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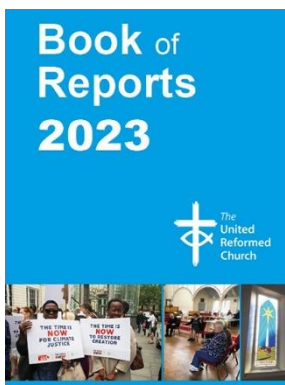


6th July 2023



The 2023 United Reformed Church General Assembly took place from 30th June to 3rd July at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick. As usual there is a group from Yorkshire Synod representing us all and in time we hope that we can let you all know how it went, what we felt when discussing the future of the URC and how we can help you all be part of that journey. Some of the key items

discussed were Legacies of Slavery and proposals for repairing justice such as mandatory anti-racism training; ways to support the Transcarpathian Reformed Church in Ukraine; opposition to the Illegal Migration Bill; the rights of Trans-gender people and proposals for a formal ministry of URC Children's, Youth and/or Family Minister as well as the Church Life Review. One thing of joy for us in Yorkshire Synod was the induction as Moderator of General Assembly of Rev Tessa Henry-Robinson, who many of you will know from her time in the SPACE group of churches when her husband Rev Mark Robinson was minister there.



A full round-up of all the business discussed each day and decisions made is available at [Latest news - United Reformed Church](#) and the General Assembly papers can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

Finally, please let me have details of what **YOUR** church is doing. As you will see this time, there is a lot going on, so to add to all of this all you need to do is drop me a line at clerk@urcyorkshire.org.uk and I'll showcase it in the next edition, due out on 20th July with the deadline for submissions being on 19th July!!

Tim Crossley

Inviting



Making More Disciples

The **Elders Development Group of the Yorkshire Synod** are delighted to invite you to attend the annual 24 hour conference to be held at Wydale Hall (<https://www.wydale.org/>) in North Yorkshire on **28th to 29th September 2023**. It will be led by Andrew Roberts, author of Holy Habits (<https://www.holyhabits.org.uk/andrew-roberts>) and the topic will be 'Making More Disciples'.



In Andrew's own words:

"Lucy Moore (the founder of Messy Church) suggests that 'Many of us face an inner conflict about the imperative to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). There can be a little voice in us that wants more people to become Christian for selfish reasons – to keep the local church going. But God's call to Abram was to 'be a blessing'. What difference might it make to our mission if we set out in faith simply to 'be a blessing'?"

This question will be explored in the light of biblical texts, wisdom from various writers, stories and our own experiences through conversation and plenty of space for personal reflection in keeping with the relaxed atmosphere of the retreat.

The conference will start with lunch on Thursday 28th September, and finish after lunch on Friday, 29th. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Each church will be restricted to three places, until we can review demand. There is no charge for this conference as the Yorkshire Synod are paying for this residential.

Attendees will need to make their own way to Wydale Hall. In terms of accommodation, each room is ensuite. There are some rooms specifically for those with mobility needs.

To book a place, please send in your request to the Synod Office (office@urcyorkshire.org.uk) giving the name of your church, attendees and any specific dietary or mobility needs. Please reply by **July 15th 2023** so that any requirements can be passed onto Wydale in good time.

For further information, please contact Bronwen Robinson on bronwenrobinson@me.com



Celebrating 60 Years as an Elder

On Sunday 2nd July at St Andrews Roundhay United Reformed Church, Leeds, the congregation there gave thanks to David Figures and commemorated 60 years of his service firstly as a Deacon in Roundhay Congregational Church then as an Elder, when the church became St Andrew's URC in 1972. He was presented with a certificate of long service and a URC Elders badge.

David is well known around the Synod and the Denomination as he also served for many years as a member and then conveyor of Yorkshire Listed Buildings Advisory committee as well as on the denominational body.



'Appreciating the Tough Stuff' Conference

An 'Appreciating Church' conference is being held on **Saturday 30th September 2023**. This will be a hybrid conference, open to both current practitioners in Appreciative Inquiry and those interested to find out more. Participants will be able either to attend in person at the Priory Rooms in Birmingham, or attend online via zoom. For people who are already accredited Appreciating Church practitioners, attendance at the conference renews their accreditation for a further year. For non-accredited participants attendance at the conference includes a £30 voucher towards Appreciating Church training, either *Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry* or *Deepening Your Appreciative Inquiry Practice*.

The Keynote Speaker is Daniel Hodgkiss who is based in the West Midlands Academic Health Science Network, where he works as part of the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme which is funded by the NHS. He is one of the co-creators of the book (due out this Autumn) *Appreciating Health and Care* in conjunction with Appreciating People, using the model that was pioneered by *Appreciating Church*. He has gladly agreed to be the keynote speaker for our onsite conference in Birmingham, and will also contribute to the online conference on the same day.

For more information and to book, please follow this link: <https://appreciating.church/appreciating-church-conference-saturday-30th-september-bookings-open/> and it will take you straight to the Appreciative Church website.



Appreciating Church

Appreciating the tough stuff

**How do we.
How can we.
How might we.**

Saturday 30 September 2023

**Hybrid conference
Onsite in Birmingham and online**

**Fee: £130.
Early bird fee before 30th June £100**

Bookings: enquiries@appreciating.church

Loving



Presidency at the Sacrament of Holy Communion



Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury, WF13 1NH

Wednesday 23rd August from 10am-1.30pm

Rev Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Synod Moderator, will be leading a session to reflect together on our practices of presiding at Holy Communion.

- All are welcome who preside at Holy Communion (lay and ordained)
- Arrivals and tea/coffee from 10am – the session will begin at 10.30am
- Please bring a packed lunch and again drinks will be provided
- If you would like to attend, please book your place by contacting the Synod Office asap at office@urcyorkshire.org.uk or 0113 289 8490

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Sharing



PRIDE PRAISE *God is love Where there is love There is God 1 John 4*

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St Andrew's Church, Newmarket Street July 9th at 5pm

Join us as we celebrate the God who loves us all. With guests Jason McMahon and Ben Riley, who were one of the first same sex couples to get married in the Methodist Church.

Over the weekend of 7-9th of July it is Skipton Pride which celebrates and stands alongside members of the LGBTQI+ Community. Members of Trinity and St Andrew's (soon to be one church -Trinity St Andrew's) are getting involved in 2 ways.

- We are hosting a community stall on Museum walk from 11 am to 5pm on the 9th. We will be giving out cakes, doing craft and engaging people in positive conversation.
- We have a PRIDE PRAISE event at St Andrew's Church, Newmarket Street on July 9th at 5pm. Join us as we celebrate the God who loves us all. With guests Jason McMahon and Ben Riley, who were one of the first same sex couples to get married in the Methodist Church. It would be great to have as many as possible there from across the Synod.

I appreciate that not everyone will feel able to be involved but please do pray for this important way of engaging with our community.

Grace and peace

Andrew Webb, Minister St Andrews, Skipton



YOUNG ADULTS COFFEE
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22 APRIL - LEEDS
20 MAY - YORK
15 JULY - HUDDERSFIELD

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Or email wilderness@urcyorkshire.org.uk

United Reformed Church Yorkshire

Emerging Adults

In the third of her articles from the 18-25 Project for the Synod Briefing (and elsewhere in Synod), Rev Samantha Sheehan explores the Christian journey of those in their 20's and 30's.

Friends the reality is that our young people who are connected with our congregations are going to leave at some point. It's just going to happen. For many different reasons.

Some will leave because they are moving away for further education, some will leave because of work commitments, some for the reasons we explored last month (Exile or Exodus). Some will leave because their spiritual growth is needing something else, they may feel called somewhere else. Some will leave because of family changes, beginning a new relationship or the end of a relationship. We could go on... there are many different reasons why people leave congregations, and many more for young people especially as they journey through their late teens and early twenties.



Photo by Eugene

If we travel back in time to the 1960/70's we could say that by the time a young person reached their early 20's then they would have completed their education, gained long term employment, financially independent, living outside the parental home, and most likely be married with their first child. Fully entering their adulthood.

Fast forward today, this no longer the case, according to the [Office of National Statistics](#) in 2019 the average age of marriage was 34 years for men and 32 years for women. Same-sex couples an average age is 38 years for men and 33 years for women.

Added to this is the prolonged time of education with an increased number of 18 year olds attending University for an undergraduate degree (3yrs) and possible post graduate (1-2yrs). Employment also looks different, with the desire to seek a job which pays well and is also enjoyable and fulfilling may lead to multiple short-term employments in close succession and periods of unemployment.

Not to mention the unstable housing market, the challenge of saving a deposit for a mortgage, on top of the significant debt incurred from attending university, all impacting on feeling financially independent and able to fully vacate that parental home.

Our young people are living through this extending time of no longer adolescents but not quiet adult. Psychologist Jeffery Arnett has called this life stage – [Emerging Adulthood](#) – an in-between age.

All of this has an effect on faith and congregation belonging.

So much of what we do as congregation (mostly unconsciously) is aimed towards the 1970's assumption that young people quickly enter their adulthood and settle into employment, relationship and stable housing. Where once this happened within a 5years period now can take well over 10years. Where once someone was settling into adulthood in their early 20's it is now taking them into their 30's and beyond.

This offers challenges for the church of today:

- *How are we helping our children and young people grow a faith which will journey with them during this time of change?*
- *What can we offer into this time of uncertainty? What biblical stories speak into times of transition and uncertainty?*
- *Where might there be points of connection?*

If you would like to explore this more, then get in touch, I'm here to help.

*Blessings
Samantha*



RECONNECT!: a URC event for 20-40s

Saturday 16th September 2023, 10am-4.30pm

Westminster College, Cambridge

We are delighted to be hosting the first URC event for those in their 20s-40s, generously funded by the URC's Discipleship Development Fund.

Reconnect! is a discipleship event with worship, Bible study, panel discussion and small-group discussions. It aims to provide a space for 20-40 year olds to make connections with other Christians, to share in fellowship, and to discuss church life and faith in the context of life in this age bracket. We are hoping to establish an ongoing supportive network that will nourish people in their everyday discipleship and local church life.

Who is this for? Anyone in their 20s-40s who is connected with or interested in the URC, particularly those who have recently left Youth Assembly and those who do not have much contact with a local URC.

When will it be? Saturday 16th September 2023 with the option of staying over from 6pm the night before (Friday 15th) if you are coming from a distance.

Where will it take place? At Westminster College in Cambridge, one of the URC's Resource Centres for Learning.

Why is it happening? The report from the 20-40s task group to General Assembly in 2018 explored the reasons for the lack of 20-40 year olds in traditional churches and emphasised the need to walk together in community. Lack of engagement with traditional church is not a problem that needs fixing, but rather a call to find new ways forward together.

Reconnect! will be an opportunity for those in their 20s-40s to worship and socialise together, but also to think together about future discipleship and fellowship events and how the URC might better support and encourage those in this age-group.

Book your place at: <http://bit.ly/45WqyZ3>



As mentioned, please book your place at: <http://bit.ly/45WqyZ>



LEGO CHURCH AT KIRKHEATON

Revd Sue Pegg has been in touch to celebrate the faith journey of Gracie, a young person aged 17 years, who with her family attends The United Church (Methodist/URC) in Kirkheaton Huddersfield. Having just completed her GCSE's last year Gracie was looking for some part time work while she studied at college for her A Levels and heard of the **One Programme** which encourages young people to get involved in Christian Ministry and offers them three hours of paid work weekly over a twelve month period. She was encouraged to apply as she wanted to offer something creative for our church children on Sunday mornings.



It was suggested that **Lego Church** might be a good way forward. Gracie has always related well to people of all ages, particularly children and is creative, so **Lego Church** seemed ideal.

She was accepted onto the Programme and attended an induction day. During the year she has been to several residential for young Christians and made new friends. Throughout the programme Gracie has valued the support of many, and the encouragement she has received has enabled her to grow in confidence and in her Christian faith over the last year. On Sunday mornings the children meet with members of the church family for worship and then go on to enjoy **Lego Church** in the **Lego Room** with Gracie. The **Lego Room** was decorated by her in bright exciting colours and on a Lego theme.

She reads a Bible Story and then the little ones make a Lego model about it and sometimes do other crafts too. Later the group re-join the main service and share what they have learned with the church family and explain their models. Gracie heads up this feedback time and can now articulate well to a group. The little ones love **Lego Church** finding it fun and exciting.

As Gracie comes to the end of an exciting year she is beginning to apply for University places and at her first interview she was asked about **Lego Church** and the **One Programme** and those interviewing were very interested in what she had been doing and impressed by it. They encouraged her to include it on her CV.

Everyone involved in Gracie's story are proud of all she has achieved and the little ones, their parents and all at The United Church Kirkheaton have certainly benefitted not just from her skills but from the joy of being part of this stage of Gracie's faith journey.





Locally Recognised Worship Leader Commissioned

On Sunday 2nd July Liz Green was commissioned as a locally recognised worship leader at her home church, Cottingham Zion & Newland URC, Hull. Liz shared how she had come to faith and thanked the congregation and Synod representatives for their support during her training. Rev David Coote led the morning service and Kath Lonsdale, Jill Fletcher and Lesley Coote shared in the commissioning part of the service on behalf of Synod Ministries Committee.

Yorkshire Synod Discipleship Development Grant funds 2023

The **Discipleship Development Funds** are intended to contribute to the development of lay people and therefore the purposes for which it can be used are as broad as can be generated by creativity and vocation, in line with the aims of the URC's Discipleship Development Strategy (DDS), which are to equip the people of the United Reformed Church to:

- Create opportunities for everyone to encounter the living God, whether they already identify themselves as followers of Christ or not.
- Encourage everyone in their prayer life and relationship with God to enable them to live as disciples of Jesus.
- Encourage everyone to make the most of education opportunities that are relevant and appropriate for them in their discipleship journey.

The eligible costs would include, without being restricted to:

- National or denominational learning events, conferences or programmes developed in-house;
- Personnel costs;
- Courses (at any level) at any of the United Reformed Church Resource Centres for Learning or other suitable learning providers;
- Books, equipment and resources related to a particular topic or activity;
- Attendance at Synod learning events; and
- Travel costs for attending learning events.

There is a video for you to watch if you want at <https://youtu.be/HQ8ODOW3rA0> and lots more information on the dedicated URC website page at [Discipleship Development Fund - United Reformed Church](#)

As ever though, if anyone wants to discuss any form of Discipleship Development project then look no further than our Convenor of the Synod's Ministeries Committee, Kath Lonsdale at kathlonsdale@talktalk.net. And remember this is for any age to apply so please discuss with your young people as well as adults.

Lay Training news



Education & Learning
Keeping you posted



The latest edition of the Education and Learning Newsletter is now available. To receive it it only takes an e-mail to sign up to it – send your details to marion.brown@urc.org.uk and you'll be on the list in no time at all.

In the meantime the last of the three **FREE** zoom session is being organised by URC Training through a collaboration between the Children & Youth Work and Education & Learning Committees:

EXPLORING RESILIENCE FOR CHURCHES

Thursday 6th July- Enabling resilience (making safe spaces). 7.15-8.45pm.

Led by Alex Clare-Young.

This session will focus on practical things we can do/offer/give access to in church buildings, gatherings and community spaces. Alex will encourage thinking around how we navigate space and self in relation to enabling resilience and flourishing.

The Revd Dr Alex Clare-Young is an ordained URC Minister working in a Pioneer role with Downing Place Church in Cambridge City Centre and is an Associate Tutor at Westminster College, Cambridge.*

*Northern College, Manchester and Westminster College, Cambridge are two of the three URC Resource Centres for Learning that offer learning and training opportunities.

To book onto these sessions go to the Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/Resilience4churches>

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The £42 million Government [Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme](#) has undergone a digital transformation with the development of a new website and application portal.

- The new website makes it easier to navigate and find the information - from scheme eligibility to application guidance. The website sits on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) domain, providing reassurance this is an official and trusted website.
- The new application portal will enable applicants to apply online. This will follow the same familiar format as the PDF form, but will be easier to process than downloading and completing a physical document. The option to use the old PDF will remain, but the application portal is planned to be more efficient - with all the information and attachments uploaded and submitted in one place.

Please note that the website is now easier to use and the online portal is **in addition** to the paper-based method of application.



Yorkshire Churches Day (YCD) is a chance for every place of worship in the county to open up and showcase the amazing history and heritage found inside their buildings. It is a day to tell stories and bring to life the variety, beauty, history and sheer wonder of Yorkshire's churches, chapels and places of worship. The aim of the day is to encourage everyone to visit their local church even if they have never stepped foot inside a church before. It will be a day for those who are curious about history and heritage of their local surroundings as well as offering an invitation to those looking for God.

This year we are running YCD in partnership with Heritage Open Days (HOD), holding it on **Saturday 16th September**.

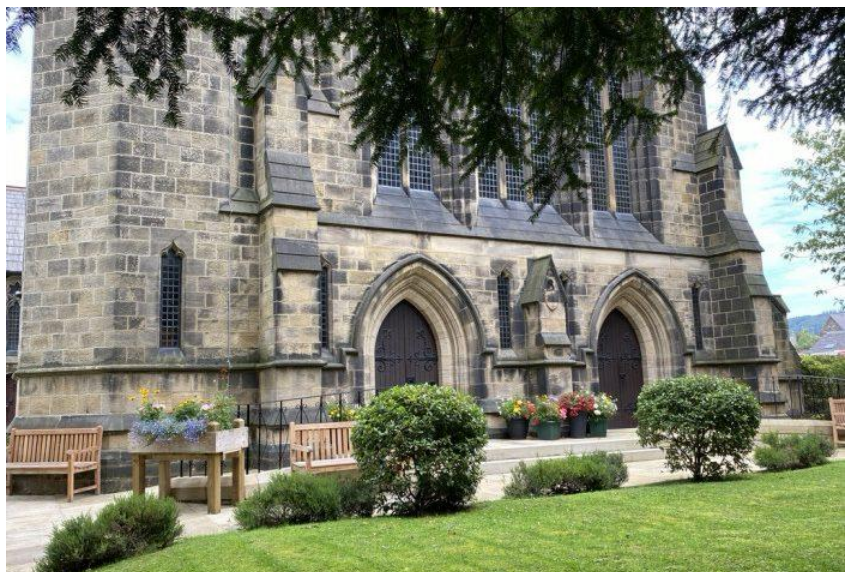
As part of the HOD remit, entry to your event must be free, but there are many ways you can engage your visitors and encourage donations.

Ideas include providing refreshments, running tours, staging exhibitions, offering bell ringing, putting on recitals, offering skills/craft demonstrations - there are so many possibilities.

To register, visit [Homepage | Heritage Open Days](#) and add details of your church, stating you are opening for Yorkshire Churches Day. The **deadline for entry is the August 10th 2023**. Full details on how to register and advice on fundraising events and how to attract publicity can be found here [Yorkshire Churches Day – Helping Yorkshire's Historic Churches & Chapels \(yhct.org.uk\)](#)

It was during lockdown that the Trustees of the YHCT came up with the concept of a 'Yorkshire Churches Day'. The day is an opportunity to raise much needed funds for places of worship in Yorkshire as well as an opportunity to spread the Good News. The future of many church buildings is under threat due to crumbling roofs, windows and stonework, but this is an opportunity to engage with visitors, to share the Gospel and to encourage a commitment to Christ which will mean that our church buildings become more than museum pieces.

The YHCT works to ensure these places of worship are kept in good repair, recognising the contribution they make to society at large and the support they provide to local communities. By taking part in Yorkshire Churches Day, you are helping all places of worship in Yorkshire as well as your own church. We'd encourage you to donate up to 50% of any funds raised to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, to help us continue to offer vital support to churches, chapels and meeting houses across Yorkshire. Do also consider joining the YHCT as a Friend.



Number 84: A Residential Missional Community



Is New Monasticism catching your attention? Does being part of a small innovative residential missional community appeal? Does taking time out to think and pray through new possibilities, or taking a gap year feel timely?

Are you excited by new ways of being and doing Church?

From Spring 2023 onwards for those aged 18 and over, Redcar has a rare opportunity in the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church to become part of a household of three living within a simple Rule of praying, eating, studying and serving together while accompanying Redcar United Reformed Church & Redcar Baptist Church in missional presence in Redcar. The residents of Number 84 will form a Jesus-shaped community. This will be an experience of incarnational living whereby the members of the household will live amongst their neighbours with biblical imagination. They will order their communal life according to a rhythm of daily prayer, bible study, shared meals and purposeful service. In addition to having time to reflect on their own walk with God and to further their own discipleship, the residents will commit to praying for and serving their community through finding work in the town which may be paid or voluntary. They will worship and fellowship with the URC/Baptist church which is located next door to the house.



In these ways Number 84 will be a household that prays, studies, serves and lives together in God's love. It will be a Fresh Expression of church within the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church. The Synod will exercise pastoral care and oversight of the household. If needed, a modest maintenance allowance is available.

You are invited to register your interest as soon as you feel able and Information Packs are available from Lisa McAvoy, Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church, 4 College Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8JJ. Tel 0191 232 1168

lisa.mcavoy@urc-northersynod.org

Unfurling the sails
(THE VENERABLE BEDE):
JOURNEYS WITH THE NORTHERN SAINTS

Monday 18th to Thursday 21st September 2023

Led by: Revd Greg Hoyland
Venue: Shepherds Dene, Northumberland
Cost: £370

The northern saints – people like Columba, Aidan, Hild, Æbbe, Cuthbert – were inveterate travellers, *peregrino* or *peregrina*. Their wanderings were journeys of discovery, discovering new places, new people and – most important – new encounters with God.

On this retreat we will journey with some of them to see what we can learn about wandering with God and how it might enrich our journey through life.

Cost to include full board and a day visiting Monkwearmouth, Jarrow and Whitburn for lunch by the sea.

MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING:
Jo Holland – 07761 223 023 or 01904 470519

Closing date: 25th June 2023

Rev Dr Greg Hoyland
Greg spent 20 years of his working life in pastoral ministry as a curate, vicar and university chaplain and a further 20 as a university lecturer in Theology. He has a particular interest in the early church of Northern England and works as a volunteer for English Heritage at Rievaulx Abbey.

Rev Dr Greg Hoyland FRSA FHEA

Built in 1906 as a family home, Shepherds Dene was given to the Diocese of Newcastle in 1945 by Geoffrey and Ethel Newell. It is now shared with the Diocese of Durham and is run as an independent charity.

The Newalls hoped that "those who come to Shepherds Dene for knowledge will find it and those who come for rest will go away"

Shepherds Dene
Shepherds Dene is an outstanding example of the 'arts and craft' style of architecture. The 20 acres of grounds were also planned as an Edwardian garden. The house and grounds are remarkably preserved and full of original features.

In the last few years, the house has been refurbished to provide some en suite bedrooms and the grounds have been brought back to the former glory. There is wifi throughout. You'll find all the home comforts you would expect of country house living.

refreshed". There is a spiritual atmosphere about Shepherds Dene, imbued with over 60 years of prayer and fellowship, which is cherished at all costs.

Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Tel No: Email:

To secure a place please return this booking slip, together with payment by way of a cheque in favour C.J. Holland to:

Jo Holland, 5 The Rowans, Skelton, York YO30 1YX.
Tel: 01904 470519. Email: joholland@gmail.com

In the event of cancellation being necessary as a result of further Covid restrictions a refund of fees will be given.

 **Appreciating Church**
Annual Conferences
Saturday 30 September 2023

Onsite | Priory Rooms, Birmingham | 10:30 - 16:00
Online | Zoom | 09:30 - 16:30

Appreciating the tough stuff

**How do we.
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How might we.**

These two conferences will run in parallel
as practitioner-led events
with interactive workshops

Speakers from the church and beyond will reflect on
using appreciative inquiry in challenging situations

How will you use
this opportunity to
deepen and share
your appreciative
inquiry practice?

Fee for either conference

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£100
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Announcing the 23-24 Certificate in Theology & Discipleship for Mission

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1 July

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- gain insight from guest speakers who are embedded in mission provide practical insight into what works, how to adapt, and how to flourish as a Kingdom Community.
- Our 15-sessions culminate in student led plans for local mission.

How long are sessions? We meet by Zoom about twice a month between October and July. Sessions last for 3-hours and include a mid-session break.

What's the style? Classes are highly relational, with brief presentations from guests/course leader, but dialogue based.

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What is the work load? Fortnightly assignments (about 1 or 2 pages of A4, double spaced).

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Safeguarding news

Safeguarding Intermediate Training via Zoom

Tuesday 18th July 2023 10am – 12.30pm

There is a new Intermediate course being put this month. This key course is designed for the Safeguarding leads in YOUR churches.

If you wish to book a place on this course, or require further information, please get in touch with Paula Kitson at safeguarding@urc1and4.org.uk or by telephone on 07562 606024.

And don't forget that these courses are still running, contact emma.pearce@urc.org for more information



National Safeguarding Training 2023

 The United Reformed Church

- Refugee and Asylum Seekers
May 30th 7pm-9pm
- Substance Abuse and the impact on Safeguarding
June 26th 7pm-8.30pm
- Suicide Awareness
September 11th 2pm-3.30pm
- Domestic Abuse
September 19th 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Modern Day Slavery
September 25 7pm-9pm
- Safeguarding for Ministers Supporting Survivors
October 9th 2pm - 4pm
- Adult Safeguarding
November 21st 7pm - 9pm

**All training will take place via zoom.
Bookings can be made by emailing
Emma.Pearce@urc.org**

Partnering



Established in 2010 we are a Christian charity providing a warm welcome, hot meals, support and wellbeing activities for homeless and vulnerable people. Based in Bradford city centre we engage with up to 400 people a week.

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If you have any time to give between 9:00 and 2:30 Monday to Friday we would love to hear from you. (2 or 3 hours a week of your time can make a big difference to our guests).

If you'd like to be involved please contact us at:

enquiries@theimmanuelproject.co.uk or 07961 913376

You can also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheImmanuelProject> or instagram [the.immanuel.project](https://www.instagram.com/the.immanuel.project)

KELD RESOURCE CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOW ROW WITH KELD URC NEW FOR 2023: STUDY DAYS



The Keld Resource Centre will be holding more study days over the summer.

Saturday August 19th: Us reading Ruth reading Us! Led by Rev. Peter Poulter

Thursday September 28th: Rivers of Living Water: Reading John's Gospel in a Thirsty World. Led by Rev. Jamie Kissack

The programme for each day will be as follows:

10.30: Arrivals and Coffee
11.00: Session One
12.30: Lunch

13.30: Session Two
15.00: Refreshments and Departure

There will be discussion, sharing, space to ponder

All participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. The cost for the day will be £10 per person. To book, please contact Revd David Wood at david.wood4@btinternet.com.

NHS 75: Much to celebrate?

The Revd Fran Kissack, a United Reformed Church minister and NHS hospital chaplain of more than 20 years, has had her reflection on the NHS' 75th anniversary, which was celebrated on 5th July, uploaded to the URC website at [NHS 75: Much to celebrate? - United Reformed Church](#).



In a short video, which is also available via YouTube at <https://youtu.be/pkV4ALgnogk>, Fran reflects on what its founder, Nye Bevin, might feel about the state of the under-resourced health service today, the commitment of its dedicated workers during the pandemic, and how we have much to be grateful for an organisation that cares for us from cradle to grave.

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