

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Training in pastoral 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:
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

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”.

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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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Faith Talk



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

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Everyone Welcome!

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

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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 & downloaded from the Synod website southernsynodurc.org.uk

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Online Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



Children's & Youth Development Officers
Mersey Synod - Steven Mitchell cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk
Southern Synod - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk

Visit the MHFA England website at mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

December 2023
Evenings 18:30-21:30
4 online sessions
Mon 4, Weds 6
Mon 11, Weds 13

Register at:
www.bit.ly/mhfa-dec23



SACRAMENTS COURSE

December 12th & January 9th
10.30 – 13.00

Christ Church URC, Petts Wood

Interested? Then contact Andy Twilley:
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2024

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

Story STORY STORY

What will you discover?

**URC
= YOUTH ASSEMBLY =
= 2024 =**

26 to 28 January 2024
Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas, Staffs

#URCYA24 [urcyouth](https://www.urcyouth.org)

For all young people with a connection to the United Reformed Church including:

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 S3 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.

If you or your group need a leader to accompany you, please get in touch with the Children's & Youth Work Office using the following details:

Children's & Youth Work Office, United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT	020 7916 8683 children.youth@urc.org.uk
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Find out more about Youth Assembly at bit.ly/Youth-Assembly



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Practical Theology Short Courses

LITURGY & PRAYER IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

TrinityCollegeGlasgow.co.uk/liturgy-prayer-worship

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6PM
JAN 17TH - MARCH 20TH, 2024
£207 PER APPLICANT



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Practical Theology Short Courses

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

TrinityCollegeGlasgow.co.uk/history-and-theology-of-worship

ONLINE
MONDAY EVENINGS | 6:30 - 8:30PM
JAN 22ND - MARCH 18TH, 2024
£207 PER APPLICANT



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Practical Theology Short Courses

ELDERS IN CHANGING CONTEXTS

TrinityCollegeGlasgow.co.uk/elders-changing-contexts

ONLINE
THURSDAY EVENINGS | 7-9PM
FEB 1ST - MARCH 28TH, 2024
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2024

God
is calling you

Local Worship Leader Course
2024

Remind Me
@naycrumors

Message

Decline

Accept

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more.
training@urcsouthern.org.uk

REGISTER NOW

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*