## **URC SOUTHERN SYNOD** MISSIONaVISION

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### **CALLED TO** PREACH?

The Lay Preachers **Training Course** 

Starting 24th January 2024 6.30 - 9.00pm at Crawley URC

Is God calling YOU? Contact Andy for details training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of "Mission & Vision" need to be sent to Andy by 19 January.

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

## GNITE

#### Prayer and the Holy Spirit

make a difference and take you deeper into that great adventure of prayer?

Why settle for less when Jesus promises more?

Do you ever long to develop in your life of prayer? Through testimony, teaching and practice, this Ignite Would you like to discover how the Holy Spirit can explores some of the basic ingredients of prayer and looks at:

- What it means to ask in the name of Jesus
   How vision and prayer shape the future
   Intercession that is led by the Holy Spirit

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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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



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## UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2024



All training will take place via zoom.

Bookings can be made by emailing Emma.Pearce@urc.org.uk

Domestic Abuse	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
	1.30pm	6.30pm
Modern Slavery	Jan 30th	October
	6.30pm	8 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm
Refugees and Asylum Seekers	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	September
	1.30pm	17 <sup>th</sup>
		6.30pm
Adult Safeguarding	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	October
	6.30pm	15 <sup>th</sup>
		1.30pm
Spiritual Abuse	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	November
	1.30pm	11 <sup>th</sup> 7pm
Online Safety	November	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	
	1.30pm	
Safeguarding for Pastoral Workers and Elders supporting Survivors	Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
	1.30pm	6.30pm
Substance Abuse	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	October
	6.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm
Safeguarding for Ministers supporting Survivors	March	September
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	6.30pm	1.30pm
Elders as Trustees	January	May 14 <sup>th</sup>
	31 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm
	1.30pm	
DDC Verifiers Training and Safer Recruitment	February	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm
	1.30pm	
DDC Verifiers Training and Safer Recruitment	October	December
	28th	4 <sup>th</sup>
	6.30pm	10.00am



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## PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the sacraments course?



February 6<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 - 13.00

March 21st: 10.30 - 13.00

**Trinity Church Willingdon** 

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

training@urcsouthern.org.uk



What is God asking of YOU?



Ministry Enquirers' Event
to help you think about God's call to Stepwise, Worship Leading,
Lay Preaching, Lay Pioneering, Ministry with children and young people, the

**Enquirers' Event** 

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 9.30am – 1pm online Register with <u>ministries@urc.org.uk</u> to receive Zoom details

### Church in



#### LAUNCHING KESSA: HEAR OUR GENERAL SECRETARY!

The new Kent & East Sussex Synod Area (KESSA) has started its life and the Celebration Launch is on Saturday 3rd February at Maidstone URC. If you are reading this, you are invited!

We shall be greeted with coffee etc as we gather from 1100. At 1200 the General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, the Revd Dr John Bradbury, will speak about how to revitalise the Church's mission and will be ready to be challenged by our questions. A free lunch at 1300 will allow you to discover new friends before we gather for worship at 1400, when the preacher will be the Convenor of our Synod Council, the Revd Russell Furley-Smith. There might be some surprises as well but you will have to come along to find out what they are. . .

If you wish to avoid the excitements of town centre parking, the URC building in Week Street is easily accessible from any of the town's three railway stations. If you want more details about any aspect of the day, please contact:

John Ellis on 01732 353914 or john.ellis@urc.org.uk.



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