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The Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration, signed by representatives of religious communities across the United Kingdom, calls for people to be “advocates for justice” ahead of the COP summit. The Revd Clare Downing and Peter Pay, Moderators of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church (URC), the Revd Paul Whittle, Moderator of the URC National Synod of Scotland, and the Revd David Coleman, URC minister and Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland made the declaration alongside leaders of every major Christian denomination and representatives from Baha’i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh communities. [**Read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LYLY-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Guide and Scout leaders honoured** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Special honours were bestowed on Gillian Phillips and the Revd David Marshall-Jones last month when the United Reformed Church Guide and Scout Fellowship (URCGSF) made them life Presidents. The service, held at Caterham URC, also marked David’s retirement as National Scout Chaplain – a position he has had for the past 20 years – and Chair of URCGSF and volunteer Manager of the URCGSF National Scout Active Support Unit. [**Read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16L76X-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Concerns raised over new Police Bill** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Revd Clare Downing, Moderator of the URC General Assembly, joined more than 350 church leaders and representatives of civil society organisations in writing to the government over concerns about the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. [**Read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16J4DN-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New £1million faith group fund** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced a new £1million fund as part of a new deal between faith groups and the government to build on the success of the role faith communities played during the pandemic. The aim of the fund is to help faith groups deliver projects to provide community wide services open to all the local population. [**Read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JDQI-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  | | --- | | **Visit the URC at the Christian Resources Exhibition** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The URC will be at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, from 12-14 October. Come and visit us at stand N2 to pick up free resources and books, buy the latest Prayer Handbook and URC Diary, to hear about our discipleship development programme Stepwise and to meet staff and volunteers from across the URC. Get your free ticket [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JE54-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Discipleship grant deadline** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The first grants from the Discipleship Development Fund will be announced later this month. The next deadline for applications is 31 December. For more information, [**read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LZYX-1/c.aspx). | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Stepwise evaluation** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Stepwise evaluation process, working with Winchester University, has begun. If you have completed the course, look out for an email inviting you to complete a survey. If you don't get one, please [**email the team**](mailto:stepwise@urc.org.uk?subject=Stepwise%20evaluation) and let them know. The team values all feedback. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Safeguarding on BBC Daybreak** |  |  | | --- | | The Revd Adrian Bulley, URC Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship), spoke to Helen Jones, BBC Merseyside's Daybreak presenter, about the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse last month. Listen to the interview [**here**.](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JE4F-1/c.aspx) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Educational grants available** |  |  | | --- | | Grants for EM2/3 and Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers have been increased for 2022 to £700 and £300. Please request this money through your Synod. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Resource Centres for Learning** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Please pray for all Resource Centres for Learning (RCL) students and staff who will shortly begin the first term of the 2021-22 academic year, and for the Revd Rosalind Selby, Principal of Northern College, who is leading the new Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers course, on behalf of the RCLs, and the participants of that course. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Single Friendly Church** |  |  | | --- | | Visit Single Friendly Church (SFC) at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park, Esher, from 12-14th October, at stand S8. SFC is offering an on-the-spot church health check to identify where you could do more to welcome and include single people, and will provide lots of practical tips and free resources for your church. Find out more about SFC [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JE3H-1/c.aspx), and read an article about being single in church on the [***Reform***](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16MR6F-1/c.aspx) magzine website. | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Help raise vital funds for Haiti** |  |  | | --- | | More than £500 has been raised for the URC's Haiti appeal. On 14 August, the country was struck by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake followed by Tropical Storm Grace two days later. Thousands died and many more were injured and lost their homes. The Commitment for Life team hopes to raise £2,000 for the appeal. Can you help? If so, please donate [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LDQY-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Worship resources competition** |  |  | | --- | | To celebrate the URC's 50th anniversary, songwriters, composers, rappers, poets, choirs and bands are invited to submit an entry into the URC at 50: Worship Resources Competition. There are four categories to enter: traditional hymn/song, poem, contemporary hymn/song, and rap. Judges will select a winner from each category. The winning entries will be performed at General Assembly 2022 and included in a digital version of the URC at 50 celebration resource pack for local churches. The closing date for submissions is 8 April 2022. Find all you need to know [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16MQPL-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Resource pack for local churches** |  |  | | --- | | A resource pack is being designed to help local churches plan their own URC at 50 celebrations. The pack will include: the script of ‘Breaking News’ – a drama about the formation of the URC in 1972, and a short film of it; Celebrate Together, a picture book for young members; winning entries of the Worship Resources Competition; suggestions for worship with resources and a service outline; details about the 2022 Prayer Handbook; calendar of Jubilee events; celebratory materials to help get your party started; a quiz and more. For further information, [**read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16MQPM-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Download or print News Update** |  |  | | --- | | A downloadable version of News Update, formatted for print, and for churches to cut and paste into church newsletters and magazines will be available shortly. Please check [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16IXBP-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Share your good news** |  |  | | --- | | If you have a good news story that can inspire, raise hope or show God's work in action then please let URC Communications know. We would love to help share your news across the denomination and in local news outets. Email the team [**here**](mailto:press.office@urc.org.uk?subject=News%20to%20share). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **This month in *Reform* magazine** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Organising a cathedral service, or disrupting one? Which is the way to respond to the climate crisis? October's *Reform* hears from Christians who did both. Also in this month's magazine, a man who made a fortune from crime tells how he 'fell head over heels in love with Jesus'. Is Christianity woke? The loneliness of the single worshipper. And my childhood as an alien. Subscribe to *Reform* for as little as £18 for ten issues. Find all you need to know [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LGBN-1/c.aspx). | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Please order online using the URC Bookshop’s new easy-to-use website [**www.urcshop.co.uk**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16IXBQ-1/c.aspx) or by calling 020 7916 8629. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The 2021 Advent Box for churches to give to families is called Come & See, and is now available to pre-order. Like last year’s sold out Advent kit, it is full of activities with things to do, items to explore, things to think about, things to make and things to pray about. To keep costs down, there are two options: a DIY kit which you can make up (£5.50 each) or a kit that’s been assembled (£7 each). Find out more [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JP2Q-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Equalities legislation means that all churches should make provision for people with disabilities. To help, the URC has published a free guide to welcoming people with disabilities to your church or place of worship. [**Read more**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JE3V-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | It is 50 years since the URC came into being. Recognising this significant milestone, [***Jubilee: Freed to Live!***](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JP2R-1/c.aspx) is the theme for the 2022 URC Prayer Handbook. Available in A5 standard and A4 lectern editions. £5.49-£10.99 +p&p. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Now available - the [**2022 URC Diary**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JP2S-1/c.aspx), 50th anniversary, limited edition. Now with year planners from 2023-2025 along with the usual notable dates for the URC and the wider Church, Assembly officers, Assembly committee details, useful addresses, Synod information, diary from August 2021 to June 2023, year planner from 2023-2025, world map and UK map. Available in a black or blue pocket diary or an A5 blue diary. £6.99-£9.99 +p&p. | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Love Came Down At Christmas**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16MROK-1/c.aspx) – Pack of 10 x 16cm square foiled Christmas cards. Can be posted using a standard first or second class stamp (not Large Letter). Printed on FSC paper. Inside the greeting reads: ‘Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas.’ The Bible verse is: ‘In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.’ 1 John 4:9 (ESV). Printed in the UK on high quality card. These cards support various Christian charities. £4.49 +p&p. | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Check out the cut-price range of [**coronavirus resources**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LYCH-1/c.aspx) designed to help keep your congregation safe. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Synod news** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Thames North** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Welwyn Garden City URC celebrated its 100th anniversary on 18 September. On the day, talks about the history of the church and the town were given, along with a choir and children's activities, and people helped create a time capsule to remember the past 18 months, which included memories of loved ones lost during the pandemic. The capsule will be opened on the 150th anniversary.  Image: Google Maps/Welwyn Hatfield Times. | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Eastern Synod** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Revd Lythan Nevard was inducted as Moderator of the Eastern Synod at a service at Stowmarket URC on 4 September. Lythan said: “I’m really looking forward to meeting the people walking the way of Jesus across the Eastern Synod, hearing their stories and working together to respond to the challenges of life, Church and mission today.” | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mersey** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | More than 150 people attended the induction of the Revd Geoff Felton as Moderator of the URC Mersey Synod last month. Geoff said: "I’m looking forward to leading the Mersey Synod through these post-pandemic years – years that will help shape the Church of the future and its witness to a world in need of hope and love.” | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Northern** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Andy Lie, Northern Synod's Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer, completed the Great North Run in two hours and a minute and raised £962 for Action Foundation, a charity for refugees in the North East. Andy is trying to raise £1,000. If you can help, please [**donate here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LJF6-1/c.aspx). | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **What's On** |  |  | | --- | | **Black History Month webinars** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Black History Month 2021 sees the launch of a series of webinars dedicated to British engagement with reparations for descendants of enslaved and colonised African peoples. The Racial Justice Advocacy Forum partners with the National Church Leaders Forum, Movement for Justice, and Reconciliation to facilitate leading Black Christian voices on the various aspects of reparation and its implications for both church and government. The webinar series, 'I Will Repay: Church and Reparations', has three core aims: 1) to articulate the various Christian positions around reparations; 2) To equip the church to speak with confidence on reparations; 3) to help solidify the Christian work around reparations. The series begins on 6 October at 7.30pm. [**Register here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16J663-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Ministry Enquirers' Event** |  |  | | --- | | Have you ever considered a ministry of some sort, lay or ordained? Are you exploring a possible call? Explore these questions and more at the URC Ministry Enquirers' Event on 2 October from 10am-4pm. [**Email Ministries**](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk?subject=Ministry%20Enquirers'%20Event) for the full programme details. | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hybrid Church** |  |  | | --- | | As URC Training, Children and Youth with Education and Learning is offering practical help for 'hybrid church' (where worship in person and online is combined) to help enhance worship for all. Two online sessions will be available: on 14 October Dan Morrell will discuss technical tips and help and on 21 October, three URC ministers will share their learning from experience. Both sessions take place from 7.30-845pm. Book your [**free place here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JPFL-1/c.aspx).  . | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Youth Assembly 2022 and Youth Leaders' Gathering** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Bookings are now open for URC Youth Assembly 2022, taking place at Whitemoor Lakes, Alrewas, Staffordshire, from 28-30 January 2022. The Assembly will explore the theme of jubilee through three perspectives: commemorate the past; celebrate the now; create the future. The programme includes discussions, worship, keynotes, workshops and a silent disco. The cost on or before 11 November is £115; and £145 from 12 November until bookings close on 1 January 2022. The Assembly is open to all young people with a connection to the URC from Year 10 or S3 up to 26-years-old (age limit extended for 2022  due to cancellation of YA2021). Creche available for children 0-five-years-old. [**Book here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JPST-1/c.aspx). The URC Youth Leaders’ Gathering, for all who work with young people aged 11-25 that are in any way connected with the URC, will also be taking place over the weekend, but run separately. Places cost £115. [**Book here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16JQH7-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Explore God's gift and calling** |  |  | | --- | | Ecumenical webinar, 'Living Church, exploring God's gift and calling' takes place on 2 November from 2-3.30pm and 3 November from 10-11.30am. At the event, the word koinonia, often translated as ‘fellowship’ or ‘communion' will be unpacked, the Revd Elizabeth Welch will discuss the Trinity’s gift of koinonia leading to deeper human relationships and the Revd Canon Helene Steed will speak on ‘crossing over to the otherside: koinonia and mission. The Revd Philip Brooks and the Revd Dr Callan Slipper (URC and Church of England National Ecumenical Officers) will explore what this means for ecumenism at local and Intermediate level. Book your free place [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16L3OY-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New worshipping communities** |  |  | | --- | | Breakfast Church? Dinner Church? Pub Church? Café Church? Quiet Church? Muddy Church? Mindful Church? Beach Church? Forest Church? Creative Church? Explore new forms of Church and worshipping communities at 'The Gathering'. The event takes place over three dates in 2022. A webinar to answer any questions about The Gathering takes place on 27 October at 1pm and 8pm. Please [**email Linda Rayner**](mailto:linda.rayner@urc.org.uk?subject=The%20Gathering%202022), URC Coordinator for Fresh Expressions, for more information. | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Meeting dementia with pastoral and spiritual care** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Westminster College and the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion brings you 'Not Forgotten: Meeting Dementia with Pastoral and Spiritual Care' a one-day online workshop on 6 November from 9.45am-3.30pm. Speakers include Julia Burton-Jones, Anna Chaplaincy lead for the Dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury, and Prof Rodger Charlton, GP principal and senior partner in Hampton-in-Arden Surgery who is also Professor of Undergraduate Primary Care Education at Leicester Medical School. The webinar costs £40 (£25 for students). Find more information and [**book here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LI4D-1/c.aspx). | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Social Justice** |  |  | | --- | | **No forced labour in fashion** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Joint Public Issues Team thanks all who have contacted their favourite clothing company to ensure that the supply chain for their clothing has not been included forced labour. Tesco is one of the latest companies to confirm their ethical stance in this area, but there is still more to do. Would you contact your clothes brand/shop to ask them about the status of their workers? Find out how you can get involved in the campaign [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LG4Z-1/c.aspx). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Help end exploitation of children** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | International Justice Mission (IJM) UK invites you to partner with them to end online sexual exploitation of children, a crime which has grown rapidly during the pandemic. Sex offenders in countries including the UK are paying traffickers in the Philippines to abuse children live over the internet. IJM, police and other local partners are working hard to bring children to safety – children like Ruby, who is a survivor of online sexual exploitation and is now courageously advocating for every child to be free. Read Ruby’s story and find out how you can help protect children from abuse [**here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16MUTD-1/c.aspx). | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Advent candle-lighting prayers** |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | JPIT is preparing peace and justice-themed prayers for the coming Advent season. The prayers are suitable for all ages and more formal styles of service, and reflect the Church’s continued commission to care for creation and love our neighbours. More information on the free resources is [**available here**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16LFY2-1/c.aspx). | | | | | | |  |  | | --- | | **Recruitment** |  |  | | --- | | **URC vacancies and beyond** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Designated Safeguarding Lead**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16IXVK-1/c.aspx)  **Term**: permanent contract, 35 hours per week  **Location**: flexible work environment (with hybrid working from Church House in London and from home).  **Salary**: circa £50,000 pa  **Closing date for applications**: 8 October. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Minister for Digital Worship**](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-A5T6F4-16IYOB-1/c.aspx)  **Term**:seven-year appointment  **Location**: home-based  **Salary**: Minister's stipend  **Closing date for applications**: 4 October | | | | | | | | |
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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Subscribe to News Update | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Unsubscribe](https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1SFF1-6E02B6F05C404167A5T6F4C547DE764908E9E3/uns.aspx) | | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The United Reformed Church  Church House, 86 Tavistock Place  London, WC1H 9RT  Tel: 020 7916 2020  Email: [urc@urc.org.uk](mailto:urc@urc.org.uk) |  |  | | --- | | The United Reformed Church was created by church unions in 1972, 1981 and 2000, facilitated by Acts of Parliament passed in each of those years. It has a number of associated bodies: The United Reformed Church Trust (URC Trust) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales (Registered Number: 135934); it is also a registered charity (Registration Number: 1133373). The United Reformed Church Ministers’ Pensions Trust Ltd is a limited company registered in England & Wales (Registered Number: 2821011). The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers’ Housing Society Ltd. is a registered Community Benefit Society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Number 15986R). The Registered Office for all the aforementioned bodies is Church House, 86 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RT. | | | | | | | | |