



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 2 June 2023.

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

Blessings.

Events

Events Calendar

- Theology for Preachers** 3 June 2023 10:00am
Lumen/Zoom
- Trumpet & Organ Concert** 4 June 2023 15:00pm
Amersham Free Church
- Stepwise Faith Filled Life** 12 June 2023 19:00pm
Zoom
- Lumen Poetry Series** 13 June 2023 1:30pm The
Lumen Community WC1H 9RS
- Glorious Grandparenting** 15 June 2023 19 June 2023
10:30am 19:00pm Online
- Refugee Week** 19-25 June 2023
- Self-Care and Resilience** 22 June 2023 19:15pm
Zoom
- Introduction to Godly Play** 24 June 2023 10:30am
High Cross URC
- Gaelic Service** 25 June 2023 All Saints Church,
Fulham SW6 3LA
- Resilience and community-care** 29 June 2023
19:15pm Zoom
- Bradwell Pilgrimage** 1 July 2023 10:30am Bradwell
St Thomas' CM0 7OJ
- Enabling Resilience (making safe spaces)** 6 July
2023 19:15pm Zoom
- Synod Green Day** 8 July 2023 10:30am Cores End
URC
- Appreciating the Tough Stuff** 30 September 2023
Birmingham and Zoom

Synod Green Day



SYNOD GREEN DAY



Celebration – Reflection – Action

at Cores End URC, Buckinghamshire SL8 5HZ

on Saturday 8 July 2023

*A day for **all ages** to reflect on the wonders of God's creation – and our care for it*



10.30 am
11 am
1 pm
2 pm
3.30 pm
4 pm

Arrivals and refreshments
Worship, sensory walk and bible exploration
PICNIC LUNCH
Workshops and Activities (around 5 Eco themes of teaching, land, buildings, engagement and lifestyle)
Worship in the Meadow and Tree Planting
Tea and departures

Limited places – book at modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



I hope all is good with you and you are enjoying the natural world in this Spring time of new growth.

Above is our notice about the Synod Green Day on 8 July – at Cores End URC here in leafy Buckinghamshire (post code SL8 5HZ). It will be a great opportunity to enjoy nature together – to celebrate creation, reflect on our care for it and to learn or do some practical actions to protect its life. The outline of the day is:

10.30 am	Arrivals and refreshments (provided by the local church)
11 am	Worship, sensory walk and bible exploration
1 pm	PICNIC LUNCH (bring a picnic with you)
2 pm	Workshops and Activities (around 5 Eco themes of teaching, land, buildings, engagement and lifestyle)
3.30 pm	Worship in the Meadow and Tree Planting (Synod Moderator taking part in this)
4 pm	Tea and departures

Do come if you possibly can – and encourage others to do so. It will be a lovely day out – whatever the weather! (though we're hoping for good weather so people can enjoy the unique Cores End church grounds).

You can book places at the Synod Office, contacting Colleen at modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk for a booking form or to send questions to.

Do also keep in touch about any actions you are involved in to care for creation.

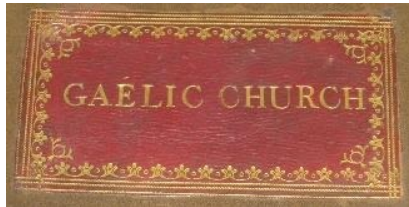
A Green Apostle, Peter Musgrave from Vine Church says:

Hi Everyone, I am a green apostle based in very urban East London. What I am looking forward to at the Synod Green Day on July 9th is:

- The chance to share and meet with people from all levels of URC including our moderator and JPIT
- To travel to whole length of Elizabeth Line from Ilford to Taplow, which amazingly will only take me 1 hour 15 mins! Instead of just getting off at Whitechapel I will get the rare chance to see the lovely Buckingham countryside and to walk in nature in the church meadows and to see the wildlife not just our bleak East London urban buildings
- To hear good musicians bringing their lovely instruments, so we can sing environmental songs along with them
- To be able to share my own experience with empathetic others and to hear different points of view and experiences too.
- For those of you who are getting this publicity people through TNS enewsletter, please do spread the word verbally amongst the people you know so that a small group of you come together. That way we can continue our eco journey whether we are new or old to the environment. And please bring children too. There will be activities for all ages. If there are questions you have about the Synod Green Day, or you need more information about it, please

send them to us.
Hoping to see some of you on the day. We have so much experience to share both urban and rural.

Seirbheis-Chuimhneachaidh an Còigeamh Là air Fhichead dhen Òg- mhios (25mh Ògmh.)



25mh Ògmh. 2023: Bidh seirbheis ghoirid Ghàidhlig ann aig 3.30f ann am Fulham, Eaglais nan Naomh Uile (All Saints Church, Fulham SW6 3LA) leis an U. A. Smith airson a' chiad chomharrachadh air an Eaglais Ghàidhlig ann an 1809.

Ma bhios i tioram, tachraidh an t-seirbheis seo ri taobh uaigh Robasdan ann an Eaglais nan Naomh Uile. Ma bhios droch shìde ann, tachraidh an t-seirbheis ann an talla na h-Eaglaise (an togalach ri taobh na h-eaglaise), far am bi suipeir bheag ri faighinn an deigh na seirbhis.

Bidh an t-seirbheis seo mar chuimhneachan air na rinn Donnchadh Robasdan, fear a stèidhich coimhearsnachd Ghàidhlig an Lunnainn an 1808 (agus Eaglais Ghaidhlig ann an Lunnainn an 1809) agus na rinn mòran daoine eile tro na linntean gus aoradh Gàidhlig a chur air dòigh ann an Lunnainn. Comharraichidh sinn ath-ùrachadh na litreach air a' chlach-uaighe (a rinn Phil Surey).

Tha Eaglais Naoimh Uile air ceann tuath Drochaid-Rathaid Putney, ri taobh lùchairt Easpaig Fulham agus mu choinneamh a' Phremier Inn air an drochaid. (Aire: tha eaglais eile air ceann deas na drochaid.)
Stèisean-Tiùib as fhaisge: Putney Bridge
Busaichean: stad-bus Putney Bridge Station, Gonville Street, busaichean 14, 220, 430, 22, 378, 424, 430 (a' dol gu tuath); 220, 270 (a' dol gu deas)
Fàilte! Bidh fàilte chridheil air a-huile duine

Special Gaelic Service in All Saints Church, Putney, 28 June 2023

25/6/2023: The Rev. Angus Smith will lead a short Gaelic service at 3.30 pm in Fulham (All Saints Church, Fulham SW6 3LA) to commemorate the founding of the London Gaelic Chapel on the same day in 1809.





Unless it is raining, the service will be held outside beside Rev. Robertson's gravestone in the churchyard of All Saints Church. If the weather is bad, the service will be held inside, in the hall and offices beside All Saints church, and there will be a light supper there after the service.

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All Saints Church is on the north side of Putney (road) Bridge, beside the Fulham Bishop's palace and opposite a 'Premier Inn' on the bridge (Note: there is another church on the south side of the bridge).

Nearest Tube Station: Putney Bridge

Buses: Putney Bridge, Gonville Street bus stop: buses 14, 220, 430, 22, 378, 424, 430 (going north); 220, 270 (going south)

Fàilte! All are welcome



The Lumen Community Poetry Series



Date

TUESDAY 13th June 2023
(2nd Tuesday of the month)

TIME

Doors Open 6.30 p.m. Reading at 7.00

**Ruth O'Callaghan presents:
PN Review at 50!**

Jo Carrick-Varty

Lisa Kelly

Martina Evans

Poets reading from the floor are very welcome to in front of
this prestigious publisher.

Please leave a poem to be considered:

1. As the featured poet for next month.
2. For inclusion in the next anthology.

ENTRANCE

£5

Refreshments

VENUE

The Lumen Community

88 Tavistock Place

London

WC1H 9RS

Nearest London Underground Station:
Kings Cross St Pancras or Russell Square
All Monies Support
Cold Weather Shelters for the Homeless

Every so often, Ruth produces a collection of the poetry read
at Lumen and other venues, with the proceeds of sales
supporting the work of Churches for Weather Shelters
(C4WS).

This is Ruth O'Callaghan's 12th Collection (In) Different Wars
exploring the fragility of life whether in the landscape of
invasion, pandemic or domiciliary.

Ruth O'Callaghan is a Hawthorndon Fellow, international
competition adjudicator, interviewer, reviewer, editor,
workshop leader, and founder of two poetry venues which

support the homeless.

Working worldwide, Ruth has organised or co-organised, national, and international festivals. Reading extensively in Asia, Europe, and the USA, she was awarded a gold medal at the XXX WCP in Taiwan and received an Arts Council award to work with women poets in Mongolia.

If you are unable to join us on 13th June, please consider supporting the partnership between Ruth and Lumen in supporting C4WS.

Ruth's collection is only £12 per copy plus £2 p&p (buy two or more copies means FREE p&p).

To book your copy, please send your name, address, email address, and telephone number to admin@thelumen.org.uk and we will pass on to the editor.

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023 10:30-4PM

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN
ESSEX & EAST LONDON
BRADWELL
PILGRIMAGE
AND GATHERING

FREE

"COME TO ME, ALL
YOU WHO ARE WEARY
AND BURDENED,
AND I WILL GIVE
YOU REST" (MATTHEW
11:28)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE PATRICK REGAN OBE
(KINTSUGI HOPE), WORKSHOPS, CRAFTS,
WORSHIP AND WALKS

PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL, POSTCODE CM0 70J (NEAR ST THOMAS'S) 10:30
COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS AT ST THOMAS BRADWELL FOLLOWED BY WALK TO THE
CHAPEL (A SHUTTLE BUS IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO MAY STRUGGLE WITH THE WALK)

www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk
www.cteel.org.uk

The Bradwell Pilgrimage is an annual gathering of Christians from across Essex & East London and beyond. The Pilgrimage starts at St Thomas', Bradwell-on-sea and ends at the beautiful St Peter's Chapel. The event is taking place this year on Saturday 1st July 2023. The event is free to attend, please bring a picnic. There will be worship, workshops and walks and a wonderful time of fellowship. Speakers this year

include Archdeacon Mike Power of the Diocese of Chelmsford, Rob Purnell from Love Essex and Patrick Regan OBE from Kintsugi Hope.

Everyone is welcome, Saturday 1st July from 10:30am - 4pm. The Theme this year is "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Further information can be found on our website www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk

Lay Training Grants

Thames North Lay Training Grant Application Forms are available to download from the Thames North Synod website [here](#).

National Safeguarding Training 2023



Refugee and Asylum Seekers
May 30th 7pm-9pm

Substance Abuse and the impact on
Safeguarding
June 26th 7pm-8.30pm

Suicide Awareness
September 11th 2pm-3.30pm

Domestic Abuse
September 19th 1.30pm-3.30pm

Modern Day Slavery
September 25 7pm-9pm

Safeguarding for Ministers Supporting Survivors
October 9th 2pm - 4pm

Adult Safeguarding
November 21st 7pm - 9pm

**All training will take place via zoom.
Bookings can be made by emailing
Emma.Pearce@urc.org.uk**

Safeguarding Training 2023

Below are the dates for safeguarding training this year. Please do share more broadly amongst your teams and networks and get back in touch with me to book on to the training date you prefer.

Foundation Safeguarding Training (Approx 2 hours)

20th June 6.30pm - 8.30pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

10th July 6pm - 8pm at at Wigmore Church(Crawley Green Rd, Luton LU2 9TE) Parking available. ***IN PERSON TRAINING***

19th September 10am - 12pm ***IN PERSON TRAINING***
at Maidstone URC (67 Week Street, Maidstone ME14 1QU)
Parking available at Maidstone East station

2nd October 6.30pm – 8.30pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

7th November 6pm - 8pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

5th December 10am - 12pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

E-Learning

The Foundation training is also available as an E Learning which can be completed in your own time.

The link is here:

Standard Course for a Laptop or Desktop Computer

[Safeguarding Foundation E-Course](#) (canva.com)

Standard Course for a phone or laptop [Safeguarding Foundation E-Course](#) for phone and tablet (canva.com)

Narrated version of the course with a voice over each slide
[Safeguarding Foundation E-Course narrated version](#) (canva.com)

Intermediate Safeguarding Training (Approx 2.5 hours).

9th June 10am- 12pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

11th July 6pm – 8.30pm ***IN PERSON TRAINING***
at at Wigmore Church(Crawley Green Rd, Luton LU2 9TE)
Parking available.

6th September 6pm- 8.30pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

12th September 10am- 12.30pm ***ONLINE TRAINING***

19th September 1pm – 3.30pm ***IN PERSON TRAINING***
at Maidstone URC (67 Week Street, Maidstone ME14 1QU)

9th November 6pm – 8.30pm

***ONLINE**

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5th December 6pm – 8.30pm

***ONLINE**

TRAINING*

Intermediate Refresher Safeguarding Training.

22nd June 6.30pm - 8.30pm

***ONLINE**

TRAINING*

5th October 6.30pm – 8.30pm

***ONLINE**

TRAINING*

To book on to this training, please email your **name, church role, church and preferred**

date to safeguarding@urcthamesnorth.org.uk



Please join one of the dates below to gain vital information on your specific safeguarding role in the URC. This session is for all Serving Elders with Trustee Responsibility in their church.

From the webinar you will

- Gain an understanding of URC policies and how they underpin your role in relation to Safeguarding.
- Understand your role as a trustee for the church and how this links to safeguarding.
- Understand the 5 safeguarding actions outlined by the government for churches as charities.

PLEASE NOTE THIS TRAINING IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOUNDATION AND INTERMEDIATE TRAINING AND COVERS SEPARATE INFORMATION

March 14th 2023 7pm-9pm



October 20th 2023 2pm-4pm

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CARRIE.KAUNDA@URC.ORG.UK**

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