

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Churches Together in Hassocks staged their annual live nativity on the forecourt of Hassocks United Reformed Church on the occasion of 'Light Up Hassocks'. The URC occupies a prime site in the centre of the village and the tableau provokes much interest among the gathered crowds. This year, onlookers joined members of the nativity cast in singing carols. *Picture: Brian Dandridge*

*On behalf of all Synod staff, we wish you a very happy Christmas, praying that you will know the joy, hope and peace of Christ as you experience the wonder of His love.*

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**JAZZ CAROLS** Sunday 5 January 2020

Jazz Carols with Dan Forshaw & his band.  
**All are welcome!**

Christmas with a twist for Twelfth Night: professional jazz musicians work their magic on the classic Christmas favourites. Come to sing carols as you have never sung them before and hear a jazzy Christmas message. You won't forget this Christmas service!

6.30pm to 7.30pm  
And it's FREE

Trinity Church Sutton,  
Cheam Road, Sutton

[www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/jazz](http://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/jazz)

## COMMON GROUND: Where is it?

**YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2020**

24 TO 26 JANUARY  
WHITEMOOR LAKES,  
ALREWAS, STAFFS.

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

Cost on or before 11 November: £110  
Cost from 12 November: £140

Age: Year 10 students in England and 53 students in Scotland up to 25 years (inclusive)

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## Church in **focus**

### Temple URC St. Mary Cray

At the entrance to the Church a notice states, "You are not leaving the church... You are the church!" Old or young the mission focus of the

Temple is to live out the message and teaching of Jesus.

Our ministry is continuing to develop as we engage with ever changing trends in the community including:

- ◇ Raising up young men and women through the Boy's and Girl's brigade, to serve Jesus.
- ◇ Butterflies, our Parent/Carer and Toddler group meeting Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ◇ A lunch club attracting many older people mainly from outside the church, some now regularly attending morning services.
- ◇ Coffee mornings, ladies prayer fellowship, bible studies and Lent groups, plus active involvement with Churches Together in the Cray's including teaching & mission events, Food bank & healing on the Streets.
- ◇ The spiritual development of the church has seen a move from formalism and legalism to an attitude of fun and humour couples with prayer and humility.

Our Elders recently spent a day away at Sedlescombe URC led by Andy Twilley which proved immensely rewarding as he challenged us to engage with having more informal times to think, reflect and pray together. As we relax and let God in... He comes to us and is exalted among us.

*Rev. Andy Coyne.*



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