

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

“Ah, Sovereign Lord,... nothing is too hard for you! “ *Jeremiah 32: 17*



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](#)



www.gear.org.uk

[CLICK HERE](#)

New Edition of In GEAR available.

NEW: 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.



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



THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING
— ALL WELCOME!



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 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.*



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

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to [Opuene](#) by 13 March 2020.



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C21st 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



One Challenge

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LEADERS

CONFERENCE 2020

Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th April



Keeping going – Lessons from

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

Paul

JOINT LITURGICAL GROUP OF GREAT BRITAIN

SHAPED BY WELCOME GENEROUS WORSHIP

A FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY THE JOINT
LITURGICAL GROUP OF GREAT BRITAIN

FACILITATED BY:

MICHAEL HARVEY

Michael, is a co-founder of Back to Church Sunday in the UK. He has developed the concept of invitation as a mission tool across seventeen countries.

At this 5th Annual Conference of the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain, Michael will address an invitational approach to Church going and facilitate discussion on how we invite people to share in communities of faith.

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Doors open 10.30 a.m for 11 a.m.- 3.30p.m.

Venue: St. Aloysius Church hall, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London, NW1 1TA (next to Euston Station)

Booking: <http://www.jlg.org.uk/events/>

**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



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BOOK NOW



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

JOIN US IF YOU CAN!



TIME FOR JESUS

Saturday 4 April at 7pm

**'Time for Jesus' will be performed by
Life & Mission Choir from north London**

**at Trinity URC Wimbledon
Mansel Road, SW19 4AA**

'Time for Jesus' celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year and has been seen by well over 2000 people. It is a moving musical passion play that tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life from the point of view of the apostle, Mark.

Full of excitement and emotion the musical takes you on a journey from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection and highlights the importance of the events of just one week. A week that has since influenced two thousand years.

The musical takes in traditional choral styles as well as barbershop, gospel and even some Latin American influences – all mixed together to create a dramatic and moving version of the Easter Story.

All are welcome Free admission
Further information from: office@trinitywimbledon.org

Godly Play Core Training in Surrey 2020



Godly Play Core Training in Surrey

Dates: 28th-30th April 2020

Times: 9:00 – 6pm (days 1 and 2) 5:30 (Day 3)

Venue: Christ Church, Ottershaw, Near Woking, Surrey. (10mins from jct 11 of M25)

Trainers: Judy Yeomans and Kate Cornwall of Godly Play UK

Cost: £315 non-residential, includes training, full handbook, lunches, morning and afternoon refreshments.

Head to our booking page at www.godlyplay.uk

'I highly recommend the three-day day accredited training in Godly Play. The hands-on training event was interesting, informative and deeply spiritual. Godly Play training has opened my eyes to a new way of untangling the human and holy story and I can't wait to use my new story telling skills in opening the Word to those I encounter. The trainers led the course with a friendly professionalism, and were always on hand to answer questions, offer support and advice.' (Methodist minister)



Book on www.urc.org.uk/tbso before 12 noon 25 May 2020
Early bird bookings before 5pm Monday 30 March: £69
Bookings after 5pm Monday 30 March: £85

Leaders are invited to accompany groups, or to come independently, to participate in a parallel Leaders' Gathering for the same price. Call 020 7916 8637 or email children.youth@urc.org.uk for details. Please ask your local church or Synod to help with funding. If financial help is required, please contact the Children's and Youth Work office (see above).

For all young people aged 11 to 18 years old

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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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 –

alexmabbs.com

Contact me on

alex@brighthelm.org.uk

or 01273 964224

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Brighthelm URC

<https://alexmabbs.com/speaking>



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

Congregational Federation

Summer School 2020

“Is Christian Non-Conformity a Thing of the Past?”

Join leading experts in the field in considering this fascinating area of study:

- Rev Dr Graham Adams
- Rev Dr Alan Argent
- Rev Dr Julian Gotobed
- Rev Dr Ann Jeffers
- Rev Suzanne Nockels
- Prof Anthony Reddie

- Iconic grade 2 listed venue
- Buffet lunch and evening meals included
- Tour of National Justice Museum included
- £50 Early-bird discount for first 30 places

28th - 30th August 2020
£200 per person

National Justice Museum
High Pavement Nottingham NG1 1HN

View www.congregational.org.uk/summerschool for more information and to book

Church in  **focus**

THE WORTHING PASTORATE

The Worthing Pastorate is a group of three churches, (Emmanuel URC; St Andrews URC and Littlehampton United Church (URC/Methodist). The three churches are geographical located in the County of West Sussex. The churches met together last year in April 2019 to re-look at their vision and re-define how they would move forward in doing the mission of God. It was a day of dreaming and revisioning and defining ministry for the future.

The Revd Dr John Campbell who facilitated the day challenged the group on how each congregation can be a supple church? The group will appreciate prayers as they embark on this journey of redefining their mission strategy in the building the kingdom of God. A journey that will help the churches move from maintenance to mission under the guidance of the power of Holy Spirit.

Rev. Naison Hove



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