# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION EVISION

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## Training in Part Oral Care

November 1: SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care

November 6: SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries

November 27: SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills VENUE: Dorking URC.

53 West St, Dorking RH4 1BS. TIME: 19.00 – 21.00

**EVERYONE WELCOME** 

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley: <a href="mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk">training@urcsouthern.org.uk</a>



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 Remembrance Sunday
12 November 6.30pm

Fauré's Requiem



**Venue:** Trinity Church Sutton (Cheam Road opposite Sutton Library)

**Music:** Faure's Requiem and pieces by Franck and Parry with the Trinity Festival Choir and an instrumental ensemble.

Web link: https://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/requiem

Free entry, all welcome



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**14 November 2023** 

19.00 - 21.00

St. Martins URC, Saltdean

Led by Rev. Andy Twilley

Training & Development Officer Southern Synod

How can we deepen our relationships with one another? The concept of FELLOWSHIP is central to being part of the Church, but what is "authentic fellowship" and how can we deepen it in our life together?

Andy will be helping us explore this important topic. So please join us for what is sure to be an enjoyable and informative afternoon, one which could transform our relating together as members of God's family.

Interested? To book your place, contact **Andy Twilley** 

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**Everyone Welcome!** 

Would you be interested in being part of Contact Andy Twilley to find out more:



**PLEASE NOTE:** Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Andy by 3 November. A copy of this news sheet can be found &

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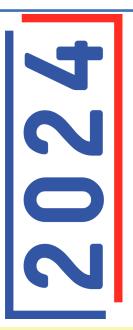




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### YOUTH LEADERS GATHERING 26-28 January 2024

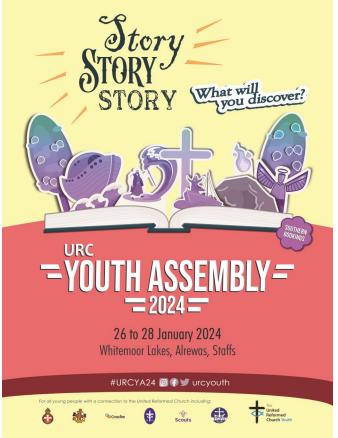
As in previous years this event will run in parallel with the URC Youth Assembly at Whitemoor Lakes.

For all those who work with young people in URC settings, this will be a chance to meet with others to be encouraged, challenged, inspired and equipped.

There will be a mixture of input, worship, space to relax, prayer and social time as we spend time together in this temporary community to hear from God and learn from each other.

SAVE THE DATE and look out for further details soon

Any questions contact John Stephenson: john.stephenson@urc-northernsynod.org



### A WEEKEND TO HAVE YOUR SAY, MAKE FRIENDS AND FIND FELLOWSHIP:

- Youth Decides discussions on issues that matter to us leading to action and engaging the wider church
- Workshops craft, drama, Bible studies, opportunities to grow your skills and thinking
- Worship led by Youth Assembly band plus prayer room, late night communion
- Entertainment campfire, karaoke, games and more

Fully funded places provided for young people from Southern Synod.

Year 10 students in England & Wales and \$3 students in Scotland up to 25 years (inclusive)

Creche available for children 0-5 years old.

Book your place through

#### cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

before 2 January 2024

or contact children.youth@urc.org.uk if not in Southern Synod.

you or your group need a leader to accompany you, please get in touch with the





020 7916 868

children.youth@urc.org.uk

Find out more about Youth Assembly at bit.ly/Youth-Assembly



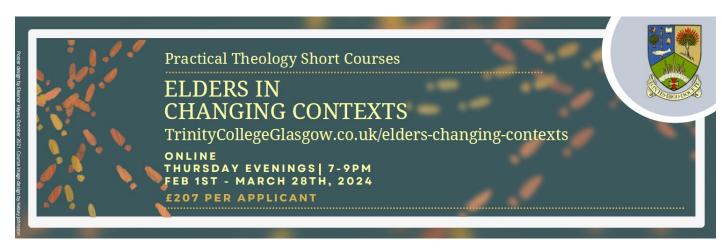
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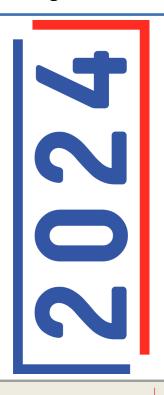




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### Church in



#### WHITSTABLE URC... The one next to the car park

If you have visited Whitstable, it is a beautifully trendy coastal town bursting at the seams with Air BnB's, oyster lovers or fans of the late Peter Cushing. Nestled in a town with an abundance of churches sits Whitstable URC. We are welcoming, open and inclusive. In the last 2 years we affirmed our openness by registering our church building to solemnise same sex marriages and celebrating our first same sex marriage in September 2022.

With news of our Minister retiring, we looked at how we could explore talents from within, finding comfort and delight in being a small but mighty church.

So, what's next? We are praying for a leader who will thrive in our progressive church, someone who is confident to walk with us and challenge norms. We look towards 2024 with big plans for mission enabling activities so that we are not just 'the one next to the car park' but the church with a passion for Jesus, a thirst for kingdom building and a continued desire to welcome Whitstable through our doors.

Catriona Blair Elder & Church Secretary



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