

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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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. Refreshments included

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!



YMCA EAST SURREY
WAVES
Wellbeing, Assessment, and Voice for East Surrey

SOUTHERN SYNOD YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

For young people in
secondary school
and above.
(School Years
7-13)

For more info email
cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Including:
Crate Stacking
Incline Climbing
Backwoods Cooking
Tomahawk Throwing
Shelter Building & Archery
All this for only £5!

Saturday 18th April
10.30 - 17.00
Downe Scout Activity Centre
Orpington BR6 7LJ
Book your space via Eventbrite:
<https://youthday2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of
“Mission & Vision” need to be sent to Opuene
by 27 March 2020.

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



Church Leadership Programme

Transforming leadership from the inside out

Strengthening personal qualities, insights and skills for effective Christian
leadership

FIND OUT MORE



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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

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.*



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One Challenge

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LEADERS

CONFERENCE 2020

Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th April



Keeping going – Lessons from

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

Paul

SCHOOL GOVERNOR: ‘St Bede’s Redhill is a thriving Christian school that welcomes students from all the Christian traditions, and enables them to flourish.

It is looking for a someone to join its friendly team of governors, to start In September.

No previous knowledge or experience is necessary, and we are looking for a good team member with analytical skills and a willingness to learn, along with a heart for Christian education .

If you might be interested, do contact Victoria Clifford - gov.clifford@saintbedes.net to chat through the role.’

**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!

Cancelled



TIME FOR JESUS

Saturday 4 April at 7pm

'Time for Jesus' will be performed by the
Life & Mission Choir from north London
at **Trinity URC Wimbledon**
Mansel Road, SW20 4AA

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

Full of excitement and drama, the musical takes you on a journey from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion 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

Cancelled

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)

Dinner Friday 24 to lunch Sunday 26 July 2020 inclusive

The United Reformed Church Youth

The Big Speak Out
Woodhouse Grove School,
Apperley Bridge,
Bradford BD10 0NR

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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Discipleship Development Fund

Contact [Andy Twilley](#) to find out more.

INTERIM MODERATOR

Interested in finding out more about the role & responsibilities of an Interim Moderator?

We are running a training day on

July 29th

St. John's URC, Orpington,

led by Rev Jennifer Millington.

It will start with Registration at 10.00, ready for a prompt 10.30 start, finishing at 16.00

Interested in joining? Please contact

[ANDY TWILLEY](#)

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

Visit www.congregational.org.uk/summerschool for more information and to register.

Church in DULWICH GROVE

For over 140 years Dulwich Grove Church, with its distinctive spire, has been a landmark in East Dulwich. From the first the church has seen her mission as service to the local community. The main service to the community today is a community lunch club on Wednesdays, run by church members in the church hall, in partnership with the local Community Payback scheme. Dulwich Grove URC shares premises with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and shares a minister with Camberwell Green URC and the Copleston Centre Church. We also work with other churches through our support of Southwark Street Pastors and Peckham Citizens, the local chapter of Citizens UK.

Many members are concerned by issues around knife crime and youth safety. Last year, in response to a murder near the church, we organised a conference on youth violence. This year we have begun thinking about climate change and a group is now meeting monthly to discuss our response. These are big issues and the challenge can seem daunting for our small group of active members. Please pray for wisdom to discern where the church should direct her energies and for God to send helpers to support us in our ministry.

Rev. Iain McLaren