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"YOURS IN THE UPRISING OF JESUS"

SUN 21 6-8PM
MON 22 10AM-12; 6-8PM

EASTER ONLINE FESTIVAL

RECOGNISING & RESISTING EMPIRE IN THE BIBLE, THE CHURCH & BEYOND

SUN 21 - MON 22 MARCH 2021

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"The Uprising of Jesus" in an Easter context carries the dual sense of Jesus' revolution and his resurrection. Both have everything to do with Empire: Jesus is crucified as a terrorist because he resists the Roman Empire and its occupation in the name of God's reign. Jesus is raised because he refuses to make a deal with Empire, and astoundingly, the New Creation of the Reign of God is born on Easter Sunday. The risen Jesus calls us to walk that same Way of the Cross. Our Easter commitment is to recognise and resist Empire in all its forms today.

The United Reformed Church

www.urch.org.uk

Walking towards Easter together

Lent resources and activities for students, seniors, households and families to offer hope in these challenging times

Order now on <http://bit.ly/towardseaster>

This intergenerational Lent resource is available now from the URC shop at a cost of £4.50 plus P&P (£4 plus P&P per pack if purchasing 15 or more).

Order now to avoid disappointment. Dispatch will be in early February.

If buying multiple copies, the packets will be unsealed to enable you to add any additional material before posting on.



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BUILDING LIFE FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES

A SERIES OF WEBINARS WITH CWM EUROPE



CAROL TROUPE

'LOOKING BACK: LOOKING FORWARD'
MONDAY 8TH MARCH (14:00-15:30)

Carol is a Research Associate on the CWM Legacies of Slavery project and has been exploring LMS mission magazine archives. She reflects on her journey so far, and wonders what, if anything, can be drawn from the archives to help the church reflect on issues of mission, race and justice in the present day.

DR. EVE PARKER

WHAT WOULD A LIFE-FLOURISHING
CURRICULUM FOR THEOLOGICAL
EDUCATION LOOK LIKE?
MONDAY 22ND MARCH (14:00-15:50)

In her presentation, Eve will focus on case studies from her ongoing research - addressing the barriers to belonging in theological education, whilst exploring the liberative potential of engaged and transformative pedagogy and curriculum.



For each presentation, individual Zoom links will be provided. Please contact Sai & Michael at cwm.europe@cwmission.org

URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

URC Black History Monthly: Monday 15th March 7.30pm



The Kairos Document

One of the key church documents from the heart of the freedom struggle in South Africa, the Kairos Document, produced back in 1985 & 1986, has had a rich afterlife in other freedom struggles. Does it have helpful resonances with the situation in the UK today as we try to respond to Black Lives Matter? Let's re-read it and discuss it for ourselves.

The text of the Kairos Document will be available on the URC website...

[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the sacraments course?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

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Listen to a daily reading and reflection
Sunday 28 March to Sunday 4 April

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Westminster College, Cambridge
online open day
20 February 2021
10.30am

degree programmes
short courses
community
resources
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express interest



Live discussion
3 voices - 3 perspectives

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Fortnightly
Thursdays at 7pm

BEYOND LOCKDOWN

I recently read the following four suggestions for churches to consider as we anticipate moving beyond lockdown. I found them inspiring & challenging, hence sharing them with you to reflect on.

Wider Doors: We've opened a new doorway linking churches and homes. How can we maintain and widen our doors of welcome, both online and off it?

Deeper Wells: The times are more serious, so people have been seeking God and a deeper spirituality. How can we offer spiritual depth and encourage encounter with the living Jesus? There is little point in welcome if there is no well for the newly thirsty to drink from.

Wiser Programmes: How can we continue to reach more people through an integrated in-person / online model of church? Can we also take the chance to review all church programmes and only start and re-start those that open the doors wider and dig the wells deeper – become less frantic, more focussed?

Smarter Structures: How can we change our leadership and organisational structures to support the church of the future rather than the church of the past?

Andy Twilley

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

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website southernsynodurc.org.uk



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YOUTH GET TOGETHER

Online gathering for young people aged 13-25
from Thames North & Southern Synods

Sunday 28th March - 6:00pm to 7.30pm

Meet other young people for an evening
games, discussion and worship.

Book Via Eventbrite - bit.ly/youth-get-together-march

Church in  focus

BRIGHTHELM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Brighthelm is a large community centre in the heart of Brighton. A year ago, we were open every day from 8am to 10pm. We provided office space for charities and hired out a variety of meeting rooms, from our 300-seater auditorium to a small committee room. The Centre was used for concerts, conferences and training events, adult education classes, 12-step groups, Church services, exercise classes and just about anything else you can imagine. Our community café was at the heart, providing an informal meeting space and great coffee.

That was a year ago. Now we wait and wonder what new life will emerge. We've re-decorated, the lift has been renewed (thank you, Synod!), and we're ready to give hospitality to our community, and support worship, learning, growth, inclusion, and action for the common good, not least concerning the environment. We value your prayers!

*Rev. Alex Mabbs
(Special Category Minister)*



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