



THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 22 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

Car Boot and Table Top Sale at Grange Park E10 5EP on Saturday 23 November 2014

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

Discipleship Matters Thursday 28 November 2024 3pm or 7:30pm

'Vital Signs' [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96647460063?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96647460063?pwd=dnhRWGtIK2tQdUpPUGo0OXRwTWRMUT09)

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disc@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

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:stalbandsurcgreenwood@gmail.com](mailto:stalbandsurcgreenwood@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

Online advent retreat: Love, joy, peace and hope



3 December 2024 to 7 December 2024

Venue: Online

We'll gather for a period of prayer in the morning, and sessions of readings, reflections, prayer and sharing at lunchtime and in the evening, following the advent themes of love, joy, peace and hope.

The retreat is designed for people to be able to dip into. Some will be able to attend everything, but, if the diary doesn't make that practical, people are welcome to join in when they can. It can help to think of the retreat as the backdrop to their experiences of God in these days and the "drawing together" session on the Saturday evening will think about where we've encountered God during the week — in the sessions and in everything else we've been doing.

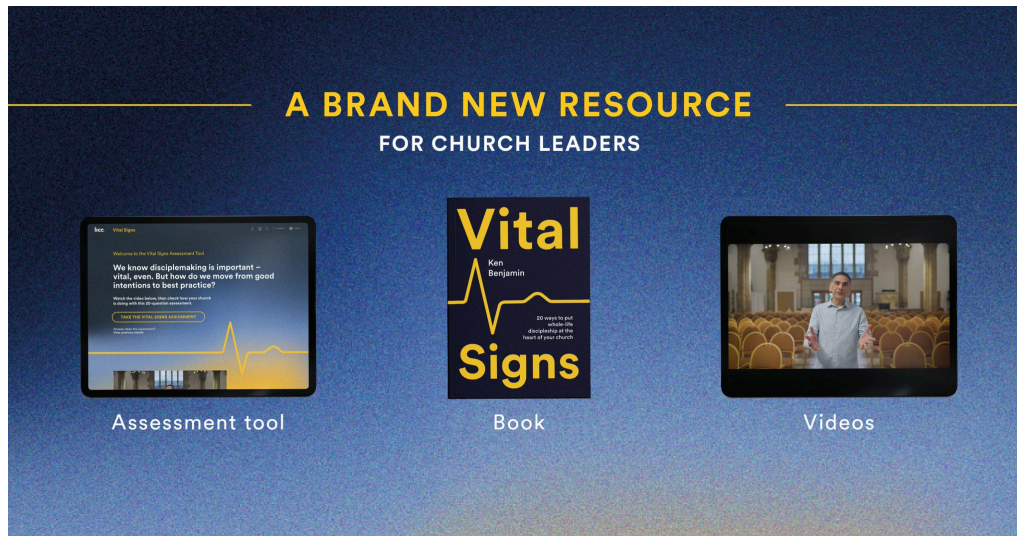
There are three sessions each day — 7.30-8.00am; 12.00-1.00pm and 7.00 – 8.00pm: - a period of prayer in the morning, and sessions at lunchtime and in the evening that will include reflections, time for prayer, and talking in the group.

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Bookings will close at 21:00 on Monday 2 December: the zoom link will be sent to those who have booked later that evening.

Discipleship Matters / Vital Signs on-line meetings



Thursday 28th November, 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=dnhRWGtlK2tQdUpPUGo0OXRwTWRMUT09>

Please join him if you can!

STARTING THE COUNT An Online Taster Evening



On Monday 25 November 2024 at 7:30pm

Come and meet the Synod Green Team. Bring your questions and ideas on Carbon Counting, Net Zero, the Synod and URC Environmental Policies etc.

Maggie Hindley and Anna Barrett who have done training in Carbon Literacy will share their experience and plans for in person and online training to start next year.

Email Terry Hinks (Synod Green Team Convener)
minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com
for link or more information

**AND A DATE FOR YOUR NEW DIARY:
2025 SYNOD GREEN DAY
on 7 June at St Albans Greenwood**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**at 37 GRANGE PARK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
LEYTON E10 5EP**

**SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2024
12-5pm**



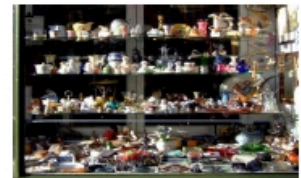
PLANTS



FOOD & DRINKS



CHRISTMAS



BRIC-A-BRAC

8 cars only allowed in the car park (£5 per car) Tables (£10 per table)

Contact Rhona if interested: 07899763024/rserq@yahoo.co.uk

Information

National Churches Trust - Regular maintenance



"Stave off decay by daily care" : William Morris upon setting up the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in 1877

The importance of undertaking regular maintenance cannot be stressed enough. At the bottom of this page you'll find our guide to church building maintenance.

The four main reasons for maintaining your church building are:

preserving heritage: regular, minimal and small-scale work helps maintains original features and fabric

saving money: when things go wrong, they cost a lot to put right. Historic England's research undertaken in 2019 'The Value of Maintenance?' showed that acting on small repairs now can save 15-20% in costs further down the line. preserving resources:

preventative maintenance is sustainable; by keeping buildings in a good condition we save the energy and materials needed to repair them

promoting guardianship and community involvement: historic churches are in our care in trust for the next generation, as they have been for centuries. Maintenance is an area where you can involve the wider community in caring for their own heritage.

The key elements

There are three key elements to maintenance:

inspection: undertake regular inspections, to assess condition, identify problems and to decide whether work is necessary
regular maintenance tasks: jobs like clearing gutters, testing services, checking for damp and clearing the churchyard
minor repairs: ongoing minor repairs to the building, perhaps as the result of extreme weather, can include fixing slipped roof tiles, replacing broken glass or making temporary 'flashband' repair.

Your denomination will have advice on maintenance so always look there first and check out our [Support Organisations directory](#) for dioceses and denominations.

Download our Maintenance Plan

A maintenance checklist or plan is a great way to keep track of what needs doing and when, and we require applicants to our Grant Programmes to have one in place. Why not download our easy to use plan, created with the help of Historic England and SPAB?

[Download the Plan](#)

And please see the national Churches Trust page on Maintenance [here](#) for more information on maintenance

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



From the United Reformed Church Safeguarding Committee

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