

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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GEAR's next 'Refreshing Your Ministry' event on Zoom is on Wednesday 8 February, 2-3.30pm:

Refreshing Your Prayer Life Jesus is the source of living water led by Rev. Mary Irish



Prayer is fundamental to our calling. Come and encourage others and most importantly be refreshed yourself in new explorations of prayer.

Mary is a URC minister, an ex-hospital chaplain, an active spiritual director and has been part of GEAR for 40 years.

RYM Zoom events are open to all serving and retired Ministers and CRCWs, local leaders, lay preachers and elders. To book your free place, please email Richard Bradley: Richard.Bradley@nwsynod.org.uk



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 **3 February**.

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

How Can I Train To Be A Supervisor?

URC Ministries Dept has partnered with Westminster College and Wesley House in Cambridge to provide training for the Certificate in Pastoral Supervision.

Further courses are scheduled for:

November 20th – 24th 2023 at Westminster College.

To apply for the training contact: ministries.pa@urc.org.uk



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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

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*

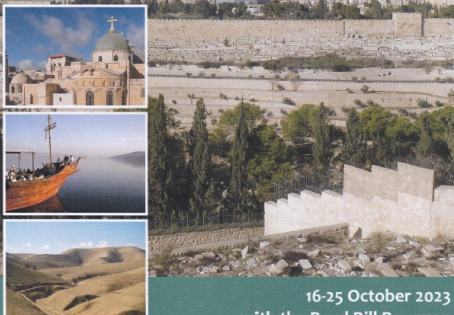
For other dates later in the year, contact Belinda:

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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The United Reformed Church

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 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


The United Reformed Church

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

Church in focus Trinity URC, Wimbledon

At Trinity we are restless to carry out the work of God in the world, but like for many churches things can feel challenging. To find support and guidance we have joined the LICC Southern Synod Learning Hub.

This is a two year journey learning and sharing ways to help anyone associated with our church to be disciples in their everyday lives, supporting them in their career, their family life, their volunteering, and equipping them to share their faith.

In the Hub sessions our Elders are being inspired to consider new ways of worshipping and relating together. As a church in vacancy, we pray that we might call a minister with the gifts and commitment to walk with us on this journey.

Please pray for all churches involved in the Hub, for Trinity, and for all God's people to experience the changing power of His grace in our daily lives.

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