

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



Talking about... HYBRID CHURCH



**Tuesday 11th October
@ 7:30pm**

**WORSHIP TECH OUTREACH
YOUTH WORK**

Come along to YOUR space to
share and learn



For more info, email:
jenny.mills@urc.org.uk;
dan@media4ministry.co.uk



Meeting ID: 892 8553 7599

Passcode: 655777



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



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>

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to **Andy** by **14 October**.

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

southernsynodurc.org.uk



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BOARDGAME

Scavenger Hunt Challenge

How many boardgame locations can you visit in 1 day?

YOUTH GET TOGETHER
For young people from
Thames North and
Southern Synods
Age range: Young
people in school Y10
to age 25

Date: Saturday 29th
October 2022

Time: 11:45 - 17:00
Meet at: London St
Pancras Station

Arrange your own travel to
and from London

Teams must have a
responsible adult (over18)
Contact your CYDO to book
Thames North
Lorraine Downer
cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk
Southern
Tom Hackett
cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk



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

or contact the church office: email chadmin@tudeley.org

GAMES

FOOD

ALL AGE
WORSHIP

CRAFTS

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Thursday 27th October 2022

11-4pm, Lumen
WC1H 9RS, London

A day of fun & celebration for participants
from Southern & Thames North Synods

Aimed at 5-12 year olds with an accompanying adult

Contact your CYDO to book

Southern - cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Thames North - cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers
Training Course

January 2023

Is God calling YOU?

Contact Andy for details

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Let's all pray for Synod
Together on Saturday as we
gather to celebrate the
Lord's abundant blessing
and provision.



The
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SAFEGUARDING FOR ELDERS AS TRUSTEES 2023

Webinar

Please join one of the dates below to gain vital information on your specific safeguarding role in the URC. This session is for all Serving Elders with Trustee Responsibility in their church.

From the webinar you will

- Gain an understanding of URC policies and how they underpin your role in relation to Safeguarding.
- Understand your role as a trustee for the church and how this links to safeguarding.
- Understand the 5 safeguarding actions outlined by the government for churches as charities.

PLEASE NOTE THIS TRAINING IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOUNDATION AND INTERMEDIATE TRAINING AND COVERS SEPARATE INFORMATION

March 14th 2023 7pm-9pm

October 20th 2023 2pm-4pm



TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT
CARRIE.KAUNDA@URC.ORG.UK

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

Church in SYNOD ECUMENICAL OFFICER

As your Ecumenical Officer I have become familiar with some of the watchwords used by denominational EOs and Churches Together in England (CTE) who provide our training. Among these is the phrase 'receptive ecumenism.' As the CTE website explains, 'Receptive ecumenism is essentially very simple. Instead of asking what other Church traditions need to learn from us, we ask what our tradition needs to learn from them.' 'It challenges us not to think of what others might benefit from receiving from us, but instead invites us to recognise our needs and to put ourselves in the place of being a recipient.' There is wisdom in this approach which can help overcome the undoubted tensions that result from working with people who differ from ourselves, both within the United Reformed Church and beyond. How can we affirm what is good in the other person, the other group, the other church? Having spent more than four decades now in contexts that include inhabiting the household of other denominations alongside the URC, it is in those times when I have learned to appreciate the gifts in others that the most rewarding steps have been taken. This September I begin my last year of URC stipendiary ministry, and both now and beyond that horizon I hope to uphold receptive ecumenism 'which has the potential to transform how we listen and relate as churches – learning from each other and recognising that we all have gifts to share.' It is an attitude that helps to fulfil Jesus' prayer, "That they may be one...that the world may believe...." (John 17:21).

Rev. Paul Dean



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