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Zechariah 4: 6



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, Leeds

To find out more?

CONTACT: Philippa Linton: Administrator (Education & Learning)
Email: philippa.linton@urc.org.uk **Deadline for registrations**
Direct number: 07801 993222 **Friday 30 July 2021**

CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE

Godly Play Online Experience Session

For participants connected to URCs & LEPs within Southern Synod

An opportunity to learn more about the Godly Play approach through experiencing a 90-minute session.

Thursday 3rd June
7:30pm-9:00pm

Book a space at - www.bit.ly/godly-play-experience

URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

Black History Monthly: Monday 21st June, 7.30-8.30pm
The argument for the payment of reparations for the legacies of slavery took a fresh turn with the publication in Atlantic Magazine of this article by **Ta Nehisi Coates**.

The Case for Reparations



To find & read this text, Google "The Atlantic the case for reparations"

CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS

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



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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

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!

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



God's World – Hands Off!

Environment Sunday Worship

Sunday 6th June 2021



An act of intergenerational worship
Released on 28th May on URC Children's and Youth Work -
YouTube (available in the full format or separate parts for
use)



A bank of resources are available to use to
help you worship and pray
www.urc.org.uk/resources-children-and-youth



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COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU
URC CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK HOLIDAY CLUB
MATERIAL
RELEASE DATE: 1 JUNE 2021
URC.ORG.UK/RESOURCES-FOR-CHILDREN-AND-YOUTH




SUPERSLEUTHS


Investigating the Bible's heroes and villains.



Ruth
Mary and Martha
Timothy
Esther
Abraham and Sarah



July 31st
10.30 – 12.30



VISIONDAY


Caterham URC

Come and discover what it means to be part of a LICC
"Church Learning Hub" equipping God's people for
whole life discipleship.
Come and be inspired by this exciting opportunity and
enthused as you see how this could fundamentally
transform your church's life.


ALL ARE WELCOME: Ministers, Elders and Members.

To find out more, or to book your place,
contact Andy Twilley: 07552 751600
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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BOOK NOW



SOUTHERN SYNOD
Children and Youth Work



children and youth friendly church

Online Information Event

Wednesday May 26, 10am-11am



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

Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired by Preaching.

June 12th Horsham URC

PREAKER: Andy Twilley

Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.20 Depart: 15.30

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of
books/resources they have found helpful.
Snacks 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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NEW LECTERN: STOCKWELL GREEN URC



Sunday, April 11, 2021, the congregation at Stockwell Green United Reformed Church dedicated a new lectern and plaque with the message, 'In Loving Memory of Rev. Beryl Chatfield Minister for Stockwell Green United Reformed Church 1984 -1992.

Without some reflection, this would be an ordinary and uneventful occurrence. But the giving of a gift by the late Rev. Chatfield which enabled the purchase of the lectern indicates her love for God and the local congregation at Stockwell Green.

The receipt of the gift & purchasing of a 'tool' i.e. a lectern which was central to Rev. Chatfield's ministry at Stockwell Green indicates the importance the congregation & she placed on the centrality of the spoken word of God.

More importantly, the purchase of a new lectern during a pandemic is symbolic of the dogged determination of a small congregation to survive, look to the future and embrace anew the word of our Lord in his declaration, "this is my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".



Elder Mark Minott

If you are passionate about a post-Covid world of work that is shaped by kingdom values, you are warmly invited to... a Zoom workshop on



'Transforming Work'

Saturday 5 June, 2021, 9.30-3.30

Organised by the Kingdom at Work Project,
in association with St. Peter's Saltley Trust



**To book a place,
please contact**

Lynne Hayes-James

bursar@saltleytrust.org.uk

0121 427 6800

The purpose of the Kingdom at Work Project is to develop a new approach to transforming the world of work through a process of discernment and intervention, informed and empowered by a communal theology of the kingdom.

Church in **FOCUS** **BANSTEAD URC**

Banstead URC have met only twice for worship since March 2020. You could be forgiven for thinking that we are losing touch with each other, suffering through lack of contact and neglecting our wider mission. But think again! Banstead URC is in good heart. We have seen a marked increase in those worshipping with us regularly over Zoom; a renewed interest in Bible Study; our members and friends have been amazing keeping in touch with one another; and our commitment to our local foodbank and other charities has increased. We are blessed with a strong Eldership with wide ranging gifts in technology, finance, pastoral care, music, leadership and preaching. We feel ready to face new challenges as we venture back to our buildings and embrace a period of vacancy. Pray for us as we look for the Spirit's guidance for whatever future God has in store for us.

*Linda Richards
Local Church Leader*



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