



Southern Synod
Spring Synod Together Meeting, Saturday 14th March 2026

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,

2026 Spring Synod Together Meeting
Saturday 14th March 2026. 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Christ Church United Reformed Church,
Tudor Way, Petts Wood, Orpington, BR5 1LH

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 14th March 2025 at Christ Church United Reformed Church, Petts Wood.

This will be my last Synod Meeting as I step down from the role which has been a real privilege. I leave after serving 25 years with fond memories and have met many great people in local churches, committees and the wider URC who have been committed to sharing and showing the love of Christ.

We are extremely grateful to the team at Christ Church for making this meeting possible.

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 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.

Information about travelling to the church and parking is included in the papers. If you require a disabled parking space, please contact Lauren King modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk to reserve a space.

When you arrive at the church, 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.

You will see from the agenda that this is a shortened meeting. While we hope to finish before lunch, you are welcome to stay after the meeting and eat. Soup will be provided for those who wish to stay, please also bring a packed lunch.



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

I look forward to being with you all.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Hayward", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Revd. Martin Hayward

Synod Clerk

March 2026