

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Small Church Network

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering

An opportunity for all those involved in leadership and members of small churches

We will be looking at material from **‘Talking Jesus’** and their report on the state of the Church in the UK

**On:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Venue:** St John’s Marsh Green, near Edenbridge TN8 5QR

**Time:** 10.30 – 2.00 pm

Please contact Martin Hayward your Mission and Development Officer  
[missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk) for more information and to book a place.

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch

## Online 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](mailto:cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk)  
Southern Synod - Tom Hackett [cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk)

Visit the MHFA England website at [mhfaengland.org](http://mhfaengland.org)  
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

[www.bit.ly/march-mhfa](http://www.bit.ly/march-mhfa)

March 2023 - Morning Course

9:30-12:30

4 online sessions

Mon 20, Weds 22,

Mon 27, Weds 29



[www.bit.ly/may-mhfa](http://www.bit.ly/may-mhfa)

May 2023 - Evening Course

18:30-21:30

4 online sessions

Tues 16, Thurs 18

Tues 23, Thurs 25



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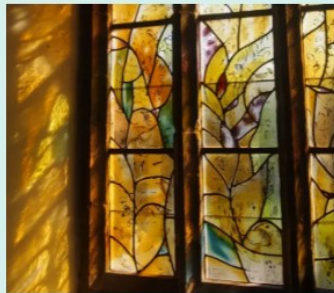
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## Offering SPIRITUAL CARE to those at end of life

at All Saints' Tudeley, Kent TN11 ONZ

An interactive morning workshop led by Penny Stephens, previously Chaplain at St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney & Hospice in the Weald, Pembury, with 24 years' ordained ministry.



A morning workshop for:

- ◆ All involved in Pastoral Care
- ◆ Volunteer & Staff Chaplains
- ◆ Health and Social Care Workers
- ◆ Family Carers
- ◆ Anyone with a personal interest

Please book to attend on one of the following dates:

Thursday 20th April, Friday 21st April,

Monday 5th June, Tuesday 6th June

All dates: 9:30am - 1pm

Cost: £10

(Bursary Available)

More dates may be offered if sufficient demand

To book contact Liz Wood:

chadmin@tudeley.org 01892 833241

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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



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY



University  
of Glasgow

Postgraduate  
Level

Wednesday  
Mornings

Online (8 classes)

26th April -  
21st June 2023

£499 for recognised  
UK church leaders

# LEADING IN CHURCH CHANGE

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**Kent Workplace Mission**

Registered Charity No. 1105783



Registered Office: c/o Larkfield Methodist Church, New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6PN

*Kent Workplace Mission supporting Chaplaincy in the Workplace across Kent*

## Vacancy for: Volunteer Treasurer

The Treasurer is a Trustee of the charity responsible to the Council for developing financial strategy and ensuring delivery.

The Treasurer works closely with the Administrator who normally handles financial transactions, book-keeping, and banking.

The Treasurer's contribution includes:  
Leading thinking on financial strategy  
Leading fundraising for the charity  
Preparing the annual accounts  
Reporting the current position at the Operations Group and Trustee Council meetings

The Trustees of KWM are hoping to fill the above vacancy before the AGM in May 2023 to allow a handover period from the retiring Treasurer.

If this might be your calling or you have further questions, please contact initially the Administrator Madeleine Shepley at: [admin@kentworkplacemission.org](mailto:admin@kentworkplacemission.org) by Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## ORGAN BENCH

Requires new home.

Interested?

Contact Alistair Wilson

[alwilson4114@gmail.com](mailto:alwilson4114@gmail.com)



**PLEASE NOTE:** Items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to **Andy** by 3 March.

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

**JUST A REMINDER...**

**SYNOD TOGETHER is taking place on March 11th.**

Church in **focus**

## Cornerstone URC, Uckfield

Having come through Covid on the face of it relatively unscathed, various issues became apparent that were caused by being apart. However, with the help of our share of a new Deacon and the Warm Spaces venture this has given us more time together and we have finally really got to grips with the Safer Recruitment processes for the various roles around the church thanks to very committed Safeguarding volunteers.

Progress is now coming with the Baby & Toddler Group re-starting, the planned Lent discussions looking different and our participation in the LICC Learning Hub Journey, which has expanded our horizons and provided us with some useful techniques, these have already been used in some of our services to get the congregation to participate with varying degrees of success. The future is looking brighter, more members of the congregation have volunteered to prepare and lead services which gives a more varied approach to worship, also new ways of spreading the Good News is a bonus always worth exploring.

*Clare Warren*



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