

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Welcome, Holy Spirit

Encountering the person and power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would clothe us with power, equipping us for action as his witnesses. Yet often we settle for less than God intended, and have little first-hand experience of the Spirit's empowering work.

This Ignite explores the Biblical basis for welcoming the Holy Spirit more fully into our lives and churches. Through testimony, teaching and prayer we will make space for a richer understanding and fresh encounters with the third person of the Trinity.

Join us for this faith-inspiring event and discover how much more God can do in you, for you, and through you.

Saturday 30th September 2023
9:30 am - 5 pm



"The people were so genuine and the teaching so biblical that it has opened my eyes to learning how to co-operate with the Holy Spirit."

- » Light refreshments will be provided
- » Please bring a packed lunch
- » Parking is limited



St Andrew's URC
Watling Street
Canterbury. CT1 2UA

Find out more and book your place:

dunamis.org.uk/ignite-events

EXPLORE

YOUR CALL

SAVE THE DATE

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

Training in

pastoral care

Sunday 20th August

TIME: 14.00 – 18.30

Two seminars:

Introduction to Pastoral Care
Listening Skills

VENUE: Christ Church URC,
High St, Tonbridge TN9 1SG

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Synod Prayer Days

Deployment Missions Outreach
 Concerns Buildings Future
 Congregations Evangelism Age profiles
 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 12 Aug	Crossways URC, Elephant & Castle
CSUA	Sat 9 Sep	Emmanuel United Church, Eastbourne

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



Announcing the 23-24 Certificate
 in
 Theology & Discipleship for
 Mission

Session Dates
 9 & 23 October
 6 & 20 November
 4 December
 15 & 29 January
 12 & 26 February
 11 March
 29 April
 13 May
 3 & 17 June
 1 July

Join our 23-24 Cohort for the CIDM to participate in

- scholarly readings of Mark's Jesus movement led by the founder of UTU, Rev'd Dr. John Vincent
- sharing of stories in faith journey, evolution, change and discovery
- perspective building through liberation theologians, including Black liberation and Indigenous theologians.
- gain insight from guest speakers who are embedded in mission provide practical insight into what works, how to adapt, and how to flourish as a Kingdom Community.
- Our 15-sessions culminate in student led plans for local mission.

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PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to **Andy** by **28 July**.

A copy of this news sheet can be found & downloaded from the Synod website
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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:

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Church in  **focus**

EAST TEAM OF THE CENTRAL SUSSEX UNITED AREA

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord. I am a minister of the URC and I'm very delighted to share that God is using me in one of the most beautiful places in the UK; Eastbourne. I am working in an LEP which consist of 4 churches, all unique in their own way but share a passion and dedication of sharing God's love and compassion with the community. By God's grace, our churches are diverse in age and culture which is wonderful to witness. It is always great to share good news, so I am excited to announce that a new church building of Emmanuel Church is almost complete. As we wait prayerfully, we thank the Lord for all his work and blessings. We ask that you all remember us in your prayers so that we may uphold the expectations, responsibilities and duties bestowed upon us and that we can be a beacon of faith, hope and love to those around us. Thanks.

Rev. Memona Shahbaz



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