

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## SACRAMENTS COURSE

October 21 & November 4  
10.00 – 12.30  
Emmanuel URC Worthing

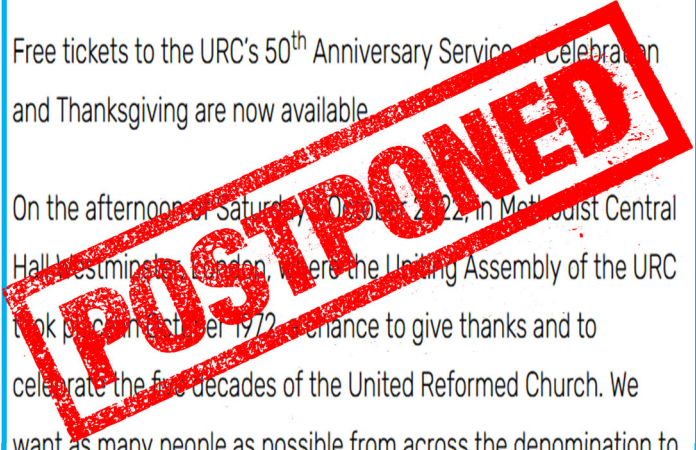
Interested? Then contact Andy Twilley:  
[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



## 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 10 October 2022, in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972, we have the chance to give thanks and to celebrate the first decades of the United Reformed Church. We want as many people as possible from across the denomination to attend.



[CLICK FOR TICKETS](#)

## Westminster College Cambridge

A resource centre for learning

For Ministers and Church Group  
Leaders 2022

TMM3201 Adult Education for the  
Learning Church

8 week course in person or online

Pre-course preparation via Moodle (Virtual Learning Environment).

This course will enable you to:

- Enable you to deepen your understanding of Christian education and mission
- Reflect on what adult education and discipleship means in your context
- Gain practical tips and insights into course planning, preparation, evaluation, and group dynamics
- Reflect theologically on your own role and identity as a Christian educator and life-long learner
- Evaluate different adult education theories in different ecclesial contexts

Dates:  
Wednesdays 11.10am-1pm and 2-2.50pm  
For 8 weeks from  
12th Oct–30th Nov '22

Course cost: £295  
(Bursaries available)

For the course schedule, more information and a booking form please contact the Tutorial Office  
01223 330632  
[admin@westminster.cam.ac.uk](mailto:admin@westminster.cam.ac.uk)



Walking the Way

Serving the United Reformed Church



## Introduction to Makaton for churches

Help make church and children/youth work more accessible for all

URC Children's and Youth Work and Education and Learning are pleased to offer a free online introduction to Makaton, led by Makaton tutor Laura Netley. Learn how to support your communication with simple signs which will make your meaning clearer. Places are limited to fifteen but the session is repeated on five different occasions:

Wednesday 12 October 19:00 - 21:00

Saturday 5 November 9:00 - 11:00

Monday 7 November 9:30 - 11:30

Thursday 17 November 19:00 - 21:00

Monday 16 January 19:00 - 21:00

Book on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-makaton-tickets-394966865527>



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## WORSHIP

at the United Reformed  
Church, Sandwich

(at the side of the Guildhall)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month

4pm to 5pm

An hour of modern worship songs,  
giving thanks to God for his love  
and faithfulness.

followed by refreshments

*Hosted by the United Reformed Church, in association  
with the Carpenter's Arms church*



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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

10am-1pm at Church House

Register your interest with [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

On Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> Opuene concluded her time working for the Synod. Let's pray for her as she starts her new job and also the rest of the office staff as they cover the responsibilities she had, ahead of a replacement being found and taking up the post.

## CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers  
Training Course

January 2023

Is God calling **YOU?**

Contact Andy for details

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



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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](mailto: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](http://www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi)



## PROFESSOR DAVID BLOCK

# GOD AND GALILEO



### The battle for the soul of the world

Professor David Block explores the relationship between contemporary science and faith

FREE EVENT  
Donations Welcome

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023

2:30PM

All Saints' Church  
Tudeley, Kent  
TN11 0NZ  
(Doors open 2pm)



LIMITED SEATING, BOOKING ADVISABLE  
Booking & more information on our website  
[www.tudeley.org](http://www.tudeley.org)

or contact the church office: email [chadmin@tudeley.org](mailto:chadmin@tudeley.org)

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to [Andy](#) by 30 September.

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



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Thursday, 22 September 7-8pm  
*Oh Yes! We are Talking About...*  
**ADVENT**  
*Come along and hear about the amazing new resource being made available to help you and your church engage with your community this advent*  
<https://bit.ly/3AgbmHs>

## Church in **focus** BEXHILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

It has been three years since I came to Bexhill URC, and three-quarters of the period was full of uncertainties, such as the Covid Pandemic, the building project, and the demise of the late Queen recently. In those certainties, we had to carry on the ministry of the Lord in spontaneous but still sensible ways to integrate all the congregation. Quite a few people may have been left in isolation or desperation during the period. However, surely I can say that it was an extraordinary time as we can now see the apparent certainties in Jesus Christ. A crisis in uncertainty can be changed into an opportunity for the future when we remain in certainty. God has manifested the clear direction of certainty when we love and serve in solidarity. In particular, we want to approach and encourage the younger people in the area with the advantage of the crisis. Our church is growing, not remaining in its place. God is still working in us!

*Rev Terry Jin  
Minister*