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THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 30 July 2026

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

Grange Park goes to Ramsgate Beach on Saturday 1 August 2026.
Book at 07944 871 416

Book Launch - Trees in the Bible by Revd John Danso on
Saturday 8 August 2026 at Grange Park URC

Limitless Festival 2026 on 5-9 August 2026 at Stafford
Showaround. mdoandrew@urcwestmidlands.org.uk or mdosally@urcwestmidlands.org.uk

Grange Park Holiday Club 10 - 14 August 2026.
stewartsheliesa@gmail.com

Theology of Worship Group - Worship is Word and Sacrament on
Thursday 13 August 2026 at 7:30pm via Zoom
john@spiritualseekers.co.uk

Youth BBQ on Saturday 22 August 2026 at Lumen Community. Contact
Lorraine cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

DBS Barring and Legal Duty to Refer Workshop on Tuesday
25 August • 10 AM - 12 PM. [Register here.](#)

URC Holiday Forum on 23-28 August 2026 at The Hayes.
Please visit our website: <http://www.urcholidayforum.org.uk>

Grange Park URC Annual BBQ on Saturday 29 August 2026 from 1pm
to 5pm. More information at 07944 871 416

Celebrating Season of Creation - Reflection and Action Day for Wildlife on 5th September 10am - 4pm at St Albans

URC <https://buytickets.at/stalbansunitedreformedchurch/2298589>

Carbon Literacy Courses for Christian Congregations on Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September and 7th October - 6:30pm to 8:30pm. To book a place visit: <https://buytickets.at/stalbansunitedreformedchurch/2298655> or Tuesdays on 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September and 6th October - 6:30pm to 8:30pm ; sign up via this Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-literacy-for-congregations-online-creation-time-2026-tickets-1991352776761>

Meeting on AI Generated Complaints on Thursday 10 September, Online

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82757997549?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82757997549?pwd=lgfrAv7mUpfd8UpVCWiBXOxVuA7TaE.1)

[pwd=lgfrAv7mUpfd8UpVCWiBXOxVuA7TaE.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82757997549?pwd=lgfrAv7mUpfd8UpVCWiBXOxVuA7TaE.1)

Meeting ID: 827 5799 7549

Passcode: 214109

Join JPIT on Iona from 17-23 October 2026. Bookings are now open. Find out more [here](#).

Church Action on Poverty Sunday on Sunday 18th October 2026, church-poverty.org.uk/sunday

Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG) Conference from 23-25 November 2026 at Highgate House. Book with Eddie at disc.enab@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Meetings of Synod Dates/Venues -

17 October 2026 Venue: TBA

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

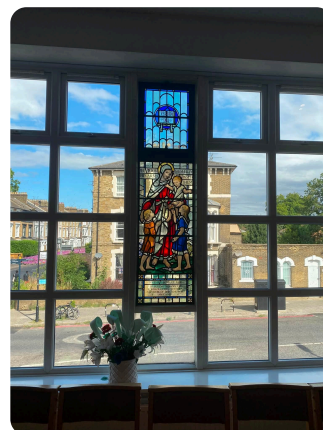
Information and News

Long Service - Revd Robert Courtney



The Moderator recently presented Revd Robert Courtney with a certificate marking his 70th anniversary since his ordination. Robert served in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Dewsbury, Wilmslow, Lancaster and finishing his ministry 30 years ago at Highgate in Thames North Synod. He still lives independently and takes the bus to attend church. Sadly, his wife of almost 70 years died six months ago. He is possibly the last surviving member of the committee tasked with bringing the Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales together to form the United Reformed Church in 1972. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Rectory Road Service





Last Sunday the Moderator had the joy of preaching at Rectory Road URC in Hackney. He also presided at Communion. There was very enthusiastic singing. It was good to see the progress taking place with the refurbishment of the kitchen, financially supported by the Synod.

Synod Labyrinth



A reminder that our Synod Labyrinth is available free of charge to any church or group who would like to use it. The labyrinth is 7m x 7m and comes with a whole host of accessories and resources to enhance your event or programme. There are a number of churches who have already

been blessed by the use of it. Please contact our Synod Discipleship Enabler Eddie Boon for more details or to book it via disc.enab@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

JPIT churches send letter to the new Prime Minister



Leaders from the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches have written a letter to Andy Burnham as he takes on the UK's political leadership.

We are living in unprecedented, challenging times. There are thousands living in poverty, facing the impacts of climate breakdown, confronted with hostile and polarising politics across the UK.

We pray that our new political leader will embody these values and work in partnership with UK faith communities towards solidarity and justice.

What's On

Book Launch - Trees in the Bible by Revd John Danso

The poster is a vertical rectangular invitation for a book launch. It features a white background with a yellow vertical stripe on the right side. At the top left, the text 'Invitation To A' is in a cursive font, followed by 'BOOK' in large, bold, black capital letters, and 'LAUNCH' in large, bold, yellow capital letters. In the center, there is a book cover for 'TREES IN THE BIBLE: MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS' by REVEREND JOHN DANSO. The book cover has a green background with a black silhouette of a tree. To the left of the book cover is a photograph of a woman in a red and yellow patterned dress. To the right of the book cover is a photograph of Revd John Danso, a Black man with a mustache, wearing a red clerical robe and a white cravat. Below the book cover, there is a yellow banner with the text 'Be My Guest!'. At the bottom, there is a green banner with white text providing event details. On the left side of the green banner, it says 'Guest speaker: H E Mrs. Sabah Zita Benson, Ghana high commissioner UK.' On the right side, it says 'Special Guests: Revd Mrs. Rose Okoe Abbey, Revd DS Dzandu- Hedidor, Revd. Dr. Andrew Prasad'.

Invitation To A
**BOOK
LAUNCH**

**TREES
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MEDITATIONS AND
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REVEREND JOHN DANSO

Be My
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Guest speaker:
H E Mrs. Sabah Zita Benson,
Ghana high commissioner UK.

8th August ' 26
12:00pm Prompt
Grange Park United Reformed Church
Grange Park Road
Leyton, London. E10 5EP

Special Guests:
Revd Mrs. Rose Okoe Abbey
Revd DS Dzandu- Hedidor
Revd. Dr. Andrew Prasad



The URC Leading Your Church Into Growth team are pleased to tell you that the URC LyCiG Conference will happen again this year! **Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG)** has been equipping and encouraging local churches for over 30 years, helping congregations across denominations become healthier, more outward-looking, and more confident in their calling to grow. Rooted in biblical principles and practical experience, LyCiG focuses not on doing more, but on doing things better—more intentionally, prayerfully, and effectively. At the heart of LyCiG is its **three-day conference**, the main focal point for local churches and their leaders. Significantly there is a growing commitment across the URC to this shared journey of renewal and growth. It is recommended that a church sends its Minister (if it has one) plus 2 or 3 people from the church. The conference is **interactive and discussion-led**, creating space for teams to reflect honestly on their

church life and explore practical ways forward. It centres on these **seven building blocks of church growth**, including:

- Praying intentionally for growth
- Assessing the quality of welcome and worship
- Reviewing provision for children and young people
- And other key aspects of healthy church life

Through **hands-on activities**, participants are helped to apply these principles within their own context. Alongside this, **short, inspiring sessions** share both biblical insights and practical ideas, giving churches confidence that growth is both possible and faithful. By the end of the conference, each church team leaves with a **clear, realistic plan**, renewed vision, and a sense of confidence that their church can grow. Following the conference, churches can continue the journey through **LyCiG Local**, which takes the material explored at the conference and works through it at a slower pace. This enables teams to **involve more people from their congregation**, deepen their reflection, and build a sustainable plan for growth, all within a clear and supportive structure. This year's conference runs 23rd to 25th November at Highgate House, Northampton. The information is on the attached poster/flyer. If you could gather all your bookings and do them all at once please, that would be excellent. Your Synod will be invoiced at the end of November at £330 per person. (Creative funding could use EM3 or DDF to subsidise). Bookings are limited to 10 per Synod - if you need more than this, please contact Emma lycig@urcmerseysynod.org.uk

Please get bookings in by **2nd November**. www.ticketsource.com/urc-lycig

Holiday Forum Grants and Bursaries



HOLIDAY FORUM
faith, fun and fellowship

Over the years our Forum Community has been blessed by the attendance of a huge variety of people from all backgrounds. This has largely been possible due to the support we have had from the URC Discipleship Fund, The Hayes Bursary Fund and our own Bursary Fund, to which many of you have so generously contributed. In the last few years demands on these funds have grown substantially with total grants in recent years totalling £14,000.00. Unfortunately this year the Steering Group has been unsuccessful in securing any external funding and we

will therefore be completely dependent on the Forum Bursary Fund. This is possible to achieve on this one off occasion by drawing on our reserves but it isn't sustainable in the longer term particularly since The Hayes require full payment for our booking in advance.

To assist us in maintaining the ability for all to attend Forum we would be extremely grateful if those who feel able would consider making a donation to the Forum Bursary Fund. As well as continuing to support people to attending Forum this year, this will also help to enable Forum to continue by providing future funds that will support provision of our required advanced payments for 2027. We understand that it's not always possible for everyone to give a donation and therefore we ask you all to consider doing some fundraising to help boost the Bursary. Maybe you could use your skills to make something to sell at Church, or hold a Coffee Morning or an Afternoon Tea. Maybe you enjoy walking and could do a sponsored walk. Every penny made makes a difference to the Bursary and in turn can help so many to attend Holiday Forum.

We hope you will give this your prayerful consideration.

Thank you.

Richard Storer

Treasurer

On behalf of the Steering Group

Meeting on AI Generated Complaints Thursday 10 September, Online

Churches are dealing with an increase in AI-generated complaints. Current guidance via the Charity Commission is outdated because of the speed at which AI is moving. There is also evidence that complaints are becoming a legal issue when, previously, complaints were dealt with without recourse to law. We understand the frustration and concern this is causing for members and thought an online meeting might be helpful for members to gain a better understanding of how best to prepare for this issue.

Jeremy Isaacson, a Partner at *Farrer & Co*, has kindly agreed to speak to us about how churches can best prepare for this new threat. Jeremy is a specialist in data protection and freedom of information law, and he regularly advises public authorities on request handling and dealing with complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office.

The meeting will be held online on **Thursday 10 September 2026 at 13:30.**

Please let us know if you can join us and whether there are any particular points and/or types of complaints that you would like Jeremy to address.

To join the meeting on the day, please follow the link below:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82757997549?
pwd=lqfrAv7mUpfd8UpVCWiBXOxVuA7TaE.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82757997549?pwd=lqfrAv7mUpfd8UpVCWiBXOxVuA7TaE.1)
Meeting ID: 827 5799 7549
Passcode: 214109

DBS Barring and Legal Duty to Refer Workshop

Tuesday 25 August • 10 AM - 12 PM GMT+1 online.

Did you know if you have staff or volunteers engaging in regulated activity (they have an enhanced with barred list DBS) check you have a legal duty to refer to the DBS if you remove them from regulated activity due to harm or relevant conduct.

The workshop will cover:

- the benefits of DBS and your organisation working together
- what 'regulated activity' is
- when a DBS barring referral should be made, including when the legal duty is met
- the three different referral routes
- how to make a good quality referral
- the consequences of not making appropriate barring referrals
- the consequences of being included on one or both Barred Lists

To book, please register here:

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dbs-barring-and-legal-duty-to-refer-workshop-tickets-1990173819468?
aff=ebdsoporgprofile&gl=1*1yamik7*_up*MQ..*_ga*OTM5NjY3MjkyLjE3ODQ4MDYxMTM.*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*czE3ODQ4MDYxMTIkbzEkZzAkDE3ODQ4MDYxMTIkajYwJGwwJGgw](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dbs-barring-and-legal-duty-to-refer-workshop-tickets-1990173819468?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&gl=1*1yamik7*_up*MQ..*_ga*OTM5NjY3MjkyLjE3ODQ4MDYxMTM.*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*czE3ODQ4MDYxMTIkbzEkZzAkDE3ODQ4MDYxMTIkajYwJGwwJGgw)



Theology of Worship Group

exploring the practice and nature of worship today

Exploring

Reflecting

Living

Worship is Word and Sacrament

Speaker - Revd Dr Elaine Colechin, URC minister who becomes Synod Clerk of the Southern Synod in July 2026.

Elaine writes, "There is a strand of our tradition that feels that worship is not worship without the community both gathering around the Word and the Table. Why? What difference does the sacrament make? We will consider these questions and how it might inform our thinking as a denomination as many of our churches wrestle with who can preside at the table."

Date: Thursday 13th August 2026

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. via Zoom

If you have not yet registered with the Theology of Worship Group and wish to attend this meeting, please contact John Burgess by 7 August: john@spiritualseekers.co.uk



Right to Work Scheme Information Events

The Home Office is hosting a series of practical information events to help employers understand and prepare for changes to the Right to Work (RtW) Scheme that will come into force on 1 October 2026.

The sessions will also cover the increasing use of digital immigration status and online checking services, and how employers can carry out compliant right to work checks to meet their legal responsibilities. Further information on the updated RtW Code of Practice is available [HERE](#).

All sessions will cover the same content, so there is no need to attend more than one.

Who should attend

The sessions are aimed at:

- employers in the UK of all sizes and sectors
- HR professionals
- recruitment teams
- staff responsible for conducting right to work checks

What the session will cover

The event will provide clear and practical guidance on:

- Changes to the Right to Work Scheme – Recent and upcoming changes following the public consultation, which closed in December 2025, and what these changes mean for employers in practice.
- Digital immigration status and eVisas – The transition from expired Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs), increased use of online right to work checks, and which documents remain acceptable evidence of a right to work.
- Completing a compliant right to work check – How to conduct checks correctly to establish and maintain a statutory excuse, including when employers should use the Employer Checking Service.
- Repeat checks – When follow-up checks are required for people who have time-limited permission to work in the UK.
- Compliance and enforcement – How to prevent illegal working while avoiding unlawful discrimination, maintaining appropriate records and reducing the risk of receiving a civil penalty.

Register for an event

These sessions will cover the same content as the original events, including upcoming changes to the Right to Work Scheme taking effect from 1 October 2026, digital immigration status and eVisas, compliant right to work checks, repeat checks, and employer compliance responsibilities.

As all sessions provide the same information, you only need to attend one event.

Please see the updated list of available dates below and register for the session that best suits your organisation. Please note, the Live Broadcasts DO NOT require registration.

Tuesday 4th August – 10.00-11.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Wednesday 5th August – 11.00-12.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Monday 10th August – 14.00-15.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Wednesday 12th August – 09.00-10.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Tuesday 8th September – 10.00-11.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Monday 14th September – 15.00-16.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Tuesday 15th September – 10.00-11.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Monday 21st September – 11.00-12.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Tuesday 22nd September – 14.00-15.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Monday 28th September – 10.00-11.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)
Tuesday 29th September – 15.00-16.00 – [Teams Event Link](#)

Just a gentle reminder to book on to your mandated safeguarding training.

Please see below the poster which has all of the dates scheduled for this year.

You will see that there is a new **COMBINED** safeguarding module. This is the Foundation and Intermediate module in one. If you need to complete both modules, that training shortens the amount of sessions that need to be completed. You are welcome to book on to the COMBINED module if you need to renew your INTERMEDIATE training. If you *only* need to complete the Foundation module please complete the Foundation eLearning (link below).

<https://www.urclearninghub.org.uk/course/view.php?id=24>This

In order to book on to the ADVANCED module, you **must** have completed either the COMBINED module or the separate FOUNDATION and INTERMEDIATE modules beforehand.

If you would like to book on to the advertised dates, please click on the link below and complete the form

<https://forms.gle/nKrQAE28XosXbmg7>

Your place will only be confirmed once you receive a follow up email with the link to the Zoom training and slides to attend.

For the URC Safeguarding Training Framework document [please click here](#).



SYNOD SAFEGUARDING

training

JUNE

WED 17TH 6-8.30PM- INTERMEDIATE

TUES 23RD 2-4.30PM INTERMEDIATE

THURS 25TH 6-8.30PM INTERMEDIATE

JULY

WED 15TH 6-8.30PM COMBINED

MON 20TH 10-12.30PM COMBINED

THURS 16TH 10-12PM ADVANCED PT 1

THURS 23RD 10-12.30PM ADVANCED PT2

AUGUST

WED 12TH AUG 10-12PM COMBINED

SEPTEMBER

WED 16TH 6-8PM ADVANCED PT1

WED 23RD 6-8.30PM ADVANCED PT2

THURS 17TH 6-8.30PM INTERMEDIATE

OCTOBER

WED 7TH 6-8.30PM COMBINED

THURS 29TH 10-12.30PM COMBINED

NOVEMBER

WED 11TH 6-8PM ADVANCED PT1

WED 18TH 6-8.30PM ADVANCED PT2

DECEMBER

THURS 10TH 10-12PM ADVANCED PT1

THURS 17TH 10-12.30PM ADVANCED PT2



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TO BOOK ON TO ANY OF THESE TRAINING
DATES, PLEASE COPY THE LINK BELOW INTO
YOUR BROWSER AND COMPLETE THE FORM.

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/IYFSRTKKWXASXU4
N8](https://forms.gle/IYFSRTKKWXASXU4N8)

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO ATTEND
THE ADVANCED TRAINING, YOU MUST HAVE
COMPLETED THE INTERMEDIATE OR
COMBINED SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
BEFOREHAND.



DDC Verifier Safeguarding Training (On Zoom)

To book...

Please email

emma.pearce@urc.org.uk

This training is for all Primary Contact Church Safeguarding Coordinators, Secretaries and DBS verifiers as you act as verifiers for DBS checks within your church.

This training provides all the information for you to access the portal and conduct document verification,

The training also provides additional information on Safer Recruitment Processes for the Church.

PLEASE BOOK ONE DATE ONLY by emailing Emma Pearce
emma.pearce@urc.org.uk

21st May – 1pm

9th July – 10am

8th September – 10am

8th October – 7pm



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Safeguarding Training 2026

August

Wed 12th Aug 10-12pm Combined

September

Wed 16th September 6-8pm Advanced pt1

Wed 23rd September 6-8.30pm Advanced pt2

Thurs 17th September 6-8.30pm Intermediate

October

Wed 7th October 6-8.30pm Combined

Thurs 29th October 10-12.30pm Combined

November

Wed 11th November 6-8pm Advanced pt1

Wed 18th 6-8.30pm November Advanced pt2

December

Thurs 10th December 10-12pm Advanced pt1

Thurs 17th December 10-12.30pm Advanced pt2

To book for this training, please complete the booking form here

<https://forms.gle/iYFSrtkkWxAsXu4N8>

Safeguarding-Committee-Strategic-Plan

The URC Safeguarding Committee's 2026–2028 Strategic Plan sets out a five-year vision to embed safeguarding good practice into everyday life across the denomination, with clear goals in culture, engagement, training, and practice development. The full document may be [accessed here](#).

S2 The United Reformed Church URC Safeguarding Training Framework

The United Reformed Church recognises that it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard others and thus needs to ensure that people holding certain roles and responsibilities are specifically equipped to protect vulnerable groups including both children and adults. 2. URC's Safeguarding Training Framework In order to achieve this goal, the URC offers regular safeguarding training for all those working with children and adults at risk as well as those they support. They need to know how to promote the welfare of those they support, reduce the likelihood of harm, abuse or neglect, and respond effectively to concerns or allegations of abuse which arise.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/6cltwe2kпки65biriqdva/https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/6cltwe2kпки65biriqdva/S2-URC-Safeguarding-Training-Framework.pdf?rlkey=bngnf7ctdykccbx3p6b7vp3mq&st=qe2phzp9&dl=0>

See the **Safeguarding page** on the synod website [here](#) for more
Safeguarding
information.



Building Bridges Across Generations

Empowering Communities Through Intergenerational Workshops

Training Workshops for Supporting Intergenerational Communities

This series of training sessions aims to foster intergenerational communities, offering insights for working with young people and expanding ministries. Co-delivered by the Children and Youth Team and Safeguarding, these workshops will be conducted via Zoom.

Workshop Details:

1. **Growing Intergenerational Communities**
 - o **Date:** 8th September, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
 - o **Topics:**
 - Healthy Relationships
 - Unconscious Bias / Roles
 - Creating Welcoming Environments
 - Generational Theory
2. **Developing Spaces for Under 5s**
 - o **Date:** 13th October, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
 - o **Topics:**
 - Effective Communication
 - Safe, Spiritual Spaces
 - Creative Storybooks / Activities
 - Missional Opportunities in Toddler Groups
3. **Supporting Faith Development in Young People**
 - o **Date:** 8th November, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
 - o **Topics:**
 - Models of Discipleship / Mentoring
 - Youth Groups in Private Dwellings
 - Engaging Young People
 - Lone Working & Risk Assessments

To participate, please email emma.pearce@urc.org.uk. These workshops are an excellent opportunity to enhance skills in fostering intergenerational relationships and faith development.



Minister's Advanced Safeguarding Training

Please email
carrie.kaunda@urc.org
with any questions.

Each course will last 4.5 hours, delivered across 2 Zoom sessions

Please click the link below the relevant date to go to the booking form.

The zoom link will then be sent the week before.

Thursday 15th Jan 1-3pm and Thursday 22nd Jan 1-3.30pm

[Ministers Advanced Training Booking Form January](#)

Tuesday 3rd March 10am-12noon and Tuesday 10th March 10am-12.30pm

[Booking Form for Advanced Training for Ministers March](#)

Wednesday 6 May 1-3pm and Wednesday 13th May 1-3.30pm

[Booking Form for Advanced Training for Ministers May](#)

Monday 5th October 1-3pm and Monday 12th October 1-3.30pm

[Booking Form for Advanced Training for Ministers October](#)





UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2026

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

All training will take place via Zoom

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

Thursday 2nd July 10.30am-12.30pm	Domestic Abuse
Tuesday 7th July 1.00pm- 3.00pm	Supporting Survivors
Tuesday 14th July 7.00pm- 9.00pm	Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Modern Slavery
Monday 7th September 1.00pm-3.00pm	Elders as Trustees
Tuesday 15th September 7.00pm -9.00pm	Online Safety
Wednesday 23rd September 1.00pm-3.00pm	Spiritual Abuse
Tuesday 6th October 7.00pm-9.00pm	Adult Safeguarding
Wednesday 21st October 1.00pm-3.00pm	Discriminatory Abuse



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From the United Reformed Church Safeguarding Committee

Vacancies

Community Development Worker — Holtspur, Beaconsfield

- **Salary:** £30,000 p.a. pro rata (£18,000 p.a. actual)
- **Hours:** 22.5 hours per week (0.6 FTE), three days a week
- **Leave:** 15 days per year plus pro-rata bank holidays
- **Location:** Holtspur URC, Crabtree Close, HP9 1UQ
- **Probation:** 3 months

The role

This is a rare chance to shape a role from the ground up. As our Community Development Worker, you won't be managing an established programme — you'll be building one. You'll get to know Holtspur street by street, person by person, and turn what you learn into activities that genuinely matter: community meals, support for the elderly, family and children's groups, informal spaces where people feel they belong. You'll recruit and grow volunteers around you, and you'll help make our refurbished Holtspur building the welcoming hub it's meant to be.

Faith sits at the centre of this role. You'll work closely with our Minister and Eldership, and you'll have the confidence to create natural, unforced opportunities for people to explore Christian faith alongside the practical support you offer. This post carries an occupational requirement under Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010 for the postholder to be a practising Christian.

How to apply

Please send a CV along with a personal statement (max. two sides of A4) to the contact below telling us about your experience building relationships and communities, how you'd go about understanding Holtspur's needs, your track record of working with others to create change, and what draws you to this role.

Contact details – Peter Miller, peteredwinmiller@gmail.com

Closing Date – 20th August, 2026

This role is now live on Charity Jobs here - <https://bit.ly/4ff5m7q>

Synod Clerk - now recruiting! - URC West Midlands Synod

Application deadline: Monday 10 August 2026 (noon)

- [Download the Job Description](#)

- [Download the Person Specification](#)
- [Download the application form](#)

This is a part time, 21 hour post.

Salary: £43,176.00 (full time equivalent)

Actual for 21 hours: £25,905.60

10% employer's pension contribution

Please email your application to: moderators@urcwestmidlands.org.uk

Convenor of the URC Net Zero Task Group

Could you help lead the United Reformed Church (URC) in its commitment to reducing its carbon footprint?

The Convenor of the Net Zero Task Group (NZTG) has a key role in coordinating the work of the Net Zero Task Group to provide support, advice and encouragement to the whole of the URC, to help lead the denomination towards a net zero carbon future.

We're looking for a Convenor who will bring their own experience, drive and perspectives to the NZTG, while also releasing these in others within the task group. The Convenor should be a URC member (lay or ordained).

Closing Date 27 July 2026

More details and application form available here:

<https://urc.org.uk/jobs/#volunteer>

Treasuring the whole of creation is part of our five marks of mission as Christians, and we do want our actions to line up with our words: General Assembly in 2022 committed to reducing our carbon footprint with urgency.

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