



**Southern Synod  
Spring Synod Together Meeting, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**To: All Ministers in a pastorate, Church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, Synod Staff, Co-opted members, Retired Ministers, Students and Observers.**

Dear Friend,

**2024 Spring Synod Together Meeting  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm**

**at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, SM2 7HF**

Grace, mercy and peace to you.

It gives me great joy to invite you to attend, in person, the meeting of Synod Together on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at St Andrew's, Cheam.

We are extremely grateful to the team at St Andrew's for making this meeting possible.

When you arrive at the venue, you will be directed to the registration points which will be done alphabetically by surname.

Voting cards will be given to eligible voters at the registration desk. All Ministers in active service, church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, and co-opted members are voting members. Others, including Retired Ministers, Students and Observers, are welcome and will be able to address the meeting but are not allowed to participate in decision-making.

Please let us know if you will not be able to attend by sending your apologies as soon as possible, indicating clearly whether you are a minister, church representative etc. and your church to Lauren King on [modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk) or 0208 668 3730. If you are a Synod Representative and will be sending an alternate in your place please let Lauren know their name and email address.

Limited parking will be reserved at the church for those who have mobility issues. If you require one of these parking spaces please email your name and car registration number to Lauren King ([modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk)) by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please be aware the church is just outside the boundary for the ULEZ zone. Those wish to avoid it should plan their journey carefully.

Please, don't forget to bring your lunch. Soup, tea, and coffee will be provided.

A bookstall selling selection of books and merchandise from the URC bookshop will be running on the day.

As you will see from the agenda, the theme for our meeting is growing Christ's church through us. We are looking forward to welcoming The Revd Ashley Evans, Yorkshire Synod Evangelist, who will be giving a presentation on 'Leading Your Church into Growth'. Please read all the reports and papers before attending the meeting as well as taking notes of information to report back on to your various areas, committees and local congregations. If you have any detailed questions about any of the reports or paperwork,

please can I urge you to address specific questions to those responsible for producing the reports prior to the meeting.

I look forward to being with you all.

Yours in Christ,

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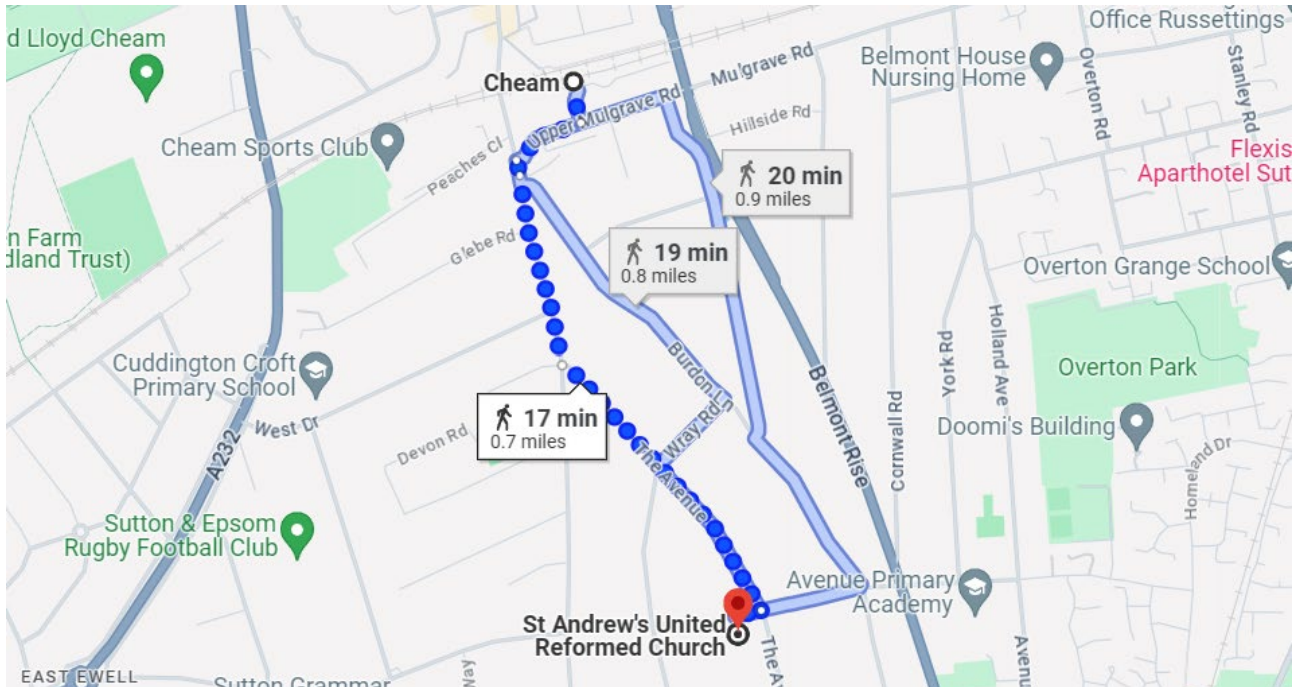
Revd. Martin Hayward

Synod Clerk

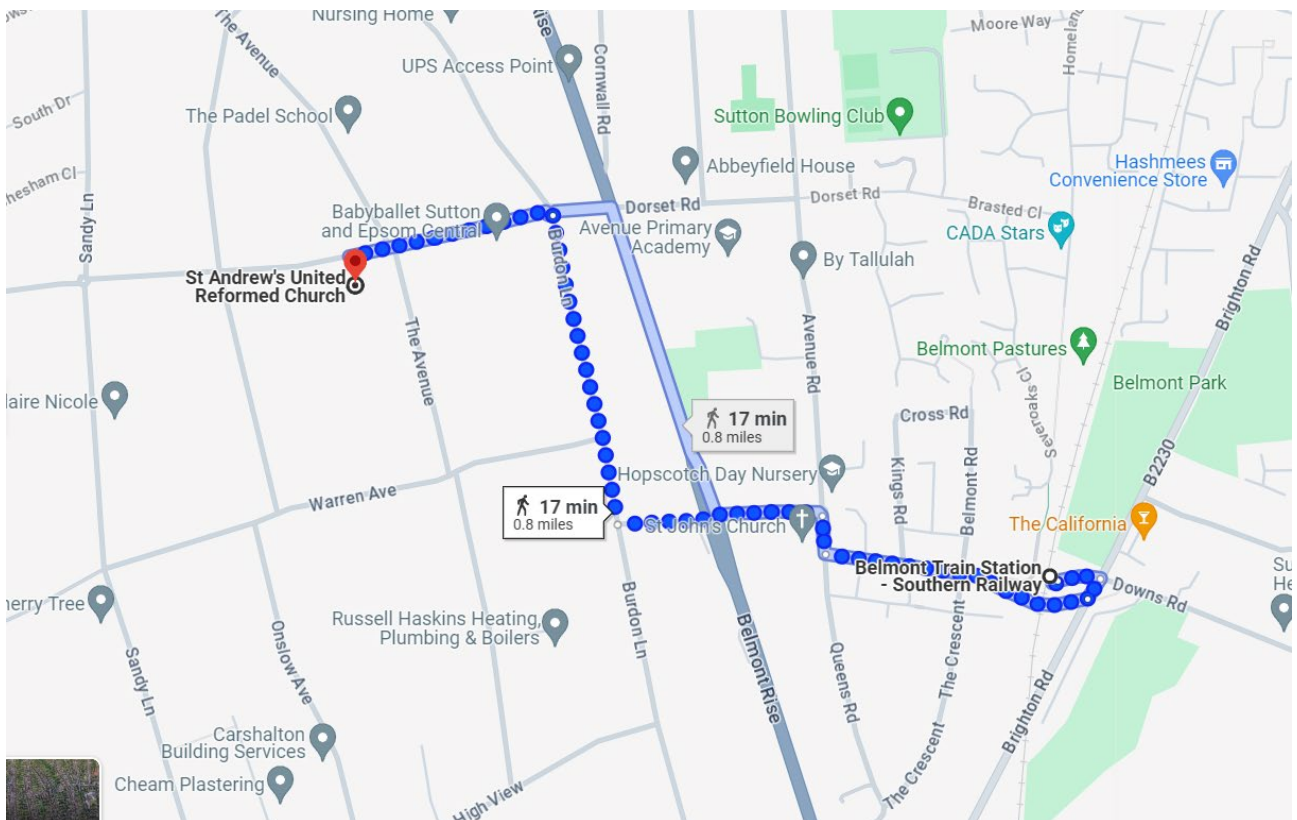
27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Getting to St Andrew's, Cheam by train

The two nearest train stations are Sutton and Belmont. Both are a 17-minute walk away.



Walking route from Cheam to St Andrew's URC



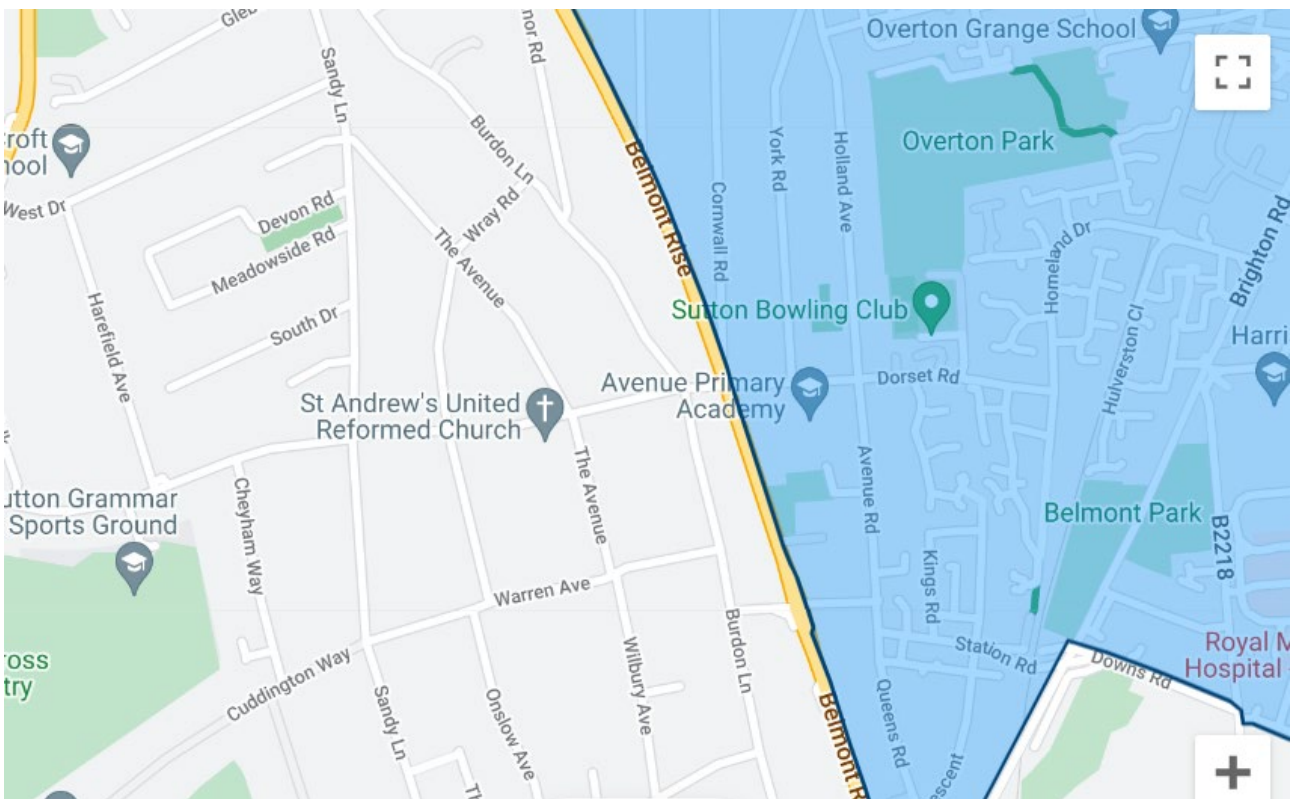
Walking route from Belmont Station to St Andrew's URC

### Getting to St Andrew's, Cheam by car

There is limited parking available at the church, these spaces will be prioritised for those who have mobility issues. Street parking is available in the roads surrounding the church.

If you are driving to Synod Together, please consider car sharing.

While St Andrew's URC is not in the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), the zone does start very close by. If you wish to avoid it please take care when planning your route. You can check whether your car meets the standard for driving in the ULEZ here: [Check your vehicle \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/road-users/ulez/) and find the map of the zone here: [ULEZ: Where and when - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/road-users/ulez/)



The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) starts to the East of Belmont Rise.