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LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

None of us know exactly what the “new normal” is going to be regarding Church and Church services. One thing is for sure, many of us have learnt a great deal of how technology can really enhance what it means to be Church, and yet there are so many more opportunities to discover.

I am setting up a training seminar focussing on “Live Streaming Services” & am delighted that our main speaker will be an expert in this field. Would you be interested in attending? If so please let me know & I will keep you posted as plans come together.

Andy: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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](mailto:andy.twilley@urcsouthern.org.uk)

SOUTHERN SYNOD ONLINE SERVICE

Sunday 7th June 2020

10.30 am

Led by: Revd George Watt

Speaker: Revd Bridget Banks Moderator Elect

Live on Reigate Park Church YouTube Channel from 10.25 am

[CLICK HERE](#)

Or to connect with ZOOM:

Telephone dial in: 020 34815237

Meeting ID: 849 8602 7990

The service will include Holy Communion. Please have some juice/wine and bread ready.

DISTRIBUTED CHURCH

A SERIES OF WEBINARS
WITH MIKE MOYNGH

Exploring key themes from contextual mission & the lessons they offer to the wider church beyond lockdown

Tue 26th May: Starting a Fresh Expression

Wed 27th May: Listening for ideas

Thu 28th May: Nurturing community

Tue 2nd June: Exploring

Wed 3rd June: The essence of church



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PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

SESSION 1 of this 2 part training course will take place on **June 12th 10.00—12.00.**

Delegates need to be recommended by their Church. Interested in attending?

Please contact Andy Twilley:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



ANOTHER PUZZLE

Can you think of a name, title or description of God, for every letter of the alphabet?

Send your answers to: Andy

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING & SELF ISOLATION

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to emerge in the UK and throughout the rest of the world. At these difficult times, we would like to help churches not only promote everyone's wellbeing but also consider actions for those who are more vulnerable in the next weeks and months. Unfortunately, other countries have seen spikes in financial abuse, fraud, online abuse and domestic abuse during this time. So now more than ever, it is important that we maintain telephone contact with those who we know to be at risk and seek support and advice from the Synod Safeguarding Officer where there are concerns.

The Government have issued guidance on supporting victims of domestic abuse which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

The URC's guide to supporting people affected by domestic abuse, Appendix R of Good Practice 5, is now available to download and can be found here:

https://urc.org.uk/images/safeguarding/GP5/Appendix_R_A_guide_to_supporting_those_affected_by_domestic_abuse.pdf

Please do not hesitate to call me, Synod Safeguarding Officer for support at 07716 640 596 or safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

Belinda Nielsen
Synod Safeguarding Officer.



Church Leadership Programme

Transforming leadership from the inside out

Strengthening personal qualities, insights and skills for effective Christian leadership

FIND OUT MORE

Trialogue

3 Panellists
3 Questions
3 Values

Join us each week for 50 minutes of Lively discussion, exploring a Bible passage and current topic – join in and share your thoughts and questions with programme via Slido as part of the community

Primarily aimed at 16-25 year olds

Broadcast **LIVE** on the **URC Children's and Youth YouTube channel**
Use link: bit.ly/urctrialogue

Thursdays
7pm

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



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to inform you that Rev. Bridget Banks has been selected to become our new Synod Moderator. She will take up her post on September 1st. Let's all support her in our prayers as she prepares to take up this important post.



Following the success of our “*Making A Difference*” days, we are delighted to present the sequel:

GROW YOUR MINISTRY

Taking place: July 18th

10.30 – 12.30

4 “*Workouts*” to choose from to help you “*get fit*” in your walk with God, plus a presentation by our new Moderator elect. Details will be available soon but for now: book it in your diary.

A poster for 'God's Big Picture' featuring a background of hands holding puzzle pieces. The text includes the title, presenter, dates, venue, and contact information.

God's Big Picture
Presented by Andy Twilley

DATES
22/9/20
27/10/20
24/11/20
26/1/21
23/2/21
23/3/21

VENUE
Redhill URC

Tuesday mornings
10.30 – 12.30
Starting: 22 September

For details
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Understanding & Handling God's Word

PLEASE NOTE: all items for the next issue of “*Mission & Vision*” need to be sent to Opuene by 5 June.

Church in BEXHILL URC

My name is Terry Jin, & I am the minister of Bexhill URC. I am so pleased to introduce our church & a lovely congregation. I came to Bexhill and started to serve the church last September. The congregation was healthy and active, but it's getting livelier & more vitalised since I joined them while I have been fully accepted and beloved by the people.

Although the majority of us are retired, that doesn't mean we've opted out of life! On the contrary, we're a lively, motivated and welcoming community who care passionately about God's mission to the world. In the COVID-19 situation, we still want to show God's work of love amongst us by looking after each other by the sense & feeling that we are all connected even while isolated and separated. The weekly online Sunday service is carried on our church website (www.bexhillurc.co.uk) and, we do focus on our pastoral care for not only our members but also for the local people. Now we think of the future plan after the lockdown and the following new project with church building renovation. Please pray for this.

May the blessing of the Lord be with you all!

Rev. Terry Jin (minister)



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