

# Learning Matters

South-East District Training Office

Keeping you in touch with learning and training opportunities

Distributed to: S-E District Superintendents, Presbyters, Deacons, Lay Employees, Circuit Stewards/Area Officers. Please share with your leadership team.

*This bulletin is also attached as a PDF document to overcome any compatibility issues. Should you wish to print or forward this bulletin please use the PDF version.*



## 'Happy Media? Technology in worship: creative, legal and theological issues'

Learning day for ministers - joint with URC Southern Synod, 6 March 2012, Crawley URC, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill RH10 3DF

**'Journey 2012'** - a day of vocational exploration hosted by the South East Methodist Training Region. 28 April 2012 at Bromley Methodist Church BR1 3NS. For all considering lay, diaconal or presbyteral ministry. £5.00 contribution with booking. Further details from Lydia Goodchild (see foot of bulletin for contact details).



Useful link: College of Preachers - a useful website offering resources to develop your preaching.

Visit <http://www.collegeofpreachers.co.uk/resources.html>

## 'Singing the Faith': a 3 session course

17 January, 14 February, 13 March 2012, 2.30pm at Leatherhead Methodist Church KT22 8AY. Contact Ian Howarth for further details, email [ian@ibchowarth.demon.co.uk](mailto:ian@ibchowarth.demon.co.uk).

## 'Listening Skills for all aspects of life'

Guy Chester Centre, 28 January 2012. Learning to listen, the importance of boundaries, knowing limitations, care of self, and opportunities to practise active listening.

## 'Beating the Bounds: personal reflections'

24 January 2012, St Cuthman's Retreat Centre RH13 8QL. A reflective style day with teaching focused on how we can be content with what God has given us. The ideal opportunity to take time for yourself at the beginning of the year. Day begins with prayers in the chapel (optional). Led by Clair Fisher, Director at the Dorking Christian Centre and a Methodist Local Preacher. Visit [www.pleasantplaces.info](http://www.pleasantplaces.info)

## Supervision Training

**Queen's Foundation** - January 26 & 27 2012 or March 8 & 9 2012  
*WSC Durham* - are offering two options as follows:

1. Two part model: part 1: 20/21 February 2012, part 2: 19/20 April 2012.
2. Full block model: 9/10/11 October 2012

*Wesley House Cambridge* - 11-13th April and 16th-18th April 2012

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults - Training the Trainers event

20 February 2012, Venue: Slough

District Safeguarding Officer Helen Richardson will be running an event introducing the new Foundation Module to those who we hope will go on to deliver the module (which replaces Module A) in their circuits. Further details from Helen at [danemore@msn.com](mailto:danemore@msn.com)

## 'Understanding loss, bereavement & grief'

25 February 2012, Guy Chester Centre. Gain confidence to journey alongside others in the grieving process.



## Pleasant Places

"Be content with the things that God has given you. Be amazed by the things He has for you"

"The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 106:6

## 'Pushing the Boundaries: facing change'

28 February 2012, Waverley Abbey GU9 8EP. A teaching session thinking about dealing with change, and discerning God's plans for our lives. Led by Clair Fisher, visit [Pleasant Places](http://www.pleasantplaces.info) for information and details of further events.

## Connecting Disciples Conference



5-8 March 2012, High Leigh Conference Centre.

Keep checking the website for further details [www.methodist.org.uk/connectingdisciples](http://www.methodist.org.uk/connectingdisciples). Book now!

## New Superintendents' Induction Event 2012 - connexional

A separate induction event is being organised for superintendents taking up their first superintendency in September 2012. This will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 17-18 April 2012 at The Met, Leeds.

Location: <http://www.principal-hayley.com/browse-our-hotels/the-met/map--directions.aspx>. However, those attending this event are also invited to attend either the Superintendents' Conference in York or Solihull, and are strongly encouraged to do so, see below.

## Superintendents' Conferences 2012 - identical events

To enable as many superintendents as possible to take part, two dates at two locations are offered for the 2012 Superintendents' Conferences:

Tuesday 22 - Thursday 24 May 2012 at the Royal York Hotel, York.

Location: <http://www.principal-hayley.com/browse-our-hotels/the-royal-york-hotel/map--directions.aspx>

Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 June 2012 at the St John's Hotel, Solihull.

Location: <http://www.principal-hayley.com/browse-our-hotels/the-st-johns-hotel/map--directions.aspx>

## Booking for all three gatherings is possible via the Superintendents' Conferences webpage:

[Superintendents' Conference 2012 webpage](#). For further information contact Sue Miller, Ministries, Learning and Development Officer, 020 7467 5195 (Direct Line).

## Ministers' Silent Retreat

20-22 March 2012, further details will be provided by Wendy Cory in due course. Email: [Wendy.Cory](mailto:Wendy.Cory), telephone 01293 813970.

## 'What is a Circuit Steward?'

A training opportunity in three venues. For all Circuit Stewards and people considering becoming a Circuit Steward/Area Officer.

24 March 2012, 10.30-3.30pm, Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY. Led by Ian Howarth.

29 March 2012, 10.30-3.30pm, Crowborough United Church, Croft Road, Crowborough TN6 1HA. Led by Sheila Foreman.

31 March 2012, 10.30-3.30pm, Larkfield Methodist Church, Larkfield, Aylesford ME20 6PN. Led by Philip Luscombe.

To book your place or for more information please email [Wendy.Cory](mailto:Wendy.Cory), telephone 01293 813970 by 16 March 2012.

## 'Managing Staff Teams'

Guy Chester Centre, 26 April 2012. Acquire new skills in motivation, communication and organisation to feel more confident about managing a team, planning workloads and overseeing performance.

## 'Stronger together - empowering your ministry'

Guy Chester Centre, 23-26 April 2012. A prayerful approach to support those in full time ministry, exploring ways of consultative working and reflective practice. Visit [Guy Chester Centre](http://www.guychestercentre.org).

## 'Gardens of the Heart'

Saturday 28th April 2012 at Worth Abbey RH10 4SB. Quiet Garden Movement 20th Anniversary Celebration with guest speaker Esther de Waal and Philip Roderick. Visit [Quiet Garden](http://www.guychestercentre.org) for further information.

*Methodist-URC Summer School for ministers, 10-13 June 2013, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts.*

*More details to follow.*

## Diploma in Third Age Mission and Ministry

Introduced in 2011, the Third Age Mission and Ministry diploma is a two year part-time/distance learning undergraduate diploma directed at those working with older people whether through church events, pastoral visitation, weekday clubs, care homes, social centres. For more information contact Rose Bourne, Undergraduate Administrator.

Email: [undergrad@cliffcollege.ac.uk](mailto:undergrad@cliffcollege.ac.uk) or visit [Cliff College](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk).

## 'Step Forward'

Is a new discipleship resource for small groups developed by the Guy Chester Centre. Please visit [Step Forward](http://www.guychestercentre.org) and contact Sarah Middleton (see foot of bulletin) if you are interested in being a facilitator for this.

## The South East Institute for Theological Education (SEITE)

In South East Chatham, runs part-time courses in Applied Christian Theology. Visit [SEITE](http://www.seite.org).

Certificate in Christian Mentoring and Coaching at Cliff College, Derbyshire. For anyone involved in mentoring and coaching who wants to increase their skills and be more effective in what they do. Visit [Cliff College](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk).

Centre for Continuing Development in Ministry at Spurgeons College, London [www.spurgeons.ac.uk](http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk)

Grants for courses are available for both lay and ordained. Grant forms can be downloaded from [the District Website](http://www.methodist.org.uk) (click on 'Grants' in the 'Oversight' menu). The normal process for funding CDIM is one third of cost by the minister or their Circuit, one third by the District and one third by the Connexion, up to a maximum of £300 pa. The Connexional contribution is administered by the District so an application only needs to be made to the District.

We welcome your feedback. Please contact Lydia using the contact details below with any comments.

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