



Southern Synod
Spring Synod Together Meeting, Saturday 11th March 2023

To: All Ministers in a pastorate, Church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, Synod Staff, Co-opted members, Retired Ministers, Students and Observers.

Dear Friend,

2023 Spring Synod Together Meeting
Saturday 11th March 2023. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm
at Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1YD

Grace, mercy and peace to you.

It gives me great joy to invite you to attend, in person, the meeting of Synod Together on Saturday 11th March 2023 at Brighthelm Centre, Brighton.

We are extremely grateful to the team at Brighthelm for making this meeting possible.

When you arrive at the venue, you will be directed to the Registration points which will be done alphabetically by surname.

Voting cards will be given at the registration desk.

All Ministers in active service, church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, Synod Staff, and co-opted members are voting members. Others, including Retired Ministers, Students and Observers, are welcome and will be able to address the meeting but are not allowed to participate in decision-making.

Please let us know if you will not be able to attend by sending your apologies as soon as possible, indicating clearly whether you are a minister, church representative etc. and your church to Lauren King on modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk or 0208 668 3730.

There is very limited parking available at the venue for those who have mobility issues. Please let Lauren King (modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk) know, in advance, with your name and car registration number, if you need one of these spaces. More information on getting to the Brighthelm Centre is enclosed.

Please, don't forget to bring your lunch. Soup, tea, and coffee will be provided.

A bookstall selling selection of books and merchandise from the URC bookshop will be running on the day. Please bring cash for any purchases you may like to make.

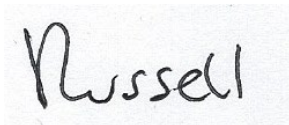
As you will see from the Agenda, there are a number of related presentations exploring how we, as Church, are helping transform communities and protecting our precious planet. We will also explore, together, the hard question of racism in the church, as part of the response to the work of General Assembly's 'Legacies of Slavery Task Group'. Please read all the reports and papers before attending the meeting as well as taking notes of information to report back on to your various areas, committees and local congregations. If you have any detailed questions about any of the reports or paperwork, please can I urge you to address specific questions to those responsible for producing the reports prior to the meeting.

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From this October, and going forward, the date of the Autumn Synod Together meeting has been changed to the third Saturday in October. This means the date of this year's meeting has changed to the 21st October 2023. The Spring meetings will continue to be held on the second Saturday of March.

I look forward to being with you all.

Yours in Christ,



Revd. Russell Furley-Smith

Synod Clerk

27th February 2023

Getting to the Brighthelm Centre

Brighthelm is a 5-minute walk from Brighton train station.

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For any other drivers the closest (but expensive) car park is the RCP North End Car Park next door to the venue or there is the cheaper Trafalgar Street Car Park a 6-minute walk away.

If you are driving to Synod Together please consider car sharing.

