

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Faith Filled Identities



Online sessions for young people aged 14-25

Join young people around the URC online on Wednesdays 14th and 21st of June (7-8pm) to talk, think, share and develop your understanding of the 'legacies of Slavery' debate led by Rev'd Dr Rob Hoch (North Western Synod) book your place at:
bit.ly/FaithFilledIdentities



Tolworth
United
Reformed
Church

Come and join
the celebration!

Photo & picture
Exhibition
10am—4pm
Friday 9th &
Saturday 10th
June 2023

WE ARE
CELEBRATING
OUR 90 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

Display of new church banner

Sunday 11th June
10.30am
Anniversary worship
& lunch

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATIONS HERE AT
TOLWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ELGAR AVENUE, KTS 9JR



Thursdays 22nd and 29th June
and 6th July
7.15-8.45pm
on Zoom

Exploring resilience for churches
Led by Adam Scott and Alex Clare-Young

RESILIENCE

To register go to
<https://bit.ly/Resilience4churches>



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Synod Prayer Days

Deployment Missions Outreach
Concerns Future
Congregations Buildings Age profiles
Evangelism Decline

We talk a lot together,
in Councils, Synod Area
and Synod meetings

But do we listen?

*Do we spend time listening
to God?*

**This is an opportunity to listen to
God together as Synod (Area)!**

EKSA / WKESSA	Sat 8 July	Cade Road Ashford
S&SSA	Sat 22 July	Crawley URC
SLSA	Sat 29 July	Crossways URC, Elephant & Castle
CSUA	Sat 9 Sep	Broadway United Church, Eastbourne

All days start at 10am for 10:30 finishing at 4pm



Synod Prayer Days Agenda

10:00 Arrivals
10:30 Opening Worship + Intro
10:45 General Prayers for Synod and Synod Area
11:15 Prayer Sessions
Individual Prayers
Lectio Divina Prayer Walks
Centring Prayer Labyrinth
Craft & Writing 1:1 prayers
Group prayer activity at 11:30
Lectio Divina or Listening Prayer
12:30 Lunch
13:15 Gathering Worship
13:30 Prayer Sessions
Same as in the morning
Group prayer activity at 13:45
15:15 Plenary session to bring
what we heard together
16:00 Close

**These days are an opportunity to
listen to God together!**



**Calling all
grandparents**

Join our free in-
person or online
gatherings

10 June in Reading
17 June in Newcastle-
upon-Tyne
15 and 19 June online

**Glorious
grandparenting**

www.bit.ly/glorious-grandparenting
for more details

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next
issue of “*Mission & Vision*” need
to be sent
to **Andy** by **9 June**.

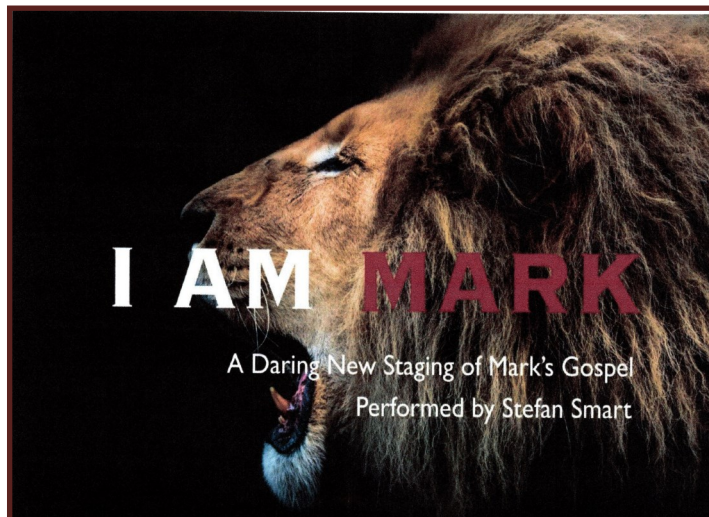
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WE ARE **CHRIST CHURCH URC, SEVENOAKS**
YOU ARE **WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US**
ON **FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

A ROARING SUCCESS AT THE EDINBURGH FRINGE
BOOK ON www.eventbrite.co.uk
CAPACITY **150 SEATS***

*Entry only by ticket(s) booked and paid in advance

Christ Church URC, Littlecourt Road, Sevenoaks,
TN13 2JG – en route to the station and opposite LIDL

SPRING INTO STEPWISE

Facilitator Training Sessions

We are offering two opportunities to come and learn more about Stepwise and be enthused and equipped to facilitate Stepwise in your church, community or wider context.

Tues 13 June: 10.00-12.30 Online via Zoom
Wed 28th June: 10.30-13.00 at Church House

If you are interested in finding out what Stepwise has to offer, what's involved in facilitating Stepwise and how you might go about setting up a group as a facilitator, then please come along to either session. It would be great to see you!

For further details and to register for either session please contact David Salsbury david.salsbury@urc.org.uk or Marion Brown marion.brown@urc.org.uk



PRESIDING AT A FUNERAL

17 August 2023
10.30 – 13.00
Crawley URC

A training session to explore all aspects of conducting a funeral service, particularly designed for Elders or Lay Preachers who might be called upon to serve in this way. To express interest in attending, please contact Andy Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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TRAINING FOR *Visionary Companions*

3 July 2023

14.00—16.30

Crawley URC

Find out more or to book your place:

ANDY: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Small Church Network

The third get together

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

BUILDINGS! Nightmare or Sanctuary?

Making the most of what we've got with limited resources

On: Saturday 22nd July 2023

Venue: The Vines United Reformed Church, Rochester,
The Terrace, Victoria Street, Rochester Kent ME1 1XN

Time: 10.30 – 2.00 pm

Please contact Martin Hayward your Mission and Development Officer
missionofficer@urcsouthern.org.uk for more information and to book a place.

N.B. please bring your own pack lunch

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Southern Synod Clerk

Full time post 40 hours a week.
£45,000 p.a. for a lay person or Minister's Stipend.

Southern Synod are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated person to be Synod Clerk (lay or ordained). The person must have a good working knowledge of the United Reformed Church and Southern Synod. Duties and responsibilities include:

1. Understanding the Synod Mission Strategy and ensuring the day-to-day work of the Synod is focused.
2. Working with the Moderator, providing support and assistance as appropriate.
3. Supporting the work of the Synod Council.
4. Facilitating individuals, churches and committees' access to the National Church and Synod information. Encouraging any connections that they need to work effectively.
5. Connecting the Synod with the wider life of the United Reformed Church.

Please email the Moderator's PA at modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk for an application form.

Closing date is 15th June 2023. Shorting listing 29th June. Interviews will be on 5th July with the appointment to start as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE

EXPLORE
YOUR CALL

November 22

19.00 – 20.30

An evening on ZOOM to find out what it means to become a...

**Minister of Word & Sacrament
Church Related Community Worker
Local Church Leader
Lay Preacher**

With input from a range of speakers, this will be an exciting opportunity to hear insights from those who are engaged in these ministries, to ask your questions, and most importantly, to **“Explore YOUR call”**.

To find out more, or to book a place, contact Andy Twilley

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Church in **focus** WKESSA Pastoral Convenor

Karen and I were joint pastoral convenors for 6 years from 2014 to 2020 and I guess the key issue then was providing good leadership for each church whether it be stipendiary or non-stipendiary ministers, local church leaders or the elders' meeting. Clearly this issue has not gone away and will remain an important task.

Revd George Kalu took over from us and he has been dealing with another huge issue for the URC - how do we help churches to grow, whether it be existing churches or planting new churches. I see the key role for me is to continue this work and in particular to change our mindset from managing decline to stimulating growth. I do not underestimate the difficulty of this task but I believe the future of the URC hinges on its success. We need a new confidence that the gospel message of Jesus Christ still has power today. I have seen this power in the Recovery [from addiction] Course and my heart is to see it in the WKESSA churches.

Rev. Bob Street



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