

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Matthew 16: 24

VC Training

5th March 2024

10.30 – 13.00

Crawley URC

Contact Andy Twilley

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

St Luke Passion

Palm Sunday Choral Service
24 March 6.30pm

Date : Sunday 24 March 2024

Time : 6.30pm

Venue: Trinity Church Sutton

Music: St Luke Passion with the Trinity Festival Choir

<https://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk/choral>

Free entry, all welcome

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

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

March 2024

Evenings 18:30-21:30

4 online sessions

Mon 11, Tues 12

Mon 18, Tues 19



Register at:

www.bit.ly/march2024mhfa



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LMMR

Training and refreshment for
Pastorate Facilitators

April 10th

On ZOOM

7.00 – 8.30pm

Interested in attending?

Book your place now:

Andy Twilley

training@urcsouthern.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the next issue of
"Mission & Vision" need to be sent
to [Andy](mailto:andy@urcsouthern.org.uk) by **1 March**.

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



The
Dunamis
project

*Equipping you
to cooperate with
the Holy Spirit*

Gateways to Empowered Ministry

The person and work of the Holy Spirit



17th - 21st April 2024

St Andrew's URC, Canterbury. CT1 2UA

Wednesday early afternoon to Sunday lunch time



Full details and booking form online:

www.dunamis.org.uk/canterbury

For enquiries about this event contact Val Cannon:

val@dunamis.org.uk

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HOSTING A HUSTINGS

Ideas and advice for churches on holding a question time meeting or hustings for the General Election

FIND OUT MORE

https://churcheselection.org.uk/pdf_view.php?id=1002



'Everyday Faith - Everyday Fruitfulness'
URC Thames North Synod Conference
Sat 13th April
10am-1pm at Lumen

FIND OUT MORE:

disc.enab@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

TRAINING FOR ELDERS IN A TIME OF CHANGE

April 3: 19.00 – 21.00
Emmanuel URC, Worthing

April 16: 10.30 – 12.30
Reigate Park URC

Helping your Elders Meeting to be the best it can be in the spiritual and pastoral leadership of your church.

To book your place, contact Andy Twilley
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All are Welcome.

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SOUTHERN
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SAFEGUARDING

training

14
JUNE
2024

10AM- FOUNDATION MODULE
1PM INTERMEDIATE MODULE

EMAIL:
SAFEGUARDING@URCSOUTHERN.ORG.UK
TO BOOK

ST ANDREW'S URC CANTERBURY -
WATLING ST, CANTERBURY CT1 2UA



The United Reformed Church History Society Conference:
16-18 September 2024
University of Durham



£275 full board in single room, £250 per person sharing a double room.

*The Church on the margins:
learning from the past to shape the future.*

TO FIND OUR MORE OR TO BOOK: email michael.hopkins@urc.org.uk

Church in **CAROL CLACK: NSM4: MINISTER IN TRAINING**

So here I am reflecting that in a few weeks I will be of pensionable age. At the same time, I am into my second year of training for ministry. I have been a Christian for a long time and I remember the time in my twenties when it seemed all my dreams were coming true and life was very good. Then my life fell apart as I entered the bewildering desert storm of mental illness. My vulnerabilities were laid bare for all to see but slowly with the support of many different people these vulnerabilities have become my strengths and have made me the person I am today. It is extraordinarily awful when an unexpected desert storm hits but it doesn't mean the end of everything it may lead to a new beginning. I am embracing the opportunity to serve God and all He has in store for me on this life journey.

Carol Clack