



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 11 October 2024.

Please circulate this widely so that the great events and opportunities here can benefit as many as possible.

Blessings.

Events

Bible Teaching Day on Saturday 12 October 2024 10am-3pm at Amersham Free Church admin@amershamfreechurch.co.uk

World Worry & Climate Crisis saturday 12 October 2024 10:30am <https://meditatiocentrelondon.org/events/>

Lectio Divina 12 October 2024 10:00am-3:00pm Church of Christ the King at 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE. cockfosterscs@rcdow.org.uk

The Gathering 17 October 2024 10am-3pm at Romford Baptist Church RM1 3BL chris.bolster@cteel.org.uk

Discipleship Matters Wednesdays 23 October and 27 November 2024 3pm or 7:30pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96647460063?pwd=dnhRWGtIK2tQdUpPUGo0OXRwTWRMUT09disc@urcthamesnorth.org.uk>

Youth Get Together 26 October 2024 10:30am to 4:00pm at The Lumen Community cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Employed and Volunteer Children's Workers Event Ripon College Friday 1 November to lunchtime Sunday 3 November 2024. Contact Lorraine at cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Old Testament Prophets used in Year C Lectionary on Saturday 9 November 2024 10:30 – 12.30pm at Lumen. Contact Ola Lawal at lpcomm@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group conference on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 11am at EC4V 5DE <https://ctbi.org.uk/conference-dancing-with-diversity-14-nov-2024/>

Introduction to Godly Play on Saturday 16 November 2024 at 10am Contact Lorraine at cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Spiritual Abuse Webinar Wednesday 27 November 2024 1:00-3:00pm Register [here](#).

News



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The URC will sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty open letter to those meeting at The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change which will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024. Individuals, groups, synods are also welcome to sign as they wish. Here is the website to find out more [The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative \(fossilfueltreaty.org\)](https://fossilfueltreaty.org).

Congratulating Eco Churches in the Synod



We will be offering congratulations to churches recently receiving awards at the October Synod. These include

- Amersham - (Bronze to Silver),
- Vine URC (Bronze to Silver),
- Enfield Trinity (Bronze)
- and Muswell Hill (Bronze)

There may be other churches we have not heard about so do let the Green Team know – email Colleen at modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

What's On

Youth Get Together Saturday 26th October



A GATHERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM URC
THAMES NORTH & SOUTHERN SYNODS

FOOD

SCAVENGER HUNT & CHALLENGE

WORSHIP

10:30AM - 4:00PM

THE LUMEN COMMUNITY, LONDON WC1H 9RS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL (Y7) TO AGE 25

CONTACT YOUR CYDO TO BOOK

Thames North - Lorraine Downer cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Southern - Tom Hackett cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk



Old Testament Prophets Used in Year C Lectionary



**Thames North Preachers' Circle Presents:
Old Testament Prophets used in Year C Lectionary**

**Led by
Revd Dr Janet Tollington**

A retired URC Minister and former tutor at Westminster College, Cambridge, who taught Old Testament and Hebrew at every level from church groups up to PhD students. She is still active in teaching and passionate in helping people understand ancient Hebrew texts and their relevance for Christians in today's world. She also preaches most Sundays in a wide range of churches

Venue: Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place London WC1H 9RS

Date: 09.11.2024

Time: 10:30 – 12.30pm

The whole session will be interactive, allowing opportunity for plenty of questions, and it will fall into three sections. Some general background information about the prophetic books and their historical context; some discussion about their interpretation in relation to the Christian seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter; and more detailed focus on Jeremiah. Please bring a copy of the Bible with you (any translation will be OK), so that we can look at actual texts during the session.

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, lpcomm@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



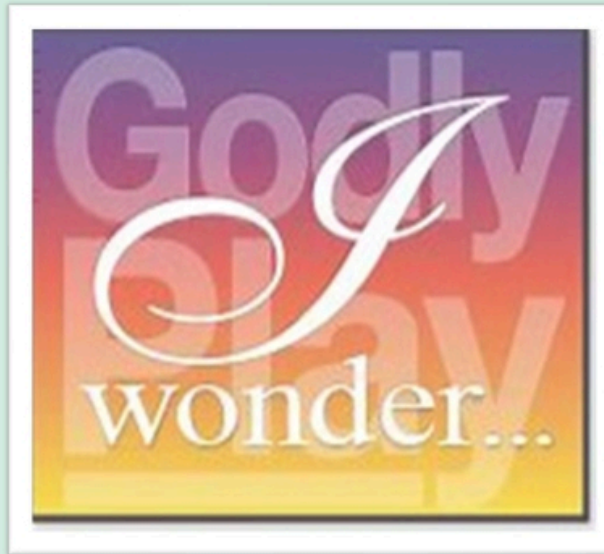
An Introduction to Godly Play

Exploring Childhood Spirituality

An opportunity to experience a whole Godly Play session, followed by two sessions each exploring a different Godly Play story genre.

There will be ample opportunity to discuss key elements of the Godly Play approach to childhood spirituality. The group size will be small, which is ideal for exploring all your questions.

This day is open to anyone and is especially designed for those who have little or no previous experience of Godly Play. Suitable for children's leaders, youth leaders, teachers, ministers, chaplains, or anyone interested in childhood spirituality.



This event is free of charge to anyone connected with The United Reformed Church or LEP Congregation.

Please let us know of any access requirements you have when booking. Tea, Coffee, and light refreshments will be available, please bring your own lunch. You may also like to bring a cushion to sit on, as wherever possible we like to sit on the floor for Godly Play, although this is not essential.

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All our welcome to come for some conversation and encouragement

Yours

Eddie

Revd. Eddie Boon

Synod Discipleship Enabler

www.discipleseveryday.com

Safeguarding Training

UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2024

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

All training listed below will take place via Zoom

First date	Event	Second date
17 January, 2024 1:30pm	Domestic abuse	4 June, 2024 6:30pm
25 January 1:30pm	Safeguarding for Pastoral Workers and Elders supporting survivors	11 June 6:30pm
30 January 6:30pm	Modern slavery	8 October 1:30pm
31 January 1:30pm	Elders as Trustees	14 May 7:00pm
8 February 1:30pm	DDC Verifiers training and safer recruitment	23 May 6:30pm
27 February 6:30pm	Substance abuse	3 October 1:30pm
6 March 1:30pm	Refugees and asylum seekers	17 September 6:30pm
18 March 6:30pm	Safeguarding for Ministers supporting survivors	25 September 1:30pm
18 April 6:30pm	Adult safeguarding	15 October 1:30pm
8 May 1:30pm	Spiritual abuse	11 November 7:00pm
28 October 6:30pm	DDC Verifiers training and safer recruitment	4 December 10:00am
19 November 1:30pm	Online safety	

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