

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Lent 2022 series

We are hosting a lent series that is open to any individuals and churches who wish to join us. Each week there will be worship, Bible Study, discussion and prayer as we unpack the aims of GEAR.

*Wednesday 2 March – Growing Close to Jesus, led by Sally Willett  
Wednesday 9 March – Enthusiastic about the Bible, led by Andy Twilley  
Wednesday 16 March – Alive in the power of the Spirit, led by Paul Stokes  
Wednesday 23 March – Reaching out with the good news, led by Ashley Evans*

All from 7.30-9pm on Zoom.

Contact Matt Stone for the Zoom details: [chairman@gear.org.uk](mailto:chairman@gear.org.uk)

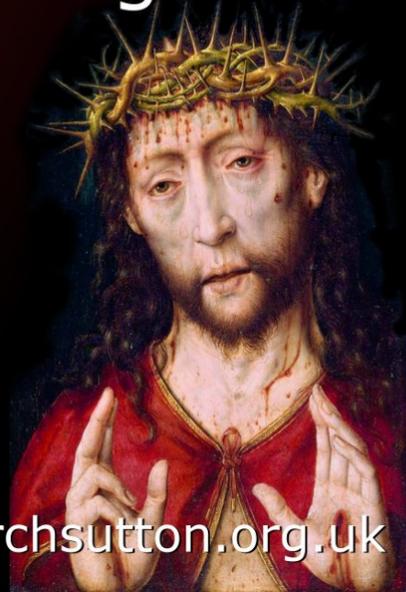
The sessions (excluding any discussions) will be recorded and made available the next day for any churches who wish to use them.

## The Problem of Painting Christ: strange responses to the greatest artistic challenge

by Dr Chloë Reddaway

Tuesday 29 March  
7.30pm

Tickets £5 from [www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk](http://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk)



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'Go Movement' 2022

Come and join us on 19th March to be inspired and equipped to share the gospel!

Speakers include:

**Rachel Jordan-Wolfe**  
(Hope Together - Executive Director)

**Andy Economides**  
(Soteria Trust)

**Yemi Adedeji**  
(Evangelical Alliance)

**Steve Mullins**  
(Steve Mullins Evangelistic Ministries)

**'Being fruitful for the Kingdom'**  
**Saturday 19th March 10.00 - 4.00pm**  
New Life Christian Centre, 5 Cairo New Road, Croydon CR0 1XP  
GO MOVEMENT

Rachel Jordan-Wolfe, Yemi Adedeji, Andy Economides, Steve Mullins

[TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO BOOK](#)

## Church at the Edge



**New reality, same mission**

**Be inspired, be reflective, be re-charged!**

A monthly space for busy activists to reflect together  
on what it means to be a 'Church at the Edge'

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### ASSEMBLY ACCREDITED LAY PREACHER

Is this what God is calling you to do?

The next course to train to become an Assembly Accredited Lay Preacher begins in September 2022. This is a 2 year part-time course leading to Assembly Accreditation. Learning is by mixed mode with some sessions on Zoom, some pre-recorded, and work to be done in between; there are also 2 residential weekends a year.

For further details please contact [Sue Knight](#), Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner or equivalent, or email Nicola Furley-Smith at [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk)

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Westminster College, Cambridge  
online open day  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
10.30am

degree programmes  
short courses  
community  
resources  
worship  
URC

bursaries available

to express interest please email  
[office@westminster.cam.ac.uk](mailto:office@westminster.cam.ac.uk)

## Inclusive practice: providing pastoral support for LGBT+ young people

Free online training session led by Frontier Youth Trust

Tuesday 29 March 2022 7:00pm -8:30pm

Discussion topics will include:

- Creating LGBT+ inclusive environments
- Inclusive language and use of pronouns
- Pastorally supporting LGBT+ young people

Register at

<https://bit.ly/inclusive-practice>



## PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the  
sacraments course?

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> & March 28<sup>th</sup>

14.00 – 16.00

Oxted URC

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



**PLEASE NOTE:** All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opuene](mailto:Opuene) by **4 Mar.**  
A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website [southernsynodurc.org.uk](https://southernsynodurc.org.uk)

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The  
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## 50th anniversary tickets available

Free tickets to the URC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving are now available.

On the afternoon of Saturday 1 October 2022, in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972, a chance to give thanks and to celebrate the five decades of the United Reformed Church. We want as many people as possible from across the denomination to attend.

[CLICK FOR TICKETS](#)

## INTERIM MODERATOR

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

A training day is going to be run on July 19th. Interested?

If so, please get in touch with Andy Twilley:

[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



**REFORM 500**  
Remembering the Zurich Wurstener of 1522

**CANCELLED**

Celebrating the witness of Reformed churches in West Sussex 2022

*It is good and commendable that songs of praise be sung by all people on Sunday.* Ulrich Zwingli

Join us for  
**Songs of Praise**  
With the Martineau Brass Quintet  
and the Amici Singers  
**Petworth**  
United Reformed Church  
6.00 pm  
Sunday, 6 March 2022



## Church Leadership Programme

Transforming Leadership from the Inside Out

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

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.

To find out more:

<https://urc.org.uk/church-leadership-programme>



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## Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

June 18 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](mailto:knight52@sky.com)

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## The Significance of Worship in a Changing World

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

On-line Conference

A conference over two days to explore how worship might be developed in the post-covid world of the mid 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Cost: £15

Further details and registration:  
[john@spiritualseekers.co.uk](mailto:john@spiritualseekers.co.uk)  
or at:

<http://www.spiritualseekers.co.uk/TOWConference22.html>

## Church in **focus** SYNOD COUNCIL CONVENOR

It is a great privilege to serve the Synod as Synod Council Convenor. The Synod Council is a busy and complex meeting, receiving reports from the Moderator, Synod Ministries, Synod Trust, Synod Finance, Synod Property Committee, Mission Officer, Children and Youth Committee and Synod Area Leaders. I am very thankful for the huge amount of work achieved by the many who work on our behalf, teasing out the questions we need to address, but also the humility present when dealing with sensitive issues. I am humbled by the wisdom and experience in our Synod and for the many who come forward to share their gifts. I have so much to learn by watching, listening and learning, in the hope that together we can serve the churches effectively and creatively in an ever changing landscape, yes, but in the knowledge that Gods creative presence is always available to us.

*Rev. Kim Plumpton*



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