

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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SACRAMENTS COURSE

October 21 & November 4
10.00 – 12.30

Emmanuel URC Worthing

Interested? Then contact Andy Twilley:
training@urcsouthern.org.uk



50th anniversary tickets available

Free tickets to the URC's 50th 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](#)

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

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

Tuesdays in Trinity

13 September 2022 at 7.30 pm

"Crosstalk" with the Very Revd Andrew Nunn

The Dean of Southwark discusses with us the significance of the cross of Christ

All welcome – admission £5 online or on the door

www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk



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All-round training for every volunteer youth leader

Monday 12 September to Monday 14 November on zoom 7pm to 9pm

Attend as many sessions as you would like

Each session covers a **cultural insight**, **practical skill** and a **character reflection**

- 12 September- Why youth ministry? Building rapport with young people, **Loving**
- 19 September- Adolescent Development, Engaging young people with the bible, **Humble**
- 26 September- Growing up digital, Safeguarding and safety, **Open**
- 3 October- Growing up Gen Z, Empowering young people to participate, **Disciplined**
- 10 October- Family life, Working with others as a team, **Forgiving**
- 17 October- Christian Discipleship, Facilitating a session with young people, **Authentic**
- 24 October- Gender and Sexuality, Accommodating young people's needs, **Committed**
- 31 October- School life, Managing behaviour, **Faith-filled**
- 7 November- Emotional and physical health, Telling stories that capture interest, **Hopeful**
- 14 November- Mission and exploring faith, Making a difference, **Courageous**

Contact Steven Mitchell cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk to book your place



What is God asking of YOU?



Ministry Enquirers' Event

to help you think about God's call to Stepwise, Worship Leading, Lay Preaching, Lay Pioneering, Ministry with children and young people, the Ministry of Word and Sacraments or Church Related Community Work.

Come and chat in person with those in ministry and find out what God is calling you to!

Enquirers' Event

Saturday 1st October 2022

10am-1pm at Church House

Register your interest with ministries@urc.org.uk

THE GATHERING

September 19—21

PLEASE PRAY for this event for Southern Synod Ministers and Local Church Leaders, and is taking place at High Leigh. The focus is on "PRAYER" with Jane Holloway as the main speaker and facilitator.

Pray that it will be a time of rest and refreshment, stimulation & renewal as these 3 days are spent together.



Join Eco Church



Find out more about

ECO CHURCH
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13th of September

@8-9pm

on Zoom

Contact Rev Nadene Snyman
minister@ccpw.org.uk to book



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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

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

*Touring to churches and schools this Advent
Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community*

"... a magnificent production. Our church members and their guests were powerfully moved."

Rev David Senior

"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."

Rev Novette Headley

"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."

John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church



Watch now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIQmZj6hDoE>

www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi

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Push out even deeper

22nd September, Ashburnham Place, Sussex

Jesus invited some seasoned fishermen to do something out of the ordinary; to go beyond what they were used to and where they were used to doing it. Rural Ministries believes God's call on pioneers and practitioners today is the same.

Come and be part of a larger conversation; hear how we can help you where you are and how you, in turn, could help others.

The day is being run in association with Ashburnham Place and begins at 10am and will run through to 4pm, including space to pray, feedback what the Holy Spirit is saying, and together identify next steps.

The cost is just £10pp including lunch, book at: www.ruralministries.org.uk/deeper.

Organised by Rural Ministries in association with:



Church in focus

**BEXLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, EMMANUEL METHODIST/
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SIDCUP, GEDDES PLACE
(BEXLEYHEATH) UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.**

The ongoing pattern suggests that pastorates will be comprised of more churches in the foreseeable future. Bexley and Geddes Place have been linked for many years with Emmanuel joining in 2017. It is a sad fact that constituent churches in some pastorates have absolutely no contact with each other. Other pastorates strive to integrate constituent churches more closely. Over the past eighteen months our three churches have taken very positive steps to become more truly assimilated. We hold a pastorate meeting (two elders from each church) every quarter to discuss and plan joint events. An accepted range of joint events and services has now been held.

The "big event" to celebrate the URC's 50th Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving takes place on 1st October. The following day our three churches will hold a combined service in Emmanuel - a chance to give thanks and celebrate five decades. The preacher is a very old friend of Bexley and Geddes Place, Revd Bryn Thomas. The proverb "unity is strength" exemplifies that congregations which are united are stronger and face the future with added faith. It is the desired wish of our three churches that we move forward in strength, assurance and conviction.

Colin Watson - Interim Moderator.



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