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Explore the Bible | Love God | Grow in faith

**Free trial
for households!**

New: ROOTS at home

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ROOTS at home is a brand new, weekly resource for households of all shapes and sizes, helping them to:

- **explore** a different Bible passage each week
- **discover God's love** for the world
- **grow and flourish** as they live out their faith.

FIND OUT MORE



As an introductory offer, this fantastic resource is **free until the end of June 2021!**

[Sign up](#) to free **ROOTS at home** weekly emails

Stepwise

In the Autumn I hope to run **"FAITH FILLED LIFE"**, the first module in the Stepwise programme. This is open to anyone from across Synod and will be run on ZOOM to make it easily accessible. Places are limited so get in touch for more details or to book your place, then I will keep you posted as specific details come together.

Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

It's sure to be a stimulating journey!



**children and
youth friendly
church**

Online Information Event

Tuesday 20th April, 7:00pm - 8:00pm



To book email cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk
Include your name and local church



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'Building for the Future'

A Zoom conference, for all interested parties, to consider strategies for churches and church buildings

19th April 3pm-4.30pm



Registration deadline: 16th April, to register email mission@urc.org.uk

Include 'Building for the Future' in the subject line, and your name and email address. Please tell us which church you belong to, or are representing, if appropriate.



Further information, full programme and updates will be available here:

www.urcbuildingsforum.co.uk



Login details will be sent a few days before the meeting. The meeting will be recorded in speaker view with only those providing input being recorded, to assist us in planning further conferences.



Wilderness 2021



Wilderness 2021 is a virtual retreat day for young people aged 12+ brought to you by Crossfire.

Saturday 22nd May 2021 will feature a day of digital content to help explore faith by looking at the account of Jesus in the wilderness. Content will be delivered online including guided prayer, meditation, craft and worship.

Book before 12th May to receive your box of resources (£3.95 P&P)

For more information and booking visit:
www.crossfire.org.uk



Crossfire is a GEAR event brought to you in conjunction with URC Youth

WE'RE HIRING

URC Youth Intern

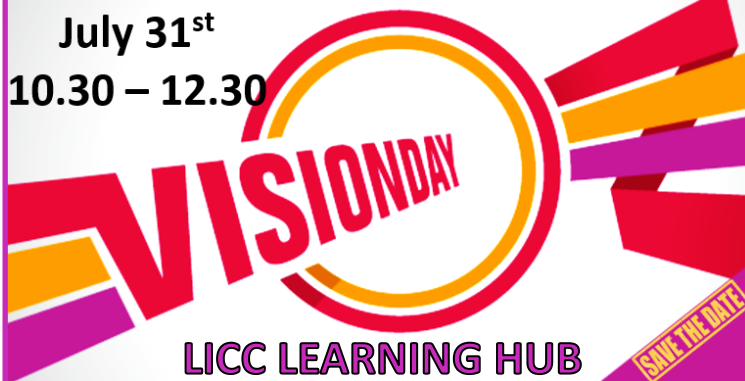
Developing communications in partnership with the URC Youth Executive

<https://bit.ly/3weaMHk>

8-30 hours per month
£10.85 p/h
12 month fixed-term contract
Flexible home-working



July 31st
10.30 – 12.30



SAVE THE DATE



Church Leadership Programme

Transforming leadership from the inside out

Strengthening personal qualities, insights, and skills for effective Christian leadership

2021 to 2022

The Programme

The Church Leadership Programme (CLP) is a comprehensive programme to refresh experienced lay and ordained leaders in authentic leadership, helping church leaders to develop external skills from their core sense of being. A mix of physical and virtual learning, the course threads from September to June every academic year.

Dates

The first residential will take place September 17-19 2021 at [Hinsley Hall](https://www.hinsleyhall.co.uk), Leeds

[To find out more?](#)

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Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

June 12 at Horsham URC

SPEAKER: Andy Twilley

Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.30 Depart: 15.30

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of books or resources they have found helpful.

Soup will be provided at lunchtime.

All are welcome!

To book your place contact
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner
Sue Knight: knight52@sky.com



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PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the sacraments course?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

Black History Monthly: Monday 19th April, 7.30-8.30pm

IMMEDIATE



NOT GRADUAL
ABOLITION

Elizabeth Heyrick's classic
1824 Anti-slavery Pamphlet

In April we're reviewing a classic text from the struggle of Abolitionists with the UK Establishment as they sought to end slavery in the British Caribbean colonies. It's a lively pamphlet by a Quaker woman, Elizabeth Heyrick, called "Immediate, not gradual, abolition" written in 1824 (after the slave rebellion in Demerara) in which she picks a fight not only with the Slave Interest, but with the male leaders of the UK Abolitionist movement. Its vigour is undimmed and its relevance remains fresh and challenging today.

The text of Elizabeth Heyrick's pamphlet will be available on the URC website...

[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Equipping Small Group Leaders in your Church



How To Be A Better Group Leader

This seminar explores core principles for leading dynamic and life changing small groups. It is ideal for either new leaders or existing leaders, to get renewed, refreshed and re-envisioned for leading a group.

Led by Revd. Andy Twilley

Training & Development Officer for Southern Synod

Where: St. Andrews, Cheam

When: Tuesday June 22

Time: 11.00 – 13.00

To find out more or to book a place please contact:

Nigel Dickinson: nigel@33sandy.co.uk

Greening Your Church

A half-day workshop to help you show God's love for Creation
Tuesday 18th May, 10.00 – 12.30, by Zoom

- Be inspired by what the Bible says about Creation
- Explore practical ideas you can try out
- Discover the Eco-Church resource and the difference it can make to your church's mission and discipleship
- Take away a tool kit of resources

Led by Alex Mabbs, special category minister at Brighthelm United Reformed Church and Southern Synod's 'Green Apostle'

To book places for you and others from your church, contact
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GETTING THE MOST FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

URC Children's & Youth Work and Education & Learning invite you to a series of free, online workshops to improve communication skills.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opuene](#) by **16 April**.

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

PART OF THE SEDDLESCOMBE URC CHILDREN'S GARDEN



EXPLORING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES from a *Psychological, Sociological & Theological perspective.*

Four seminars led by Andy Twilley taking place from 13.30—16.00 on the following dates:

May 4, June 1, June 29, July 27

INTERESTED? Contact Andy to book your place.
training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Church in focus

THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL: Sedlescombe, East Sussex

Sedlescombe is a small rural community chapel which has an evangelical history dating back to 1879. Church life has become innovative as we love each other through the Covid pandemic; pastoral support via telephone, writing notes, cards & Zoom...and even the odd bang on the window with a wave, a smile encourages us all.

Prior to our lockdown status we were challenged by the Lord to 'Invest in Children', which is just what we've been up to during Covid restrictions. We've been praying about this; and listening too... which led us to design and implement a Children's Garden, which we built out of recycled materials. Praise the Lord we have 8 play areas, and 14 interactive areas available to the community and wider afield for outreach; you are welcome to come & visit or book a children's activity/away day.

Peter & Marie Jackson

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