



March 2019



Synod Meeting March 2019

Thanks to everyone who attended Synod in March. If you should wish to see further information on the talks which were given, then do have a look at our [website](#). Minutes will be circulated in due course.



Zimbabwe Christian Aid Appeal

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal after Cyclone Idai - please click [here](#) for further information.



Ministry Enquirers' Day

Explore opportunities for service through the United Reformed Church. Ask the questions that are on your mind and in your heart. Listen for the voice of God, as we worship and pray together. On Sat 6th April at Luther King House, Manchester from 10am to 4pm. Contact [Vivienne](#)

[Williams](#) for more details, tel: 0207 916 8649.



Becoming Easter People: Lent Art Exhibition

[Christ Church Wickford](#) is hosting paintings by Elizabeth Gray-King from Learning and Education, Church House - she is Minister, artist and educationalist. Becoming Easter People has a spiritual dimension with a picture for each week's theme for your Lent Bible Group. Open until Sun 21st April, when Elizabeth will lead the Easter Sunday service. See the paintings in the Church Sanctuary on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 10am-4pm.

Cambridge University Press Bookshop

During April - 25% off all bibles and prayer books - visit the bookshop at 1 Trinity St, Cambridge CB2 1SZ, tel: 01223 333333.



Old Testament in a Day, East Midlands Synod

East Midlands Synod are offering a Bible Study Day - Old Testament in a Day. Led by Revd Dr Deborah Baird this will be reading the Hebrew Bible as a story. Please bring your own lunch. Booking is essential: [Hannah](#) tel: 0115 9609241, which is running on one of the dates below, either:

Sat 29th June, 10am-4pm at St. Andrew's URC Peterborough PE3 9RF.
Sat 2nd November, 10am-4pm Synod meeting room, Nottingham NG5 3AA



Braintree Area Foodbank – Lent Appeal

Braintree Area Foodbank are launching their Lent appeal - please get involved and donate 40p for 40 days (£16-00). There is also an ADlent calendar, based on the reverse of the Advent calendar, this is made up of 40 items which you can donate. Donations can be made via various locations, including Braintree, Halstead and Witham libraries. Details on the [website](#) or contact [Vanessa Green](#).

Church Growth and Evangelism - March 2019 newsletter

Do please check out the latest article on broken kettles!! Please get in touch if you would like to share or comment on anything. I am always interested to hear any stories of growth and evangelism within the Synod. With every blessing

[Revd Trevor Hahn](#)

Synod Church Growth and Evangelism Advocate

Elders' Roadshows

To refresh and resource Elders, Ministers and all those in local church service:

Wed 8th May 7pm Whittlesford URC

Thurs 16th May 7pm Chris Church, Chelmsford URC

Mon 20th May 7pm Wickford URC

Tues 21st May 7pm Ipswich Road, Norwich URC

Sat 22nd June 10am Hadleigh Suffolk, URC

The Moderator, CYDO and Mission & Training Officer look forward to seeing you.

Spare copies of Rejoice and Sing sought

Wroxham and Hoveton are seeking additional copies of Rejoice and Sing of which they have very few. Can you help? Do you have any to spare? Please contact [Carole Pearl](#) if you do.



Mrs Mary Clarke of Stowupland celebrates 100 years

Local secretary at Stowupland URC, Mrs. Mary Clarke, celebrated her 100 birthday on 5th March and we offer her many congratulations. The picture showing Mary was taken by Revd Nigel Uden during a visit to the church.



A message from the Moderator's PA

I am delighted to be back at work and send my heartfelt thanks to you all for the many messages, cards and calls that I have received - most kind and really very much appreciated - thank you.

I shall continue to look forward to receiving your articles for the newsletter, updates for the database and dates for Paul's diary. I will shortly begin work on a 2019 Yearbook, hoping to produce this by early summer.

[Mrs. Jane Langford-Horder](#)

PA to the Moderator

Vacancy at Cambourne Church



There is a vacancy for a Minister at Cambourne Church, Cambs. Cambourne are seeking an articulate, robust, biblical preacher - an experienced leader who is able to inspire and develop willing volunteers in all aspects of ministry. Applicants should have a mission-focussed approach, with a heart for young people.

Do visit the Cambourne [website](#). Informal enquiries to the Moderator - email [Jane](#), Paul's PA, to arrange a call. Applications by 15th April (forms from [Sue](#)); interviews on 10th May, followed by a preach with a view on a date to be agreed.

Commitment for Life

The Global and Intercultural ministries team has been working on the issue of an Economy of Life and would like to share some preliminary resources with you for members, congregations and students. Please click on the links below:

[Trade After Brexit](#) and [Stop Corporate Courts](#)
[The relationship between economics and climate breakdown video](#)
[5-step programme to changing the way we deal with the economy and our ecological surroundings](#) - World Council of Churches resource.

A sabbatical journey - Camino de Santiago de Compostella

Revd Caroline Vodden has recently completed her sabbatical during which she undertook a fascinating journey. Caroline says: "Having completed ten years' service since ordination as a minister in the United Reformed Church, I welcomed the gift of a three-month sabbatical. It provided the perfect opportunity to fulfill a long-held desire to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostella." For a full account, then do please have a look at the [website](#).



Festival of Church Music at Guildford Cathedral

The Free Church Choirs are holding their biennial festival in Guildford Cathedral on Sat 12th October, 2019. The theme is "Stewards of Creation" and the anthems to be sung can be ordered in advance. You can join them as a choir or as an individual singer. The contact is [Liz Crisp](#) and do have a look at the [website](#).

Forthcoming events

You will always find [forthcoming events](#) on the Synod website under Events.

Dates for your diary:

27th April - Graham Kendrick at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD

To 21st April - Becoming Easter People, Wickford URC SS12 9FW

Elders' Roadshows:

Wed 8th May 7pm Whittlesford URC CB22 4ND

Thurs 16th May 7pm Chris Church, Chelmsford URC CM2 0AW

Mon 20th May 7pm Wickford URC SS12 9FW

Tues 21st May 7pm Ipswich Road, Norwich URC NR4 6QR

Sat 22nd June 10am Hadleigh Suffolk, URC IP7 5DL

Old Testament in One Day, 10am-4pm:

29th June - St. Andrew's URC Peterborough PE3 9RF or

2nd Nov - East Mids Synod Office, Nottingham NG5 3AA

12th October - Free Churches Choir festival, Guildford Cathedral GU2 7UP

There are a range of events at Westminster College throughout the year

Newsletter no 44 will be sent out in May 2019 - please send your articles to Jane Langford-Horder: Moderator's PA, The URC Eastern Synod, Duxford Road, Whittlesford, Cambs CB22 4ND.

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