more information and contact [children.youth@urc.org.uk](mailto:children.youth@urc.org.uk) for application form. <https://urc.org.uk/events-and-opportunities/2917-starpoint-youth-festival-in-hungary-july-2019.html>

**Applications close Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**



**Resources Still Available**

### Job Vacancy - Youth Pastor

St John's URC Orpington is looking for a Youth Pastor to work with their established Youth and Children's team. This is a full time post (averaging 35 hours a week over a month) at a salary of £22,000-£25,000. Application deadline: **Sunday January 20th 2019**. Follow link for more info and application details.

<http://bit.ly/stjohnsorpington>

**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)

**Please note:** All items for the next issue of "Mission and Vision" need to be sent to [Jenny Persaud-Haughton](mailto:Jenny.Persaud-Haughton) by 18 January 2019.

## Church in focus

### Message from the Moderator

Have you made your New Year resolutions yet, steps we decide to take to make life in some way better? The question is, how do you decide what is better? For me as Moderator, it is perhaps not being a slave to answering emails immediately although I do acknowledge some are urgent! There needs to be a yardstick against which we judge possible changes in our thinking and actions. Our yardstick is Jesus Christ and what he had to say about discipleship. What standard do we use to make New Year resolutions that will improve our life and our mission? Jeremiah says it is God's intention to bring people back from exile to restore them to a life of peace and plenty in a place which is their own. Everyone will be included in this picture of restoration. Everyone will be satisfied because they will be given encouragement and hope. My prayer for 2019 is that we will encourage one another in our discipleship bringing peace, hope and love to those outside our church communities.

*Revd. Nicola Furley-Smith*