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EAST MIDLANDS SYNOD

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Supporting young people within the church both pastorally and spiritually is important to their development in life. On Sunday at Loughborough URC I heard a sermon on the call of Samuel and at a young age he was called into a role in the life of the church.

Children and young people can serve the church in many ways, I have served the church for many years in many roles, including: taking the collection, doing readings, prayers, operating the PowerPoint, playing in the church band and taking part in a summer beach mission. I am now serving as the East Midlands National Synod Youth Rep and a General Assembly youth intern. Throughout the years these roles have helped me grow in self-confidence while developing my own faith and calling in life.

For many young people God's calling in life is not often discussed with them, only their GCSE, A level or career choices. Research has shown that if God's call for them is discussed during the time when they are making choices about their education then young people are able to discern and ask God what his calling for them is, which in some cases helps them choose a career that they might not have chosen before.

Therefore, I would ask that you talk and pray for young people both in your church and the synod to help them find what God is calling them to do and to also pray for them during what is a busy time for GCSE, A level and University students during exam season.

Georgina Neale, Synod Youth Rep

PEOPLE

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Ordination and Induction in the East Midlands Synod. **Andrew Mudharara** will be ordained and inducted into the joint pastorate of Hinckley and Daventry United Reformed Churches. The service is to be held at Hinckley United Reformed Church, The Borough, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 1NL on Saturday 28th July 2018 at 3:00pm.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

BOULEVARD URC - You are invited to a Coffee and Cake morning at Boulevard URC on Saturday 9 June between 10.15am and 12.00noon. This is in aid of CLIC Sargent, which supports children with cancer and their families, nationally and especially through t the Queen's Medical Centre and Billy's House, nearby.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

ABINGTON AVENUE URC - SAVE THE DATE - AAURC Outreach Committee is to hold a Learning to Share your Faith training day at Abington Avenue United Reformed Church (in the Upper Hall) on Saturday 29th September 2018 with Revd. Andrew Willett, from Barnet URC (GEAR).

We have yet to finalise all the details, but the timing will be approx. 10.30 am till about 4 pm (please bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided - N.B. car parking limited at the Church so please park either around Abington Park, or in local streets).

The purpose will be how we can put into practise Christ's Great Commission, and learn how to share our faith with others, e.g. family, work colleagues, acquaintances and people we meet in our local community etc.

More details will follow - We really hope that you will not only enjoy taking part, but encourage others to come as well .

WELLINGBOROUGH URC - This will be the first venue for Stuart Townend and Band Courage Tour 2018. Date - Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7.30pm. Ticket price:£15.00 - available from 18th June as follows : Website:wellingboroughurc.org.uk Email: wellingboroughurc@hotmail.com Tel :01933 278137

Write: ST Tour, Salem Hall, Salem Lane, Wellingborough NN8 4JT

If anyone would like to pay by BACS, please let us know and details will be sent.

Save the date and come hear the composer of "In Christ alone", "Beautiful Saviour", "There is a hope"!



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE URC - EAST MIDLANDS URC SYNOD CHOIR

Final preparations are being made for the General Assembly act of Worship on Sunday 8th July.

There will be a gathered choir from the East Midlands Synod singing two anthems as part of the service.

We have a number of people from across the Synod coming to join us but we would welcome more.

The anthems will be O Thou the Central Orb by Charles Wood and The Lord is my Shepherd by Howard Goodall.

Rehearsal music is now available and can be sent in the post or by email.

If you have spoken to me but have not had your copies please send a reminder!

I will also send links to midi files which can be opened on smart phones, tablets and computers, to help learning.

Two rehearsals have been organised, Thursday 5th July 7.45pm (optional) Sunday 8th July at 9.30am (required). Both rehearsals will be in St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC (NG1 5JT).

On the Sunday after the rehearsal we will walk from the Church to the General Assembly venue (10-15 mins) for the service. For those for whom the walk would be difficult door to door transport can easily be arranged but this does need to be planned in advance, so please get in touch.

We are hoping for a good bank of sound and a wonderful choral experience -

Contact stawithcgchoir@gmail.com for more information and/or to request music.

Mrs Phil (Pippa) Hodgson, Choir Director

St Andrews with Castle Gate URC Nottingham

LAY PREACHERS GATHERING

Join us for Bible Study, discussion and fellowship. Led by Revd Dr Deborah Baird on Saturday 23rd June 2018, 10.30am - 2.30pm at the Synod Meeting Room, Nottingham, NG5 3AA (Please bring your own lunch) To book contact Hannah Holmes: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk Tel: 0115 9609241

SYNOD STUDY DAY - RADICAL LIVING

A study day looking at the rule of St. Benedict. All Welcome! On Saturday 14th July 2018 from 10.30am - 3pm (bring a packed lunch) at the Synod Meeting Room, Nottingham, NG5 3AA. Led by Revd Dr Deborah Baird. Booking is essential, to book contact Hannah Holmes: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk
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PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED!



As part of our 'new look' E letter, we would like to update the pictures that we use to represent each of the counties. Have you taken any photographs or would you be willing to take a photograph of an area in your county that you feel would visualise it well?

Please send all photographs to Hannah Holmes at the Synod Office: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk and ensure that you include your permission to use the photograph (please note that we will be unable to use any photographs containing images of people).

WHY MANAGE? LINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Are you a volunteer or a staff member line managing people?

This course is designed just for you!

It gives you the opportunity to learn about the tools and skills required for first Line Management, with sessions exploring the essentials required for line managing people.

Training will be delivered by Jane Baird and Helen Bird from URC Church House www.urc.org.uk

Venue: LUTHER KING HOUSE, Brighton Grove, Manchester M14 5JP

Session one: 17th September 9.30am to 4.30pm

Session two: 18th September 9.30am to 4.30pm

Session One will cover aspects of Line Management such as the basics; managing performance (induction, probation, appraisals); working hours and managing absence – holidays, 'Time off in lieu' and sickness.

Session Two will cover flexible working, sickness, capability, disciplinary, grievance and equalities.

It is advisable to attend both sessions, but you can attend just one of them. You can attend daily or book Bed and Breakfast at LKH or elsewhere.

For more information or to book contact: Rita Griffiths, Mersey Synod

Clerk. synodclerk@urcmerseysynod.org.uk Tel. 07838 103310



BELONGING ONLINE CONFERENCE

Belonging are holding an online conference, which is being streamed on Thursday 13th September 2018 with the Methodist Church, who are organising the event.

'Belonging' supports churches to have a welcoming and accessible ministry with children and young people who have additional needs. This day event is happening in partnership with The Additional Needs Alliance, Pete and Christine Winmill from Count Everyone In and Mark Arnold, Director of Additional Needs with Urban Saints. It promises to be an engaging and informative day with lots of opportunities to discuss and reflect on the key issues.

You can join in from anywhere there's an internet connection and we're keen to encourage lots of local events that make it accessible for as many folk as possible to get together. Do take a look at the website for details of how to register these and be kept updated on future developments with the programme and speakers: www.methodist.org.uk/belongingconference

We are happy to announce that East Midlands Synod will be streaming the conference from the Synod Meeting Room.

To join us for this on Thursday 13th September 2018 from 9.30am – 2.30pm, please contact Hannah Holmes at the Synod Office to book your place. Bring a packed lunch.

Email: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk Tel: 0115 9609241

AND FINALLY: - This E letter is sent on behalf of The URC East Midlands Synod, 1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3AA. Telephone: 0115 9609241

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