

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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**Month of prayer
to mark launch
of URC Children**



**Everyone is invited to pray for
children across the month of July.**

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to
download daily prayer resources



bit.ly/pray-like-hannah

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

SACRAMENTS COURSE

I will be running the sacraments
course in 2 areas of the Synod
in the coming months...

One group in Rochester:
August 2nd and 16th
10.30—12.30

Another on the south coast in
Sussex: date still to be finalised.

To register or to express
interest, please get in touch & I
will keep you posted.

Andy Twilley

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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 23rd 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 for more information and to book a place

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch.

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**BOOKING
OPENS**

Preaching on Revelation

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

19 November 2022 at Crawley URC

SPEAKER: Rev Derek Tidball

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: Localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org

Booking Deadline
October 31st

50th The United Reformed Church

A URC ZOOM EVENT

"HOLY LAND"?

LEARNING ABOUT
ISRAEL & PALESTINE

If you want a good introduction to why there is an ongoing conflict in the "Holy Land", come hear both sides with a focus on solutions, including a Q&A with members of the wonderful 'The Parents Circle'

25 JULY
5.30PM - 9.00PM
INCLUDING DISCUSSION TIME & DINNER BREAK

WITH SOLUTIONS NOT SIDES

Email today for the ZOOM link
urcinterfaith@urc.org.uk

URC Children's and Youth Work Committee invite you to

Let's Celebrate

An online fringe event for everyone following General Assembly.
Join us for an evening of celebration as we share what has been happening and what is coming next in the world of URC Children's and Youth Work.

Monday 18 July 2022 7.30-8.45pm on Zoom.

Sign up at bit.ly/CYWfringe by 15 July.



PLEASE NOTE: All items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Opune by **15 July.**

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



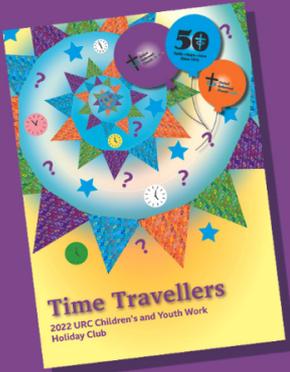
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Time Travellers Holiday Club Resource



A free downloadable resource for those running holiday clubs for children aged 5-11.

Download at
bit.ly/holiday-club-resources



Administrator

£15/hour
15 hours/week

For further details and an application pack contact the Coordinating Chaplain

Mark Ball
07394 081521
mark@kentworkplacemission.org

Closing date is Friday 29th July
Interviews on Tuesday 30th August

kentworkplacemission.org

Larkfield Methodist Church, New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, Aylesford ME20 6PN

Church in focus

PRISON MINISTRY & CHAPLAINCY

Prison Ministry has been around for decades. Why "Prison Ministry"? From a biblical perspective, Prison Ministry can be seen as illustrated in the book of Hebrews 13:1-3 with emphasis on verse 3; *"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them those who are mistreated since you yourselves are in the body also"*. And

also Matthew 25: 36 *"I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me"*. I identify myself with the Prison Fellowship mission statement: *"To show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them & supporting them"* hence my involvement with the ministry & the chaplaincy service to the prisons.

In the introduction of the Prison Governor's Manual is this phrase: *"Prison Chaplains are also a little bit of moral compass. In that way their operations within the establishment gives us the focal point around faith, around decency, alongside the more formal things that we do."* (Prison Governor, 2010)

My goals in prison chaplaincy is to help make an impact to these vulnerable inmates & for them to be able to function more positively and to formulate & fashion a life style acceptable within the prison environment & outside the walls of the prisons. It is also for them to lead a life that is acceptable within the values and norms of the community, helping to integrate them into larger society.

The role also entails helping men and women to replace the cycle of brokenness that landed them in prison. It also involves advocating for justice for prisoners, & the continuous contributions to the criminal justice system reforms. There is also the support & counselling sessions for prison officers, administrative staff & for all who work in the criminal justice system within the prisons sector. In addition the role includes linking inmates to groups & churches outside the prison environment for continuity when they are realised from jail.

The "Lows" are that, in a 'Remand Prison' where I work, the unfortunate issue is, after cases are dealt with in the courts and the offenders are sentenced, we lose track of them and the issue of follow up, most often is not there, and they are lost in the system. My humble prayer request is for the work being done in the prisons by chaplains within the criminal justice system. Also for a good network of support after their discharge from prison.

Rev. Prince HN Brown-Engmann



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