

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness & the power & the glory  
& the majesty & the splendour. 1 Chron. 29: 11**



**EXPLORING TWO HOLY HABITS  
'MAKING MORE DISCIPLES'  
'PRAYER'**

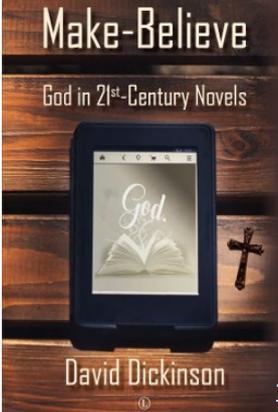
Presented by Revs Andrew & Sally Willett

SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020  
AT GILLINGHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
BALMORAL ROAD, GILLINGHAM ME7 4PU

Starts with registration & refreshments at 10.00 and finishes 15.15

Come and be encouraged & inspired.

Email [ptolhurst02@gmail.com](mailto:ptolhurst02@gmail.com) or ring 01634 281215 to book for one or both sessions.



**Trinity Church Sutton**  
**Shrove Tuesday Talk**  
**7.30pm to 9.00pm**  
**Tuesday 25 February**  
[trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/god-in-novels-talk](http://trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/god-in-novels-talk)



## SOUTHERN SYNOD presents

# Stepwise facilitators day

*A day designed to inform, equip and enthuse potential facilitators for Stepwise. Facilitators are not tutors in the traditional sense, but will have experience to share and skills in enabling and encouraging the group in their discipleship development.*

The day will include –

- Worship
- An introduction to Stepwise
- Some group work exploring and experiencing facilitation
- A Stepwise facilitated group taster session

*Come expectant: God has exciting plans for His Church!*

**St Andrews URC, Canterbury**  
**25 February 2020**  
**Refreshments from 10.00**  
**Start: 10.30**  
**Depart: 15.30**

Bring your own lunch

[Contact Andy Twilley for details](#)

## COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARDS 2020

Is your church doing something amazing in the community?

Tell us – and win up to £2,000!

[CLICK HERE](#) for details



## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

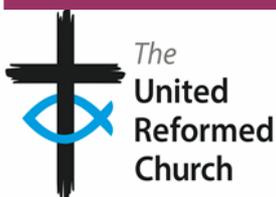
Are you an Elder, Church Secretary, Volunteer, Safeguarding lead, Minister or just wanting to learn more about Safeguarding?

Please email me at: [safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk) with your name, role, Church and availability (weekends or mid-week).

If there are specific topics which you would like to learn about, please state these in your email.

*Belinda Nielsen  
Synod Safeguarding Officer.*

**ADVANCED NOTICE:** The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches, denominations, 'streams' and networks to hold a climate-focused service on 6 September preferably, but definitely during the period of 1 September - 4 October, which is recognised by a growing number of denominations as 'Creationtide'.



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## Spring Concert



With  
Adam Repa



&

The Christ Church Orchestra  
and Friends

On Saturday 7th March 2020

At 6.00 p.m.

At Christ Church (URC) Petts Wood  
Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH

In aid of our renovations

Tickets: Adults £10 under 16s £5

Contact: Diane Hatch on 01689 811065

Email: [diane@philiphatch.com](mailto:diane@philiphatch.com)

**A THEOLOGY  
FOR THE  
REBELLION**

HOW YOUTH MINISTRY CAN NAVIGATE UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE

Monday 2nd March 2020 / 5.45-8.30pm  
St Mellitus College, 24 Collingham Road, London, SW5 0LX  
[youthscape.co.uk/lecture](http://youthscape.co.uk/lecture)

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### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LEADERS

One Challenge

CONFERENCE 2020

Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th April



Keeping going – Lessons from

<http://www.onechallenge.org.uk/>

Paul

### Following Jesus In An Over-Heating World

Are people in your Church wondering how to respond faithfully as Christians to the environmental crisis?

Would you like to explore practical action you can take, or Biblical foundations for caring for Creation, or how to become an Eco-Church?

I would love to help!

I have a range of talks and workshops that can be tailored to your needs and interests, or we can put something together from scratch.

Have a look at my website –

[alexmapbs.com](http://alexmapbs.com)

Contact me on

[alex@brighthelm.org.uk](mailto:alex@brighthelm.org.uk)

or 01273 964224

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<https://alexmapbs.com/speaking>



### NEW: [Christianity.org.uk](http://Christianity.org.uk)

A brilliantly refreshed resource. Have a look & consider putting it on your church webpage or passing it on to anyone who wants to know more about the Christian faith.



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**Bible Month**  
June 2020 - A closer look at Ruth

## Training Event: Exploring Ruth

With Dr. Rachel Starr

A Learning Network Event

Live in Salisbury, streamed across the South East & Channel Islands District

Live Streaming hosted by the **South Kent Methodist Circuit**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

10-3.30, please bring a packed lunch

**United Church Ashford, Cade Rd, Ashford, Kent TN23 6JE**

For ministers, preachers, worship leaders, study group leaders  
and anyone else who is interested.

To book your place please contact [methchurch12@btconnect.com](mailto:methchurch12@btconnect.com)



4 seminars to equip small group leaders to run dynamic & effective Bible study groups.

**DATES:** March 17 & April 21

**TIMES:** 10.00—13.00

**VENUE:** Charlton URC

**TO BOOK NOW:** contact [ANDY TWILLEY](#)

## C21<sup>st</sup> Preaching

A day to be Refreshed  
& Inspired in your Preaching

**Saturday, 28 March 2020**

at

**Redhill Methodist Church,**  
Gloucester Road, Redhill RH1 1BP

**SPEAKER: Rev. Andy Twilley**

Training & Development Officer  
URC Southern Synod

Refreshments from 09.45

Starts: 10.15

Depart: 15.30

All Are Welcome

Soup & rolls provided for lunch

To book your place contact Eddie Newton  
Ph: 01737 765450 [eandpnewton@talktalk.net](mailto:eandpnewton@talktalk.net)

## Summer Course Telling A Better Story – Why Faith and Science Belong Together

June 28 – July 3 2020  
Lucy Cavendish College  
Cambridge

Visit [faraday.institute/summercourse2020](http://faraday.institute/summercourse2020)

**WALKING THE WAY LENT RESOURCE**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**PLEASE NOTE:** all items for the next issue of  
"Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opuene](#) by  
28 February 2020.



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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

April 4: United Church,  
Croft Rd, Crowborough TN6 1HA

**JOIN US IF YOU CAN!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** A copy of this news sheet can be found and downloaded from the news section of the Synod website: [www.southernynodurc.org.uk](http://www.southernynodurc.org.uk)



**Reigate Park Church**  
Park Lane East, Reigate RH2 8BD



**An Introduction to Wellbeing and Mental Health  
in Children & Young People**



**Tuesday 24 March, Park Room**

**8 - 9.30pm, to include refreshments**

**Led by Ella Sowton**

*Ella works for the YMCA and is heavily involved in their Waves Project*

For further details contact

Pat Denchfield: [pat.denchfield@reigateparkchurch.org](mailto:pat.denchfield@reigateparkchurch.org)



**THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING**

**- ALL WELCOME!**



## Church in **CHRIST CHURCH URC, PETTS WOOD**

Christ Church is a vibrant congregation where you will always find a warm welcome and a fantastic mix of ages, all with a passion for sharing the love of God with our local community. In addition to our weekly Sunday morning services we have our monthly Messy Church, bi-monthly Taizé and contemplative service, SOLACE.

Christ Church has a heart for community outreach to all age groups. We run weekly events for fun and fellowship - lunch club, table tennis, badminton, bowls club, Coffee Stop. Monthly we offer book and movie clubs as well as Mar-val-us Tea. For families we have two toddler groups, Messy Church, Church of Youth and a monthly programme of social activities. We have 3 uniformed organisations. We love music at Christ Church with organists, choir, orchestra, music groups and occasionally our Youth Choir. We host a number of Orchestral and Philharmonic concerts yearly.

The whole congregation is engaged with the 10 Holy Habits through Sunday services and through 6 small groups. We have our Silver Eco-Church Award and are working diligently towards our Gold. We are developing our eco-garden with future plans to include a free community library, a children's vegetable/flower garden and a walkable labyrinth.

*Rev. Nadene Snyman*



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