

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Know and Grow 1

Equipping churches in key word signing to be welcoming and accessible to adults with learning disabilities so that they can know Jesus and grow in their faith

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

9:45am registration, 10:00am – 4:30pm (bring your own lunch)

Caterham URC, 1 Harestone Hill, Caterham, CR3 6SX

**Advance booking essential as places are limited  
- £25 per person**

Contact Rev Andy Twilley: [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk) 07552 751600  
or Christine: [info@counteveryonein.org.uk](mailto:info@counteveryonein.org.uk) 07751 431277

Workshop includes:

- ▶ Introduction to learning disability
- ▶ A challenge and an opportunity
- ▶ What does accessibility mean for our churches?

Registered charity No. 1181852

## 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 Problem of Painting Christ:

strange responses to the  
greatest artistic challenge

by Dr Chloë Reddaway

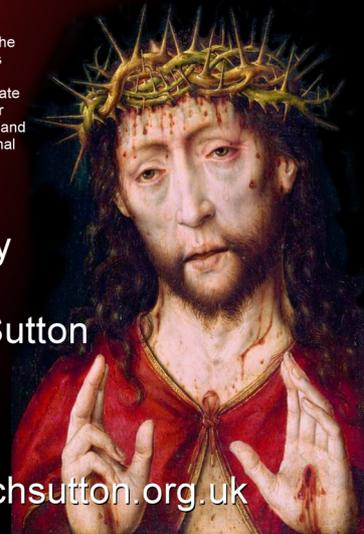
The challenge of painting Christ is a uniquely complex one. How does one paint a figure who is fully human and fully divine in a meaningful way? In this lecture, Chloë Reddaway explores some of the extra-ordinary artistic responses with which Italian painters in the Renaissance met this challenge, and takes a fresh look at well-known paintings of Christ, discovering how surprising and deeply 'strange' they can be.

Dr Chloë Reddaway is a researcher in the Centre for Arts and the Sacred at King's College London and McDonald Agape Theology and the Arts Research Associate at Duke University, NC. She is a former Howard and Roberta Ahmanson Fellow and Curator of Art and Religion at the National Gallery, London.

Tuesday 24 May  
7.30pm  
Trinity Church Sutton

(rescheduled from March)

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



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## Online Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



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Visit the MHFA England website at [mhfaengland.org](http://mhfaengland.org)  
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

**Funded spaces available for  
Southern Synod Participants**

**Next Course May 2022**

**Tues 17, Thurs 19**

**Tues 24, Thurs 26**

**Evenings 18:30 - 21:30**

**(Must attend all 4 sessions)**

**Book now at**

**<https://may-mhfa.eventbrite.co.uk>**

### Children & Families Worker/Youth Worker Full or Part Time

**Location:** St John's URC, Orpington  
**Salary:** £28k pa (pro rata for part time)  
**Hours:** Full/part time (totalling an average of 35 hours per week for FTE)  
**Term:** 3 year contract  
**Closing Date:** Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> June 2022  
**Email for job description/applications:**  
[youthnchildren@stjohnsurc.org.uk](mailto:youthnchildren@stjohnsurc.org.uk)



## Safe Families

Facing life alone can be hard. When a family feels they are isolated and there is no one who can help them it's a scary place to be. Safe families exists to create relationships and connection because everyone deserves to belong. YOU could play a part.

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## INVITATION TO TRINITY CHURCH, SUTTON

Saturday 21 May 2022

Open day for Christian Aid

Come and see the inside of our beautiful church. Our building is Grade 2 listed and a prominent landmark in central Sutton. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment. Tell your family and friends and bring them with you.

11.00am to 3.00pm

Free entry- donations invited for Christian Aid

Address Trinity Church Sutton, Cheam Road, Sutton SM1 1DZ (opposite Sutton Library)

Website [www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/open](http://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/open)



**PLEASE NOTE:** All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Opune](mailto:Opune) by **13 May**.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website [southernynodurc.org.uk](http://southernynodurc.org.uk)

## Small Church Network

*"Making live easier and restoring energy for small churches"*

An opportunity for all those involved in leadership, CRCW's, Ministers, Local Church Leaders, Elders, Church members of small churches

Subjects we will cover and stories we will share examples include Worship; Outreach and Pastoral Care.

This is our second meeting, and we welcome those who came last time and new faces

**On:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Venue:** Crawley United Reformed Church RH10 3DF

**Time:** 10.30 – 2.30pm

(Near to Three Bridges Station and the Church has parking)

Please contact Martin Hayward your Mission and Development Officer [missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk) for more information and to book a place

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch.

## ROB HALLIGAN

Musician and Songwriter

### Live Concert

Friday, 13th May, 7.00pm  
at St John's URC, Orpington

Tickets £10 or £12 on the door

For more details see our website  
[www.stjohnsurc.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsurc.org.uk)



Lindfield United Reformed Church has a number of general purpose chairs surplus to requirements - £5 per chair.

Anyone who is interested... please contact David Walters at:

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## 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)

**from the GROUND Up** *unearthing hope and seeking justice*

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## Church in focus

### GIFTS AND ASSIGNMENTS THAT COVID SEASON HAS LEFT US.

I would like to share my thoughts about the gifts that Covid has left us & my private concerns about our future direction as God's church.

At the beginning of the pandemic, I felt a real desperation, considering the possibility of losing people from church sometime soon.

Thankfully, God has given us great chances to deliver the Gospel through online Zoom & various ways to send God's love; using phone calls, email, SNS, & window visiting. As a result, we have used those chances well during the pandemic and God gave us three gifts through the Covid pandemic:

1. We could focus on and listen to God's word rather than surrounding factors.
2. Church members have become a little closer and more familiar through seeing others' names with the faces on the screen and having a chance to chat online. Before Covid I think there was some tendency to keep relatively narrow relationships among church members even in the same building.
3. Keeping in touch among people became more natural because church workers or main groups in the church had no choice but to contact people to deliver God's love.
4. We have now entered the 'With Corona' era as a hybrid church with these gifts.

Interestingly, people now care for each other over the walls, online and offline.

I think we have our assignment to discern the future of church. As a hybrid church, we need to find some good ideas to embrace all the members who attend church online.

Second, we need to discern God's calling, & be ready to change and renew our way of spreading the gospel as it is a very changeable season. However, it is also vital to keep the same pace with Jesus rather than following our thoughts & passion.

I hope and pray that we can find the best way to spread God's word for this era.

*So Young Jung  
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