



## THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 10 July 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

### **150th Anniversary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches**

12 July 2:00pm at the American International Church, Tottenham Court Road. Free tickets can be reserved here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1257520550819?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Aspiring to More Taster Sessions - Locally Recognised Worship Leader Training**

on Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 19:30 to 21:30 via Zoom [training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

### **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

22 September - 1 October  
[www.bit.ly/youth-mhfa](http://www.bit.ly/youth-mhfa)

### **Disability Awareness Sunday**

– 28 September 2025

### **Festival of Church Music in Coventry Cathedral**

on Saturday 11th

October 2025

### **Annual Dr Williams Lecture**

on Wednesday 29 October, at Senate House, London University.

### **Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG)**

24-26 November 2025 at the Hayes Centre [training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:training@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

## News



On 9th July 2025, over 5,000 people came together at Westminster to call on MPs to act now for a healthier, fairer, safer future. It was one of the biggest moments for climate and nature this year, and the largest mass lobby of the decade.

Representatives of The URC and Thames North Synod took part in the Faith Photocall at The Climate Coalition Mass Lobby. Some of them were able to meet with their MP and were invited to ask them to back bold, practical action by committing to:

- 1. Deliver vital funding to communities hit hardest by climate change here and around the world**
- 2. Cut bills, back UK jobs, and secure a greener fairer future for all**
- 3. Restore nature to create a safer, healthier future**

Perhaps you didn't make that meeting but it is not too late to back up this lobby with a letter to your own MP reiterating these requests.

Please also share this beautiful video far and wide

[https://youtu.be/wN33flbwo8E?si=KbX3hvpudSS\\_kPdI](https://youtu.be/wN33flbwo8E?si=KbX3hvpudSS_kPdI)



The Vine Church Gardening Club is proud to have received a URC Community award at the General Assembly 2025





And here is a video about the work of the Vine Gardening Club at Vine United Reformed Church, Ilford, one of the Highly Commended winners of the 2025 Community Project Award sponsored by Congregational.  
<https://youtu.be/QCZ1-jTkhYI?feature=shared>

## Death of Keith Webster

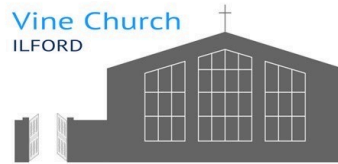
It is with sadness that we record the death of Keith Webster, who passed away on 2 July after a long battle with cancer.

Keith was a member of Chesham URC for over 40 years, serving as an elder, with terms as Treasurer and Church Secretary. He was also very active in the wider church, taking on the roles of Secretary and President of Chiltern District Council in the 1990s. He was for a number of years the Convenor of Synod Executive and accompanied the Moderator on a visit to India in January 2009.

At Assembly level he served on various committees including MIND, Stewardship Sub-Committee, Mission Council and latterly as Convenor of HRAG.

He died peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

# What's On



*You are invited to join us for our*

*New Window Dedication Service  
"our journey, our future"*

*Saturday 26th July 2025 @ 3pm*

*Vine United Reformed Church  
Riches Road  
Ilford, IG1 1JH.*

*Service will be followed with  
Light refreshments  
Limited parking available*

*RSVP:  
vinechurch@btconnect.com  
020 8514 8770*

**To book your place**

## Disability Awareness Sunday - theme 'Made in God's Image'

Through the Roof have a short video of disabled Christian author Emily Owen that can be played in churches, and Emily has also written the materials for use in services on the theme of 'Made in the image of God'.

All the resources are free and include suggested hymns and songs, prayers, etc, as well as Emily's video and ideas for the talk.



The date for Disability Awareness Sunday is 28th September, but churches can use this material on any Sunday at all. The important thing is to spread the message of welcome and inclusion for disabled people in our churches.

I do hope you'll feel able to pass this information on to your contacts. Here's the link for people to request the pack:

[Disability Awareness Sunday - Through the Roof](#)

## Vacancies

# PART-TIME CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORKER

## Broxbourne URC



### ABOUT US

We are a United Reformed Church in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire. We are a friendly, inclusive and welcoming church, proud of our heritage, but forward looking and innovative. Everyone is welcome in our church.

As a church family we are offering a flexible opportunity for someone with a love of God, children and church.

### THE APPLICANT

We seek a motivated and enthusiastic Children's and Youth Worker who can help us nurture and grow the existing work with our young people, working with our children's team volunteers. A committed Christian with a passion and ability to share the gospel with children and young people. This post may suit someone seeking flexible, part-time hours, wishing to develop their skills or changing career.

### EXPERIENCE

We are looking for someone who has experience in working with children and young people in a church or community setting. The age group is currently 9-15.

#### Location

Broxbourne United Reformed Church,  
Mill Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7BQ

### THE POSITION

This position is important for the spiritual development of children and youth, supporting their faith journeys and fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment for all families.

The postholder will focus on carrying out their role at Broxbourne URC, while gradually developing a model that the other two churches in our pastorate could adapt in their future work with children and youth.

We'd love to chat with you about creating a bespoke role that draws on your gifts.

#### Hours

16 hours a week - flexible, including some Sunday mornings and mid-week and evening events.

#### Contract and salary

Three-year fixed term. £16 per hour. 20 days paid leave and 8 days paid statutory holidays per year pro rata. Workplace pension scheme offered. Responsible to the Minister and supported by him and volunteer members.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please apply for an application pack to our Pastorate Administrator, Mrs. Stepanka Moysey at [urcnlvg@gmail.com](mailto:urcnlvg@gmail.com)  
For informal inquiries, please contact our Minister, the Revd. Mark Robinson  
[revdmarkr@gmail.com](mailto:revdmarkr@gmail.com).

Visit our website: [www.nlvg.org.uk](http://www.nlvg.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is noon on **Monday 18 August**.  
Interviews will be held after Monday 25 August.

# Adeyfield Free Church



**Adeyfield Free Church, Hemel Hempstead**  
a place where lives are transformed by Jesus

We have 2 vacancies in our church ministry  
and welcome applications for a

**Youth worker and a Families' Worker**

For a job description please email [admin@adeyfieldfree.org.uk](mailto:admin@adeyfieldfree.org.uk)  
Closing date 17th July 2025

## Safeguarding Training

### Synod Training Dates 2025

To book a place on any of the training listed below, please email  
[safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

In person training is TBA and will be limited due to the timescales within my role and existing cover period.

#### **E Learning**

Foundation Training and Safeguarding Coordinators Training are available as e-learning courses.

Simply follow the links below to access the courses.

#### **Foundation Safeguarding Training**

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

#### **Safeguarding Coordinators Training**

<https://www.urclearninghub.org.uk/course/view.php?id=70>



## Zoom Intermediate Safeguarding Training

Saturday 2nd August 2025 - 10.30am – 1.00pm

### Advanced Safeguarding Training

Part 1 - Tuesday 16th September 2025 - 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Part 2 - Tuesday 23rd September 2025 - 6.30pm – 9.00pm

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