



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 30 August 2024.

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

Blessings.

Events

Free to Believe Conference Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th September 2024 at The Hayes Conference Centre.

Induction of Revd Wilbert Sayimani on Saturday 21 September 2024 at 2:30pm at Christ Church UB8 1SZ

A Celebration of Isaac Watts on Saturday 21 September 2024 at Melton Mowbray URC, Leicestershire 9.30-12.30 on Friday 20 & 27

Makaton Course September, Saturday 21 & 28 September, Saturday 12 & 19 October <https://bit.ly/URC-Makaton>

Talking About....Disability 26 September 2024 at 7-8pm
bit.ly/URCTalkinAbout

50 Hymns for 50 Years on Saturday, 28th September 2024 10:30am -12:30pm at the Lumen Community WC1H 9RS

A Quiet Day at the End of a Season of Creation Saturday 5 October 11am-3pm at Cores End URC

JustMoney Conference, Saturday 5 October 9:30am - 1:30pm

Faith Talk on Thursday 3 October 2024 at 7:30pm mission@urc.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

Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group conference on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 11am at EC4V 5DE

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

What's on

CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire SL8 5HZ

'In awesome wonder'

A Quiet day at the end of the Season of Creation

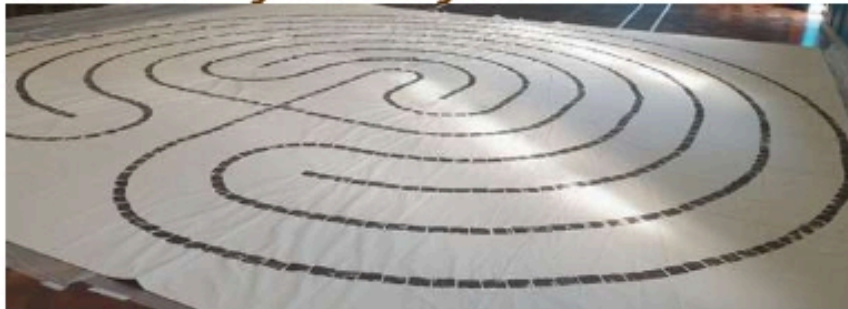
led by Revd Terry Hinks

Saturday 5 October 2024

11 am – 3 pm

(coffee served from 10.30 am)

at Cores End United Reformed Church
and its grounds (a 'Quiet Garden')
with the Synod Labyrinth there to use



Simple lunch and refreshments provided
Cost £5 (including lunch)

To book a place contact Terry Hinks
(by 25 September please)
Email minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com





Sunday 8th September at 4.30 pm
Celebration Communion Service
followed by a buffet and time to chat

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the official launch of the first Open Table Network community in East London, welcoming and affirming people who are LGBTQIA+ and allies

Wanstead United Reformed Church
Nightingale Lane, Wanstead, London, E11 2HD

You are more than welcome here

RSVP: Email wansteadurc@gmail.com



Seven Kings UFC are very pleased that they will be getting a new minister. His name is Albert Yaw Sarpong and they will be welcoming him at a special afternoon service at 2pm on the afternoon of Saturday 7th September. All are invited.

Disability Awareness Week launches on Sunday 15 September



Don't miss Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, Moderator of the Free Churches Group, and President of Churches Together in England, preaching to launch Disability Awareness Week: 15-22 Sept '24, calling for justice, equality and access.

Watch the Disability Awareness Week launch service, available after 3pm on 15 Sept at <https://valeofstour.org.uk/daw2024>

Join the journey! – mark Disability Awareness Week in your church or ministry

Hold a Disability Awareness Sunday service on 22 September or a day of your choice.

Free resources are at: <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>

What happens in Disability Awareness Week (15-22 September)?

Let's all take action! All churches are invited to reach out and meet with disabled people in their community in Disability Awareness Week. This could be through organised church events or through individuals inviting a disabled person they know to meet for a coffee.

UCB radio and Through the Roof (TTR) are making sure disabled Christians' voices are heard. On UCB1's Talking Point programme, 9am-1pm from 16-20 Sept, each day, one disabled person will share about their lived experience of disability in church and society.

TTR will also be sharing videos, tips and insights each day during the week about the ABC of church disability inclusion on social media @TTRChangesLives. Please 'like' and share!

Contact: annette@throughtheroof.org and janet@throughtheroof.org
Visit: www.throughtheroof.org for more information. Tel (main office): 01372 749955

Photographs: images linked to this Disability Awareness Week bulletin are available [HERE](#).

Online version link: News release: launch of Disability Awareness Week 2024 - Through the Roof

Talking About...Disability

How can we ensure that what we offer is genuinely accessible for all?



Join us as we explore the issue with members of the Roofbreaker team from ThroughTheRoof.org

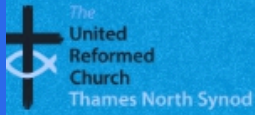
with a special emphasis on intergenerational worship

Thursday, September 26th 7-8pm

Book your free place at www.bit.ly/URCTalkinAbout



SAFEGUARDING



Disclosure &
Barring Service

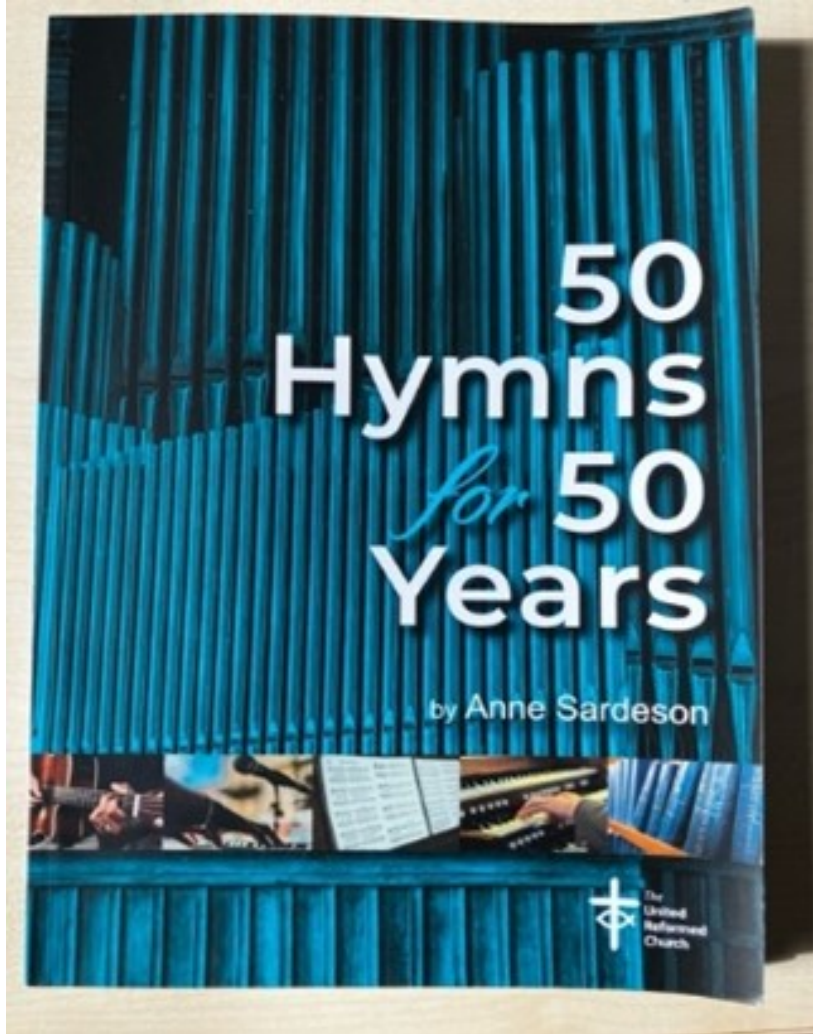


WORKSHOP 2024

BOOK NOW- EMAIL SAFEGUARDING@URCSOUTHERN.ORG.UK

29TH AUG	6.30PM- 8.30PM	Understanding Stalking and the different types of stalkers- Part 1 Delivered by Protection Against Stalking (PAS)
4TH SEP	6.30PM- 8.30PM	Stalking and its link with Domestic abuse - Identifying risk what makes stalkers more dangerous- Part 2 Delivered by Protection Against Stalking (PAS)
5TH SEP	6 PM- 8 PM	DBS- The different levels of DBS checks, When an employee is eligible for a check, Regulated Activity, DBS Update Service, Filtering Rules, Q&A

**New date for talk
on
50 Hymns for 50 Years Book**



Written to celebrate URC 50 Years Anniversary.

Led by:

Revd. Anne Sardeson, the Author

Former Thames North Synod Training Officer, Singer and Songwriter, and Minister to churches in Maldon, Burnham-on-Crouch, and Southminster
Contributing to the event are some writers of the hymns used in the book
- **Revd. Sue McCoan, David Williams, and Revd. Heather Whyte**

Date: Saturday, 28th September 2024

Time: 10:30am -12:30pm

Venue: The Lumen Community, 88 Tavistock Place London WC1H 9RS

You will learn about the process of how the book was created, meet, and hear from some of the hymn contributors, have conversation about hymn singing and sing some of the hymns in the book. It should be an interesting, historical, joyful event not to be missed.

To book your place, please email, Ola Lawal,
lpcomm@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Children Youth and Families Workers' Network

Friday 4th October 2024

10:30am – 4pm @The Lumen Community, 88 Tavistock Place,
London WC1H 9RS



An opportunity for paid and voluntary workers to:

Discover what work is happening in our Synod.

Share resources and practical information.

Gain encouragement and support from each other.



For further information contact Lorraine cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

KNOW AND GROW - Makaton course for churches



As part of our drive to help churches become increasingly accessible and welcoming to all, URC Training is delighted to be able to offer subsidised access to the new KNOW AND GROW training, a Makaton course which focuses specifically on the signs you might use in worship and church-based groups. Makaton is a system of signing and using symbols to aid spoken and written communication.


Each course comprises two online sessions and you must be able to attend both. Sadly, due to limited spaces, we can offer this only to those associated with a URC church or LEP. The cost is just £18 to cover the printed manual which you will be able to keep.

Sessions are 9.30-12.30 on Friday 20 & 27 September, Saturday 21 & 28 September, Saturday 12 & 19 October

Book now on: <https://bit.ly/URC-Makaton>

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Children and Young People in Churches



September 10th
1pm – 3.30pm
On Zoom



www.urch.org.uk



A more in depth look at scenarios around Children's safeguarding.

Discussions around the challenges of safeguarding within the non-statutory sector.

An insight into grooming.

A look at the specific safeguarding concerns that could be raised within the church and how to respond to these.

Email Emma.Pearce@urch.org.uk to Book.

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	

Foundation Training can be accessed on the Learning Hub
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Vacancies

JOB OPPORTUNITY

NIGHT SHELTER COORDINATOR



LOCATION Office based in High Wycombe and at various locations in High Wycombe and the surrounding area

HOURS Fixed term, part time, shift-based role (from 18/11/24 to 30/04/25)

SALARY £13.33per hour (equivalent to £26,000pa at 37.5 hours per week)



WHO WE ARE

Wycombe Homeless Connection (WHC) is a Christian-led charity based in south Buckinghamshire that works to end homelessness in our community. We make a difference in the lives of local people, stopping homelessness before it starts through our innovative homelessness prevention programmes and reducing the harm homelessness can do with our frontline support and health projects. Our vision is that south Buckinghamshire is transformed into a place where no one loses their home and that there is suitable housing and housing security for all.

THE ROLE

WHC's winter night shelter will be open in January, February and March 2025. People who are living on the street in south Buckinghamshire, and who have no other options, will be offered shelter.

We'll provide beds, food and a safe place to stay during the bleakest months. Our team will also work with our guests to help them find a home for good and do everything we can to avoid anyone having to return to life on the street.

Two night shelter coordinators will work together between mid-November 2024 and the end of April 2025 with a team of staff and volunteers to make it happen, reporting to the Services Manager. Hours and working pattern are tailored to the winter night shelter project. See the job description for full details.


Important: Driving a long-wheel base hire van is essential to this role so you will need a full UK driving licence, be over 25 and have had your licence for at least 12 months.



TO FIND OUT MORE Visit our website: www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies or call 01494 447699.

 Wycombe Homeless Connection, Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6RF

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