

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Celebration Launch of KESSA



A reminder that the Celebration Launch of the new Kent & East Sussex Synod Area (KESSA) is on Saturday 3rd February from 11am to 3pm at Maidstone URC. All welcome. Further details from John Ellis on:

01732 353914 or [john.ellis@urc.org.uk](mailto:john.ellis@urc.org.uk).

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## Equipping Small Group Leaders in your Church



**Led by Revd. Andy Twilley**

*Training & Development Officer for Southern Synod*

**Where:** St. Martins URC, Saltdean

**When:** 13 February

**Time:** 18.00 Fish and chip supper  
19.00 Start of seminar  
21.00 Depart

Creating dynamic and inspirational small groups within the local church can transform both individual members as well as the vitality of the church. This first of 4 seminars is entitled:

### ➤ **How to be Better Group Leader**

This seminar is designed to inspire and equip existing small group leaders as well as providing core training for those interested in the possibility of serving in this way.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*To find out more or to book a place please contact:*

**Graeme Allan:** [graeme.allan59@btinternet.com](mailto:graeme.allan59@btinternet.com)

**Andy Twilley:** [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

# VC Training

**5th March 2024**

Contact Andy Twilley

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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  
Ministry of Word and Sacraments or Church Related Community Work.

**Enquirers' Event**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

9.30am – 1pm online

Register with [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk)  
to receive Zoom details

**PLEASE NOTE:** Items for the next issue  
of *"Mission & Vision"* need to be sent  
to **Andy** by **2 February**.

A copy of this news sheet can be found  
& downloaded from the Synod website  
[southernynodurc.org.uk](http://southernynodurc.org.uk)

### PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE

Interested in attending the  
sacraments course?



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

March 21<sup>st</sup>: 10.30 – 13.00

Trinity Church Willingdon

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



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## PRESIDING AT A FUNERAL

**19 March 2024**

**14.00 – 16.00**

**St. Johns, Orpington**

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: [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

## PRESIDING AT THE SACRAMENTS COURSE



Interested in attending the sacraments course?

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10.30 – 13.00

April 4<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 – 13.00

Eastwick Road URC, Bookham

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more or to register:

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## Church in focus

**BRIGHTELM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRIGHTON**

People will be familiar with the Brighthelm Centre where Synod Together was held last March. Brighthelm is an extremely valuable facility which came into being from the vision of the churches in Brighton in 1987, resulting in the transformation of the original church building, with an adjoining office complex of 5 floors. The facilities are hired out to a variety of charities, counselling services, small businesses, and four different churches. Our own URC church is very small and meets just once a month for a Communion service. The church itself is a fully kitted-out auditorium which is used for a great variety of events, meetings, and conferences. A new 'Fresh Expression' post is being developed to be centred at Brighthelm, as a Chaplain in residence - to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ within its fresh expression context, to promote and develop a practical and theological understanding of evangelism with particular reference to the 'LGBT+' community.

*Rev Roger Wood*