

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2015

THIRD NOTICE PAPER

WORSHIP DURING THE GROUP OF SESSIONS

Worship will take place at the following times:

Tuesday	14.45	Opening worship (Assembly Hall)
24 November		led by: The Revd Michael Gisbourne
	19.00	Evening Worship (Assembly Hall)
		led by: The Revd Michael Gisbourne
Wednesday	08.15	Holy Communion (Chapel)
25 November		President: The Revd Michael Gisbourne
	09.30	Morning Worship (Assembly Hall)
		led by: The Revd Michael Gisbourne
	13.05	Holy Communion (Chapel)
		led by: The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn)

SYNOD CHAPLAIN

The Revd Michael Gisbourne graduated from Leeds University with a degree in Geography. He was awarded a BA in Theology at St John's College, Nottingham and a MA in Theology at the University of Cumbria.

He served curacy posts with the Gateacre Team Ministry in Liverpool and at St Paul's Church, Marton in Blackpool. After two posts as an incumbent in the Diocese of Blackburn he became Coordinating Chaplain at the University of Cumbria. He was appointed as Vicar of Lancaster St Paul in Scotforth in September 2011.

Michael is Secretary to the Blackburn Diocesan Liturgical Committee and Chair of Praxis North West.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

From time to time, members of Synod need pastoral support and help with personal spiritual issues. This is probably best provided by the usual network open to church members – close friends, spiritual directors, clergy and other leaders on the member's home patch. But sometimes such support is needed during the Synod: emergencies and personally distressing situations can happen to us all at any time.

The Pastoral Chaplain, the Revd Fr Thomas Seville CR, can be contacted via the Information Desk in the Bishop Partridge Hall. If he can be of assistance, please ask.