

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.” *Psalm 31: 24*



New Malden United Reformed Church
Hymnathon
12-Hour Hymn Sing
7am - 7pm
Saturday 14 January 2023

Join us at New Malden URC throughout the day.
newmaldenurc.org.uk/hymnathon

christian aid We will be accepting donations for Christian Aid. You can help raise extra funds by getting sponsored per hour or to sing for the whole day.

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Faith - Hope - Love - Since 1972
Celebrating 50 years of the United Reformed 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.

Enquirers' Event

Saturday 11th February 2023

10am-3pm online

Register with ministries@urc.org.uk
to receive Zoom details

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to **Andy** by **20 January**.

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

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



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TALKING ABOUT... OUTDOOR CHURCH
Exploring the opportunities of worshipping outside



Thursday, 26th January 7-8pm on Zoom
Book your free place at: bit.ly/TAoutdoorchurch



Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



Children's & Youth Development Officers
Mersey Synod - Steven Mitchell cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Southern Synod - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Visit the MHFA England website at mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

Fully funded places available for participants from Southern Synod
Book via the link below

www.bit.ly/february-mhfa



2 Feb - 3 Feb 2023
Northern College,
Manchester M14 5JP

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DAVSS 
Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services
Talk to us

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 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





Online Event

Join us to further understand what is meant by Domestic Abuse and how to recognise it and respond to it.

Awareness of Domestic Abuse in the Church

About The Training
The session will focus on the complexities of domestic abuse within the church context and seek to unpick some of the misconceptions and attitudes surrounding it.

Choose from one of the following dates

-  7th Feb 2023 6.30pm-8.30pm
-  22nd March 2023 1.30pm-3.30pm

For More Info & Booking Contact
carrie.kaunda@urc.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: 2023

Foundation Safeguarding Training (Approx 2 hours).

28th January 10am - 12pm at Herne Hill URC (Red Post Hill, SE24 9PW) *PHYSICAL TRAINING*
6th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm *ONLINE TRAINING*

27th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm at Lumen Church (88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS) *PHYSICAL TRAINING*
18th May (daytime) Location TBC *PHYSICAL TRAINING*

Intermediate Safeguarding Training (Approx 2.5 hours).

28th January 1pm - 3.30pm at Herne Hill URC (Red Post Hill, SE24 9PW) *PHYSICAL TRAINING*
9th February 6.30pm- 9pm *ONLINE TRAINING*

27th March 6.30pm - 9pm at Lumen Church (88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS) *PHYSICAL TRAINING*
18th May (daytime) Location TBC *PHYSICAL TRAINING*

Foundation Refresher Safeguarding Training.

26th April 10am - 12pm *ONLINE TRAINING*

Intermediate Refresher Safeguarding Training.

27th April 10am -12pm *ONLINE TRAINING*

For other dates later in the year, contact Belinda:

safeguarding@urcsouthern.org.uk

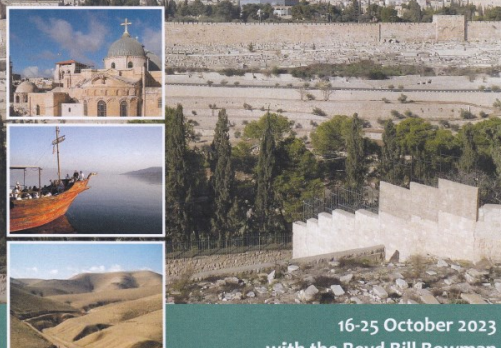


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**A PILGRIMAGE
TO THE
HOLY LAND**
10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee



16-25 October 2023
with the Revd Bill Bowman

For full details please call or email
07905 499815
wfbowman@hotmail.com

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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**

Church in All God's People

One of the things which excites me most about being a Christian is that ALL of us have a part to play in the work of the Church and the building of Christ's Kingdom. The idea of "every member ministry" is not just a cute strap line, but should be a reality as we seek to be an authentic expression of Church, because as Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus: *"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

As you look ahead to 2023, I wonder what God is calling you to do? Maybe he wants to encourage you to continue faithfully doing what you have done in the past. Or maybe there is a new opportunity He is opening up for you, and He is calling you to step up to the plate in faith and serve in some new way. The Church faces many challenges yet these are also exciting opportunities, and as we ALL play our part, we will have the privilege of being part of His plans being realised and we will see those plans unfold and come to fruition.

I pray the Lord will abundantly bless you throughout 2023 as you journey with Him.

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