



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 10 October 2025.

Please circulate this widely so that the great events and opportunities here can benefit as many as possible. Please feel free to copy and paste any of this news for your own church's noticeboards or newsletters.

Events Diary

Investing in Creation: the Role of Money in Tackling the Climate Crisis on Friday 10 October 2025 at 7:00pm at WUC Chapel Halls AL4 8AH

Festival of Church Music in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 11th October 2025

Godly Play Accredited 3 Day Training Powys, Wales 14-16 October 2025 judy.harris.urcwailes@urc.org.uk

The 'Palestine in Crisis' Event Online and In Person on Wednesday 15 October 2025 7pm-8:30pm at Luther King House, Manchester. RSVP/Zoom Link commitmentforlife@urc.org.uk

Briefing: The UK far-right and community cohesion with Joe Mulhall of HOPE not Hate on Thursday 16 October 2025 1pm-2:15pm email modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk or via Zoom

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Meeting

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Annual Dr Williams Lecture on Wednesday 29 October, at Senate House, London University.

Theology of Worship Group, Liturgy: the work of the people? on Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 7:30-9:30pm, please email the address below to receive the link - rgoldring23@gmail.com

Stories of Kindness from Bangladesh on Saturday 8 November 2025 from 5pm at BLOC, Arts One, Queen Mary University of London, Mile End

Road E1 4NS.

For Goodness' Sake! on Saturday 8 November 2025 from 10.25am-4.30pm at Reach Conference Centre in Derby. [Book](#)

Thames North Preachers' Circle Presents: New Testament

Parables in Lectionary Year A Venue: Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place
London WC1H 9RS

Date: Saturday, 15 November 2025

Time: 10:30 – 12.30pm Ola Lawal, lpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Faithful Adaptation - How God changes the Church's mind on ethics on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 5:30pm at the Farringdon Room at the St Bride Foundation EC47 8EQ. clerk.cmht@gmail.com

Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) 24-26 November 2025 at the Hayes Centre training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Meetings of Synod Dates/Venues -

18 October 2025 Venue: Lumen

21 March 2026 Venue: TBA

17 October 2026 Venue: TBA

Please note: Synod meetings are usually on the 3rd Saturday of March and October.

What's On

Briefing: The UK far-right and community cohesion with Joe Mulhall of HOPE not Hate

Thursday 16 October, 1 pm - 2:15 pm

Don't miss this opportunity for a briefing on the far-right in the UK with a leading expert, Dr Joe Mulhall. Joe will update us after a summer of social unrest, and we will also hear from Thames North Synod's own David Jonathan. Hosted by Synod interfaith advisor Revd Nathan Eddy.

To register for this zoom event, email Colleen at modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk or join via the Zoom invite here <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87417797310?>

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Dr Joe Mulhall is Senior Researcher at HOPE not hate, the UK's largest anti-fascism and anti-racism organisation. An activist against the far-right and historian, he is the author of The International Alt-Right: Fascism for the 21st Century?; British Fascism After the Holocaust and Drums in the Distance: Journeys Into The Global Far Right.

URC member David Jonathan works with Grassroots Luton and the Luton Council of Faiths.

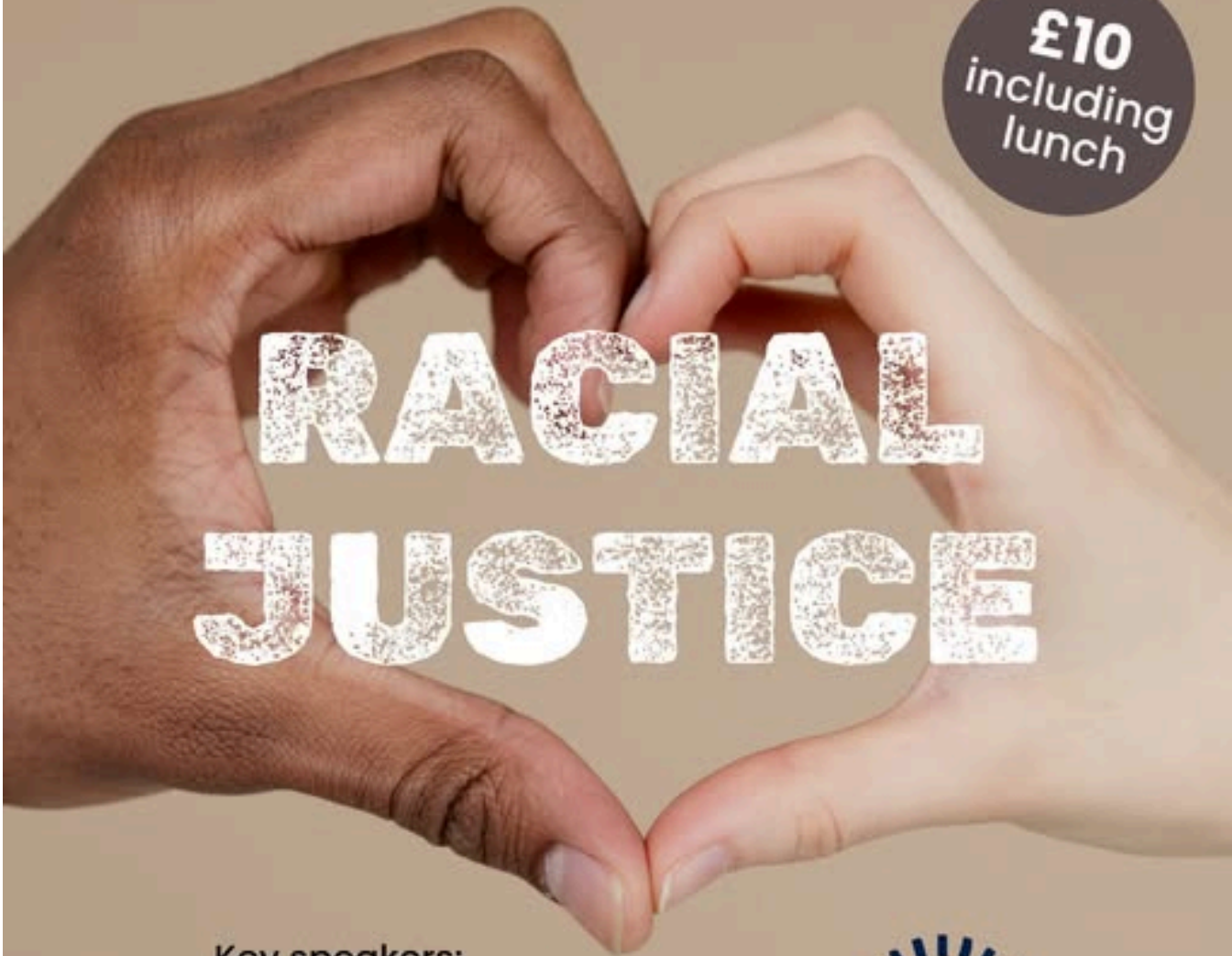


The Gathering

16TH OCTOBER 10-3PM

@Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB

£10
including
lunch



RACIAL JUSTICE

Key speakers:

Shermara Fletcher Hoyte

Churches Together England.

Revd. Sharon Quilter,

Diocesan Racial Justice officer



Book your place or for more info contact claire.barford@cteel.org.uk

Liturgy: the work of the people?

Speaker - Revd Sue McCoan

Sue is a recently retired URC minister who served in pastorates in the Sutton Coldfield and West London areas. She writes hymns and prayers and recently served as one of the editors of the URC Prayer Handbook.

Date: Tuesday 4th November 2025

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. via Zoom

At this meeting she will be looking at the role of the congregation in shaping the worship of the church. How do we know if our worship is meeting their needs? What balance might we strike between being welcoming new ideas and maintaining theological integrity? Do we embrace the surrounding culture or stand counter to it? And how do we deal with different desires and competing needs within the congregation?

The Theology of Worship Group is an informal group of people interested in exploring the practice and nature of worship today. We hold three or four meetings a year when an invited speaker presents a topic followed by an opportunity to discuss in short groups and plenary.

Group meetings are open to anyone interested in the theology of worship in the church today. If you have not registered with the Group and would like to attend this meeting, please email the address below to receive the link -

rgoldring23@gmail.com

**Thames North Preachers' Circle
Presents:
New Testament Parables in
Lectionary Year A**



**Led by
Hannah Fytche**

An Associate Tutor in New Testament at Westminster College, Cambridge, and is finishing a PhD on 'body of/in Christ' metaphors in Paul's letters. She is a writer (God's Daughters' and 'Rooted in God's Grace', the Bible Reading Fellowship). Hannah preached regularly at her church in Cambridge during her time as a student.

Venue: Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place London WC1H 9RS

Date: Saturday, 15.11.2025

Time: 10:30 – 12.30pm

Parables in the New Testament are stories to which we can return time and again and find something nourishing for our faith. We will explore together with Hannah, some parables from Lectionary Year A, getting curious about them and making the familiar unfamiliar so that we can hear more of what Jesus might be saying through these short stories. We'll think prayerfully about how parables are a resource for our own spiritual lives and practically about how we can bring them into our preaching and ministry - through discussion, teaching, and time to reflect.

***Lunch 12.30 -1.30pm followed by Lay Preachers and Worship
Leaders Annual Meeting from 1:30 - 2:30pm.***

To book your place at this free event, please email, Ola Lawal,
[**lpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk**](mailto:lpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

The Creed as Lived Reality: Doctrinal Formula & Spiritual Encounter

Marking 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea in 325, this webinar will explore both the theological contours of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381 and the vibrant experience of life in Christ that lies behind it.

7.30 p.m | Wednesday, 15 October 2025 | Online

SPEAKERS



**Revd Dr Susan
Durber**



**Revd Professor
Paul Fiddes**



**Fr Dragos
Herescu**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY AT
SFES.SECRETARY@GMAIL.COM**



HOLIDAY FORUM

faith, fun and fellowship

Who are we?

We are a diverse group of Christians who meet each year in August, at the Hayes in Swanwick, Derbyshire. We share our faith, have fun and make new friends!

What happens at Holiday Forum?

We share in worship, discussion groups based on a theme. We do arts and crafts, take part in a talent show. We often go as strangers and come away having made new friends.

You can play games like table tennis, Scrabble, Yahtzee, bowls and more!

All-age worship and organised children and young people groups each morning!

**YOU'LL BE
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A WARM
WELCOME!**



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London Churches Refugee Fund

Charity number
1121108

LCRF Autumn 2025

Grants Round

*Apply for up to £1,000 to support
destitute asylum seekers in London*

- Refugee Projects can apply for a grant to provide essential items for destitute refugees or asylum-seekers in London: phone & travel credit, hygiene items, food, nappies, emergency payments etc.
- Applications must be made on the Round 39 Application forms which can be **downloaded HERE**
- Read Guidance Notes on website very carefully. Send applications to grants@lcrf.org.uk
- **The Deadline** for applications for Autumn 2025 Grants Round (nos 39) is **Monday 27 October**
- Thank you for the amazing work your project does to help support the tens of thousands of vulnerable and destitute people in London seeking asylum from war, oppression and famine

The Chair and Trustees of LCRF

Safeguarding Training 2026

UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2026

Make your booking by emailing: Emma.Pearce@urc.org.uk

All training listed below will take place via Zoom

First date	Event
Tuesday 13 January 7:00pm	Domestic abuse
Monday 26 January 7:00pm	Safeguarding for Pastoral Workers and Elders supporting survivors
Thursday 5 February 1:00pm	Refugees and Asylum Seekers Including Modern slavery
Tuesday 24 February 7:00pm	Elders as Trustees
Thursday 5 March 1:00pm	DDC Verifiers training and safer recruitment
Monday 23 March 1:00pm	Substance abuse
Tuesday 21 April 1:00pm	Online Safety
Wednesday 13 May 1:00pm	Safeguarding for Ministers supporting survivors
Tuesday 19 May 6:30pm	Spiritual abuse
Thursday 28 May 1:00pm	Adult safeguarding

Foundation Training can be accessed on the Learning Hub
[Home | URC Learning Hub](#)



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From the United Reformed Church Safeguarding Committee

Vacancies

Regional Children's Work Specialist

Job Advert

Regional Children's Work Specialist Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church

Full time – 35 hours per week (flexible, including some evenings and weekends)

Annual salary - £38 – £43,000 pa depending on experience

Do you have the skills and experience to support local churches in their engagement with children?

Are you looking to work in a team to enable children to fully share in the life of the Church?

Can you come alongside local churches to help them discover and live out their mission?

We are seeking an experienced children's worker for a regional role for the United Reformed Church in East Anglia as part of an interdisciplinary Mission Team supporting local churches in their mission and ministry. You would be our Mission Practitioner (Children's Work).

In accordance with the Equalities Act 2010 Part 1; Schedule 9, there is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder be a Christian.

Office based, with some working from home permissible, and a Full driving license as regular travel around the Synod is an essential requirement.

An application pack can be accessed via the Synod website:

www.urceastern.org.uk or by emailing Marion Gentry on admin@urceastern.org.uk

Only completed application forms will be accepted. No CVs.

Closing date for applications is **4pm on Monday 17th November**.

Interviews will be held on **Friday 28th November**

As part of the interview, you are asked to prepare a ten-minute presentation, as if to a local church, on your choice of subject to display the essential knowledge and skills and abilities listed in the person specification. (The panel will not be role playing, but a discussion will follow about the content, assumptions, method etc.)

<http://urcthamesnorth.org.uk/>



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