URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Make a Labyrinth on Zoom 24th Nov@ 7-9pm

Aileen White lead us in an evening of understanding Labyrinths AND we will each make a finger-labyrinth in our own home!





£10 per person which excludes the clav book with Nadene welcome@ccpw.org.uk **PLEASE NOTE: Items** for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Andy by 25

November.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website

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CHRISTCHURCH URC, WALTON ON THE HILL

It was with great sadness that the Elders took the very difficult decision to close the church on 31st December 2022. Our last service is on 11th Dec, after which we shall have two weeks to dispose of what we can in terms of the church contents before handing the building over to Synod. There are tables, chairs, communion silverware, altar lecterns and table, vases, hymn books, tall metal flower stands, plus other items. We therefore intend to hold an Open Morning on Saturday 17th December between 10.00 and 12.00 for anyone who might be interested in our items for disposal. Any enquiries to me, Janet Holah, on:

janetholah@outlook.com or 07789 181455.

Come and join us to share a warm meal in a WARM SPACE - FREE!!

From 22nd November to 30th March 2023 we are opening our doors for two days per week offering:



- A warm welcome in a friendly atmosphere
- Hot drinks and food at NO COST TO YOU
- Watch TV, sit and chat, play board games, cards or just read
- Transport to and from the venue if needed, call 07842 145341
- Fully Accessible WC
- · Baby changing and feeding facilities available
- All ages welcome, this includes you men!
- Mobile charging facilities Limited Wi-Fi, 4G available
- Volunteers welcome, including offers of transport
- No questions asked

WHERE: The Chapel on the Hill, Chapel Hill, TN33 OQX

WHEN: Weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays

TIMINGS: 10.am - 4.30pm

HOT FOOD 12-2pm

Other warm snacks and hot drinks always available

Any Questions: \$\infty 07842 145341 thechapelonthehill2020@outlook.com



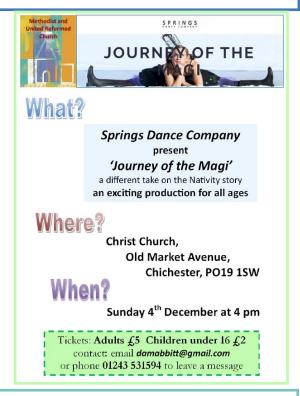
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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Thirty one Eight has developed a resource pack to help churches explore what safer places look like and to show your community and congregation that your church takes safeguarding seriously. This can be explored as part of your regular Sunday service or a just few minutes dedicated to safeguarding in your service will make a huge difference. https://thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday/registration/





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Faith and Science in the Local Church

Be equipped to engage with scientific issues in the day-to-day life of your church.

13 - 14 January 2023

Online and in Cambridge

faraday.institute/churchleaders







'Love is ...'

Then send it to Lorraine Webb at

Simply finish this sentence:

lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk



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Domestic Abuse **Awareness Training**



19th Jan 2023 from 10am - 12pm 21st March from 7pm-9pm

- Covering:
 Definitions of domestic abuse and the different types of abuse eg physical, sexual, emotional, financial Recognising signs of control and coercion including gaslighting behaviours
 Recognising spiritual abuse
 Recognising the subtle signs of abuse
 Raising awareness of domestic abuse in the church
 Safety planning advice
 Who to raise concerns to in the faith setting and what Who to raise concerns to in the faith setting and what to do once a disclosure has been made or suspected

To book on to this training, please email Belinda Herbert at:

safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk



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New Edition of In GEAR available.

The Autumn 2022 edition of In GEAR is now available on GEAR's web-site. This latest edition plus numerous back copies can be found at:

http://www.gear.org.uk/publications/in-gear-magazine/

You can download the PDF version by clicking on the relevant front page view. If you wish to receive a paper copy (or multiple copies), please complete the form on the

WIDGET TRAINING

FREE online Widget Training Saturday 3 December 9.30-10.30am or Tuesday 10 January 7-8pm Come and learn how to create more accessible signs, documents, posters and orders of service.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-widgittickets-431588050477



We are looking for a small table lectern, similar to the one shown, for the Communion Table at Trinity URC Wimbledon.

If you have one which is no longer required, please contact churchsecretaries@trinitywimbledon.org Thank you!



CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers **Training Course**

January 2023

Is God calling YOU? Contact Andy for details training@urcsouthern.org.uk

The 8 sessions will take place at Caterham URC on Monday mornings. If you are interested but cannot make a daytime timeslot, please get in touch anyway because other options could be considered.



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Training in Pastoral Care

January 24: SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care

February 21: SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries

March 21: SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills

VENUE: Faversham United Church (LEP), Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PE.

TIME: 10.30 - 13.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Church in



St Paul's URC and South Croydon United Church

St Paul's URC continues to develop and live out its Spirit-led vision

to be a 'welcoming church that loves all it's neighbours'. As part of this work we are delighted to have recently achieved a bronze Eco-Church award, now aiming for Silver! We are committed to fully welcoming and valuing all younger folk who are connected with our community (Junior Church, Uniformed Organisations and hall users), inspired by the URC Children and Youth Friendly Church scheme. We are seeing real growth in discipleship, thanks to our participation in the 2 year LICC 'Whole-Life Discipleship' program, which is giving us new ways of thinking of church in our whole lives, not just what happens in our buildings.

At South Croydon United Church (Methodist/URC), we have recently been blessed to bring 5 folk into membership. A new Academy Primary school opened next to the church a few years ago and we are building a strong connection with staff, children and adults alike. Events and services for Harvest, Christmas, Remembrance, upon the death of Queen Elizabeth, and offering garden space for learning and growing, are all giving real opportunity to share God's love.

Exciting and busy times! Thanks be to God!

Rev. Martin Knight



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