



Learning Matters

South-East District Office

Keeping you in touch with learning and training opportunities

We have been developing the "Learning" section of the District website. You will now find four sub sections: Conferences, Resources, Training Events and Useful Links. New material is added frequently - see especially *Creative Spirit* in the Resources sub section and, at the end of the bulletin, some web links we hope you will find helpful. (Click on the icon or title for further information.)

This bulletin is also attached as a PDF document to overcome any compatibility issues.

'Lost in wonder, love & praise'

A day for people who lead worship, formally and informally including sessions on leading praise, creative prayer and being a worshipper as well as a leader. 18 June 10.00am - 4.00pm at The Guy Chester Centre, Muswell Hill.



Creative Spirit: A new DVD, CD and study booklet published by the Trustees of the Methodist Church Collection of Modern Christian Art - for house groups, preachers and others wishing to explore faith through the medium of modern art.

Pastoral Training Course

A series of four evenings organised by Kent Thameside Circuit aimed at those who are pastoral visitors or carers but open for anyone to attend. First session is 21 March 2011, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Swanscombe Methodist Church.



Encircled in Care: Produced in partnership between MHA and the Methodist Church, this resource consists of 10 modules offering practical, up-to-date resources for pastoral carers.

Candidating by Portfolio: new guidelines are now available. New guidance for Superintendents will be posted there shortly.

What is a Circuit Steward?

10.30am - 3.30pm

19 March 2011, Leatherhead Methodist Church

23 March 2011, Crowborough United Church

26 March 2011, Larkfield Methodist Church

Church Stewards' training material is available to download, click [here](#) to view.

Stronger together - empowering ministry

A prayerful approach to support those in full time ministry, exploring ways of consultative working and reflective practice. The Guy Chester Centre, 1.00pm Monday, 4 April to 2.00pm Thursday, 7 April 2011.

Core Skills for Children's Work

Seven stand-alone sessions on Saturdays, April to July in Canterbury. Contact: Sarah Cabella on 01634 560024 or email sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Lead Academy, Taster Day

Lead Academy is a non-denominational organisation set up to envision, equip and support church leaders. Tuesday, 5 April, 10.30am - 3.00pm, Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell.

"Journey": a day of vocational exploration - please circulate the information.

For all considering their vocation - lay, diaconal, or presbyteral. Hosted by the Regional Training Officers with Rev Dr Mark Wakelin. Bromley Methodist Church, Kent BR1 3NS. Saturday, 30 April 2011. 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Supervision training for superintendents:

Wesley House, Cambridge - Course 1: 30 March - 1 April; Course 2: 4-6 April.

The Wesley Study Centre, Durham - Course 2: 4-5 July (Block 1) & 7-8 Nov 2011

(Block 2). Contact: Dr Jocelyn Bryan at j.m.bryan@durham.ac.uk

'Theologians in conversation'

with Peter Selby at Sarum College (residential consultations, 27-28 June, 21-22 Nov 2011) More info from Alison Ogden at Sarum College, Salisbury, on 01722 424826.

Also at Sarum: MA in Christian Spirituality.

E:Safety - using ICT appropriately to communicate with young people - some guidelines will shortly be posted on the Safeguarding section of the District website. Click [here](#) to view.

The Well

The Network for Methodist Children and Youth Workers. If you work with children or young people in any capacity then the Well is for you.

The South East Institute for Theological Education (SEITE) In Southwark and Chatham, runs part-time courses in Applied Christian Theology.

Centre for Continuing Development In Ministry - a leadership course for Christian leaders of any denomination at Spurgeons College, London, SE25.

The Guy Chester Centre

In Muswell Hill runs an annual programme of retreats, courses and other workshops. For the full programme call 020 8883 8204 or visit their website.

Mediation Skills Training - a series of events run by Peaceworks in Bognor Regis.

Ex-BBC producer helps churches to get better PR

Former BBC producer Robbie Lane says the UK Church needs to get a better press for its positive work in the community. Mr Lane wants to help churches improve their image and has set up a website, www.yourchurchinthenews.org, to advise them after becoming fed up with all the 'bad news' stories about Christianity that often fill the media. The site aims to help clergy see that the local press can be an ally in reaching out to the local community, rather than an enemy, and gives guidance on such things as press releases, interviews and using social networking sites. Mr Lane says that the press are not 'anti-church', it's just that churches are either afraid of engaging with the media or are not media-savvy enough to make their voice heard.

Source The Bible Society, Newswatch, 25/02/2011

New in the "Useful links" section. Click on the icon for further information.



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