

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**A CELEBRATION
OF BLACK AND
WOMANIST
THEOLOGIANs**

AT THE CAMBRIDGE
THEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

Keynote Speaker:
Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE
Saturday 21st October 2023
10am - 4pm

<https://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/celebration-of-black-and-womanist-theologians>

PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE



Interested in attending the
sacraments course?

October 16th: 18.30 – 21.00

December 6th: 18.30 – 21.00

Whitstable URC

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

FUNDING: Support for charities helping vulnerable people

Charities and community organisations working with vulnerable people are being invited by the Government to apply for a share of a Department of Culture, Media and Sport support package. The fund will support frontline charities and community organisations providing services such as the provision of food, emergency provisions, shelter, safe spaces, warmth and financial or housing advice. Organisations can apply for grants worth between £10,000 and £75,000 to cover project and core costs, including office rent, utilities, staff and volunteers, from now until the end of March. Applications will be accepted until **16 October 2023**. Further details on eligibility and the applications process can be found on The [National Lottery Community Fund website](#), in its role as the intermediary grant maker.

Rural Ministry Course

17-18th Oct 2023

- New to rural?
- Fancy a refresher?
- Come & meet others
- Learn together

Booking & further details:
<https://tinyurl.com/RMC2023>

£500 full board
King's Park,
Northampton

Arthur Rank
Centre
CONFIDENT RURAL CHRISTIANS

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You are invited to the North Downs Cluster of Churches talk on

Angels in Art

With a retiring collection for



Conquest Art
Enriching the lives of people with disabilities

Where: Reigate Park Church,
Park Lane East, Reigate, RH2
8BD

When: October 31st
at 2:30pm
Refreshments provided

A light-hearted look at angels. We sing about them and admire their beauty, but do they exist and if they do, how do they pass their time in heaven? Speaker, Dr Katy Brown

Dr Katy Brown is a graduate of the University of London and has lectured for the Universities of Edinburgh, Sussex and Surrey and the Open University. She has a particular interest in Italian Medieval and Renaissance art the majority of which was the result of religious patronage. Angels are frequently found in panel paintings and frescos and they add greatly to their beauty. Her talk will illustrate their magnificent appearance and the roles they play in Christian iconography.

To book a place at this free event , contact Wendy Hopkins (wendy_hopkins@ntlworld.com 07855 233770) or the Church Office (office@reigateparkchurch.org 01737 249766)



Black Light Course (Autumn/Winter 2023)

📅 Thu 28 Sep 2023 7:00 PM - Thu 30 Nov 2023 9:00 PM BST 📍 Online, Zoom

[Buy tickets / Join the guestlist](#)



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Whole Life Preaching

A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.

October 28 at St. Paul's URC, Croydon.

SPEAKER: Steve Rouse

Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.30 Depart: 15.30

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of books or resources they have found helpful.

Soup will be provided at lunchtime.

All are welcome!

To book your place contact
Synod Lay Preaching Advocate
Sue Knight: localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org



Short Courses

Learning and Development

with Trinity College Glasgow and the
University of Glasgow



About

Short courses are accessible learning opportunities in practical theology, church ministry and mission for a rapidly changing world. They are suitable for learners from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are designed for many kinds of leaders and members across churches who want to learn in their spare time. Learners can opt to undertake assessments and thus qualify for 10 credit points per course towards a Higher Education certificate or other University of Glasgow approved theology programmes, or alternatively audit for their own personal benefit.

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Appreciating Church
Annual Conference
Sat 30 Sept 2023

ONLINE
9:30-16:30
£30

Appreciating the Tough Stuff

How can we?

How do we?

How might we?

Direct booking:
<https://appreciating.church/events>

Stepwise

Would you be interested in being part of a Stepwise group: “Faith Filled Life”?

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of “Mission & Vision” need to be sent to **Andy** by **22 September**.

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

Booking Now



URC - GODLY PLAY 3-DAY ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSE

Basingstoke URC, London Street,
Hampshire RG21 7NU

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

CYDO@URC5.ORG.UK

BOOKING VIA [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3MBNDXD](https://bit.ly/3MBNDXD)



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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
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God

is calling you

Local Worship Leader Course 2024



Remind Me
@naycrumors



Message



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Church in focus

YUKI KIM: CALLED TO MINISTRY

I am beginning a new chapter in my life in my 50s. Despite past challenges, I am excited to start again. I have learned a lot from completing seminary long ago, serving as a minister's wife and mother of two. Now, after 24 years, I am returning to Westminster College to prepare for ordination and see how God will use me in this new season of my life. I am overwhelmed by the realisation that God's calling for me has never changed, even though I forgot about it when my calling faded. Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. Whether you have high expectations for a new life or are tired of an unchanging one, I hope you find peace and joy knowing that God has many expectations and thoughts for your life. He loves you & wants the best for you.

*Yuki Kim
Bexhill URC*