



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 29 November 2024.

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

Blessings.

Events

Free at Heart Wellbeing Events 2nd Wednesday every month from September to December 2024 at Christ Church Newham

St Albans URC Greenwood Open Day 30 November 2024 10:30am at Watford Road, AL2 3HG [St Albans URC](#)

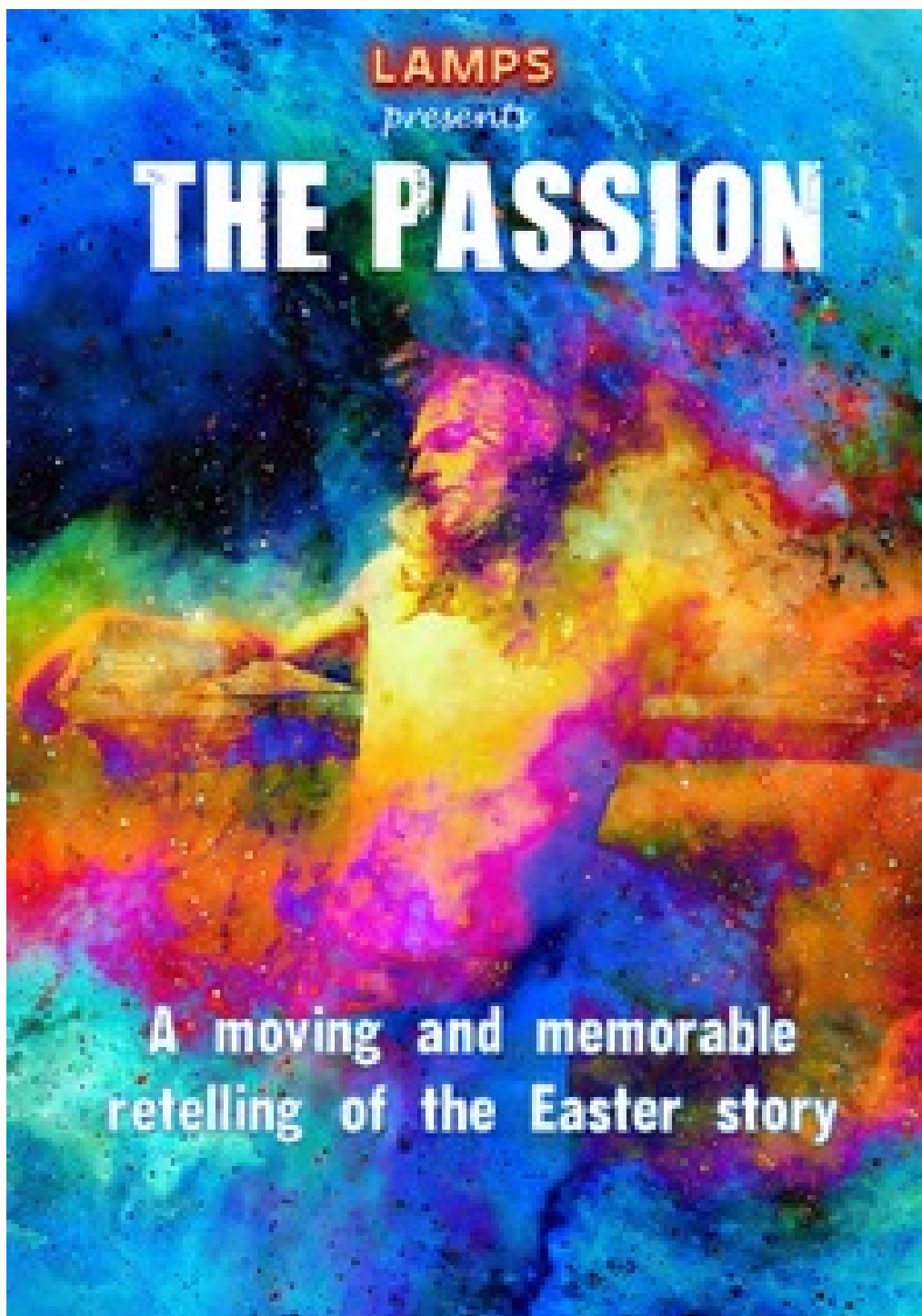
Advent Discussion Group - Landscapes in Progress 2, 9 and 16 December 2024 via Zoom. [Email:stalbansurcgreenwood@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansurcgreenwood@gmail.com)

Online advent retreat: Love, joy, peace and hope Please click the link below to book:

<https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>

Carol Singing with LCRF at Highbury & Islington Station 3-7pm

What's On



The Passion – Basic Information

What is The LAMPS Collective? We are professional artists with a shared Christian faith who create and tour live theatre and produce creative resources for the church. You can find more details here about us here www.lampscollective.com

What is The Passion? Performed by a cast of three talented professional actors, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus are recreated in a moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter events.

Told from the perspectives of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion named Marcus, The Passion leads us through the events of Holy Week, the cross and beyond.

As with all LAMPS shows, it has been written with people that don't normally go to church in mind. It is suitable for adults and young people from age 11 upwards (so secondary school students). As well as being a clear and powerful re-telling of the story, it also provides a stimulating starting point for discussion and debate.

What is the running time? The Passion lasts approximately 75 minutes

How much will it cost? There are two payment models available so you can choose the one that best suits your circumstances:

Model 1: A flat fee of £895 (plus travel expenses).

Model 2: One fee of £495 plus 50% of ticket sales (plus travel expenses).

We are always happy to talk through costs with you and will always do our best to make a performance possible within your budget. A 20% deposit of the agreed fee is required at the point of booking.

What do you need to do to host a show? Very little! Just let people know it's happening (we provide you with electronic publicity that you can tailor to your performance and print out as posters / fliers if required). We bring our own lighting and sound. If you need raised staging to help your audience see better, we can supply this for a small extra cost, equivalent to mileage for a second vehicle.

For more information please email bookings@lampscollective.com or call 07452 982705.

Testimonials

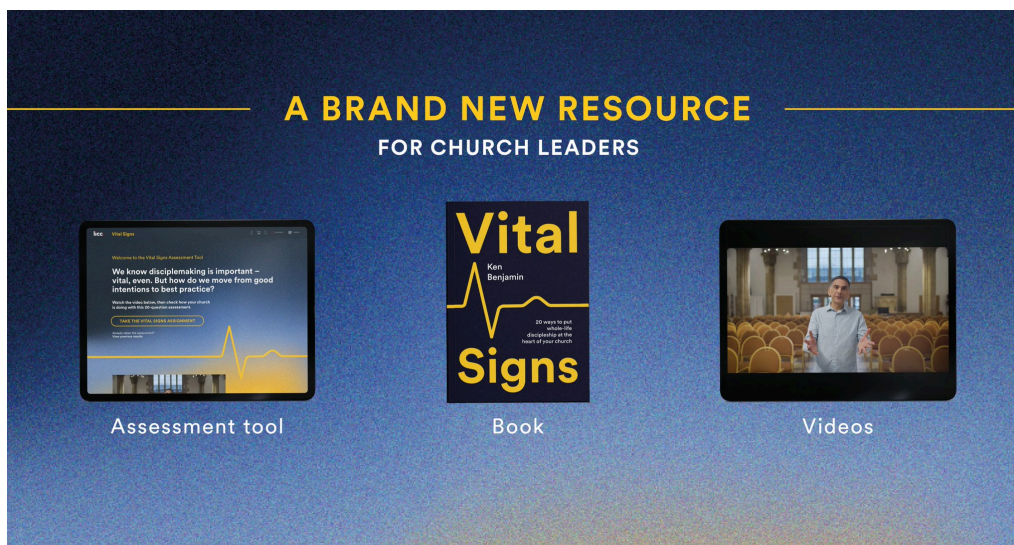
There is a link here to our website - specifically Passion information and testimonials: <https://lampscollective.com/the-passion>

Resources We also offer churches a free pack of Bible studies to accompany the show that can be used in the run-up to/Lent or after a performance.

There is also an audio book of the show, which is available from the shop on the website. <https://lampscollective.com>

PLEASE NOTE: Churches could apply for a grant to cover the cost by contacting Nneoma at synodclerk@urcthamesnorth.org.uk. Local Area Groups might also consider doing this.

Discipleship Matters / Vital Signs on-line meetings



Tuesday 28th January and Monday 24th March 3pm OR 7.30pm

Eddie Boon's 'Discipleship Matters' online gathering will be devoted to the brand new 'Vital Signs' initiative. For a maximum 60 minutes at either 3pm or 7.30pm Eddie will explain more, answer questions and you will actually have the opportunity to complete the assessment tool during the meeting with Eddie's guidance.

Meeting details are: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96647460063?pwd=dnhRWGtIK2tQdUpPUGo0OXRwTWRMUT09>

Please join him if you can!

Information

A Note for Advent from the Green Team - National Tree Week



At the beginning of Advent we enter into a waiting time. Nature too is in a waiting time, in-between growing seasons. For that reason it's a good time to plant, and, especially as this week is National Tree Week, it's a very good time to plant a tree. Trees come in all shapes and sizes so even if you don't have sufficient space for a tree at your church, you could even plant one in a pot. Trees are important for our well-being because they store carbon, prevent soil erosion, regulate temperatures, increase biodiversity and provide a home for wildlife.

If you can't plant a tree, encourage people in your church to take a woodland walk during Advent. It's an opportunity to appreciate the calming nature of trees and to connect with God. On woodland walks you can also collect some bits and pieces to decorate the church building during Advent, connecting the cosy indoors with the wintry outdoors.

Visit the website for the Tree Council treecouncil.org.uk for everything you need to know about trees and tree planting. There is also excellent material on the Eco Church website [Land7-Trees-and-hedges.pdf](#) and on the Woodland Trust website www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

If you have planted a tree or trees do send us a photo c/o modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Jill Nugent (Thames North Green Team)

PS **The Visual Commentary on Scripture** is producing an online Advent Calendar exploring the theme of creation:



thevcs.org

Vacancies

Administrator - Church Life Review, London

Fixed Term contract until March 2026
35 hours per week
£36,103 per annum

Are you ready to help support the Church on its important journey of change?

The Church Life Review (CLR) is a significant and important journey of change to fully review all aspects of the life of the denomination. In this role you will work closely with the Programme Manager on all administrative aspects of the CLR, playing a vital role in seeing that they are properly supported in their busy schedule.

You will be educated to A level or equivalent with GCSE passes (grade A-C) in English and Maths. You already have experience of PA and administrative work in an office environment and are highly organised, with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to operate with discretion.

We can offer you a flexible and friendly working environment; working from Church House and from home.

If you are interested in working with us and can meet the job requirements, please send your application form to: Human Resources, the United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT 020 7691 9871 recruitment@urc.org.uk www.urc.org.uk/jobs

Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 3 January 2025 **Interviews:** Friday 10 January 2025

Kensington United Reformed Church
Allen Street, London, W8 6BL.

Facilities Manager
for room hire and building management.

This is an interesting and varied role which will appeal to someone who enjoys working with the public and has excellent organisational skills.

18 hours per week
Part office and part home based.

Salary £12,310 per annum
with usual holiday and other entitlements.

For an Application Pack please contact
Sally Massey Thomas
email minister.kensington.urc@gmail.com
Tel 020 7912 3253 / 07738 766677

UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2025

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

All training listed below will take place via Zoom

First date	Event
14 January, 2025 1:30pm	Domestic abuse
23 January 7:00pm	Supporting survivors
4 February 7:00pm	Modern slavery
13 February 1:30pm	Elders as Trustees
4 March 7:00pm	Substance abuse
18 March 1:30pm	Refugees and asylum seekers
27 March 7:00pm	Adult safeguarding
24 April 1:30pm	Spiritual abuse
13 May 7:00pm	Online safety

Foundation Training can be accessed on the Learning Hub
bit.ly/3Txldm4



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From the United Reformed Church Safeguarding Committee

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