

Faith in Research is an annual conference hosted by the Data Services unit, providing opportunities to hear and discuss current research on the Church.

The Faith in Research conference will not be held in 2020. Please contact the Data Services unit for more information.

Faith in Research 2019

Chair: David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Keynote speakers: Professor Christopher Southgate - "How can Congregations be helped in times of tragedy?" and Dr Kathryn Kissell - "Boundaries in Ministerial Life?! The Why, Where and How for Longevity in Ministry"

Breakout sessions: Clergy wellbeing, Social action, Church and Culture, Children and young people

Conference programme and speaker biographies

Dr George Amakor - "The Church of Nigerian (Anglican Communion): The Clergy and Laity on Premarital Sex, Contraception, Abortion and Unmarried Pregnancy"

Céline Benoit - "Understanding the place of Christianity in primary education"

Jessamin Birdsall and Deborah Quilgars - "A relational approach to reducing homelessness: Emerging findings from Positive Pathways"

Claire Dalpra - "Playfully Serious: How Messy Churches create new space for faith"

Dr Stephanie Denning - "The Impact of Volunteering upon Volunteers’ Faith: Responding to Holiday Hunger"

The Revd Canon Professor Leslie J. Francis - "Sustaining churchgoing young Anglicans in England and Wales: Assessing influence of the home"

Dr Kathryn Kissell - "Boundaries in Ministerial Life?! The Why, Where and How for Longevity in Ministry"

Hannah Rich - "At the breaking of bread: church growth, relationship and social action"

Professor Christopher Southgate - "How can Congregations be Helped in Time of Tragedy?"

David Turnball - "Clergy and Cultural Intelligence: Context, Formation Pathways and Prospective Outcomes"

Dr Lorraine Turner - "Formulating a response to bullying experienced and interpreted by Church of England clergy within one diocese"

Bishop David Walker - "How are you, vicar? scripture, psychology and clergy wellbeing"

Eleanor Wort - "Faith and culture – Hull 2017"

Faith in Research 2018

Chair: David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Keynote speakers: Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton: "More or less the same? Church of England Parish Clergy in the 21st Century", The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar: "Where did they get that idea? Millennials, Marriage and Church Weddings" and Dr Heather Buckingham and Tom Sefton: "Church in Action: A National Survey of Church-based Social Action"

Breakout sessions: Wellbeing, Cultural trends and the church, Chaplaincy and Society and Congregations.

Conference programme and speaker biographies

Faith in Research 2017

Chair: David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Keynote speakers: Dr Liz Graveling & Olga Cara: "Living Ministry"; Bishop David Walker: "The power of big (enough) data: using numerical information to understand distinct groups among Anglican churchgoers"; Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf: "Talking Jesus, 11-18 year olds".

**Breakout sessions:** Evaluating initiatives; Bringing new people to church; Different shapes of Ministry; Poverty & community engagement.

[Click here for the conference programme and speaker biographies](#)

**Faith in Research 2016**

**Chair:** David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

**Keynote speakers:** Steve Aisthorpe: "The Invisible Church: Learning from the experiences of churchless Christians"; Mary Hawes: "Rooted in the Church"

**Breakout sessions:** Ministry; Millennials; Growth; Curacy.

[Click here for the conference programme and speaker biographies.](#)

**Faith in Research 2015**

**Chair:** David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

**Keynote speakers:** Dr Leslie Francis (University of Warwick); Sarah Barter-Godfrey (Research and Statistics unit); Tom Sefton & Bethany Eckley (Church Urban Fund).

**Breakout sessions:** Ministry; Mission; Occasional Offices; Growth.

[Click here for the conference programme and speaker biographies.](#)

**Faith in Research 2014**

**Chair:** David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

**Keynote speakers:** Dr Chris Baker: "Spiritual Capital: the role of the church in a post-secular city"; Dr Tim Ling & Dr Mike Clinton: "First results from the 2013 Experiencing Ministry survey"; Tom Sefton & Bethany Eckley: "Credit where Credit's due: The Church of England's Credit union initiative".

**Breakout sessions:** Equipping ministers for mission; The church serving society; Growing the church and education; the church reaching society.

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**Faith in Research Growth Conference 2014**

Faith in Research Growth Conference 2014 took place in January 2014 to present "Findings from the Church Growth Research Programme".

You can find out more about the research programme and see material from the day by visiting <http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk/>

[Click here for the conference programme.](#)

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