Induction Day Outline

This gives you an overview of the plans for the induction day on Monday 15th November. Remember to collect your Synod pass, the desk will be open from 9.00am until 4.30pm.

Workshops on Vision and Strategy

Thank you for completing our poll expressing your interest to attend our Vision and Strategy sessions on Monday 15 November. Based on interest, we have assigned the rooms as follows:

- Younger and more diverse – Assembly Hall (capacity 480)
- Mixed ecology – Convocation Hall (capacity 100)
- Missionary disciples – Robert Runcie Room (capacity 60)

These sessions will run twice – 10.45 to 11.45am and 12.00 to 1.00pm – and will be led by several youth facilitators. Please join the sessions even if you didn’t complete the poll. Room capacity will be the only limiting factor, but the Younger and more diverse sessions in the Assembly Hall will have plenty of space if the other two rooms fill up. Staff will be on hand to direct you to rooms.

Marketplace Stalls

There will be a number of ‘stalls’ in the Bishop Partridge Hall which will give you the opportunity to speak to the various teams and bodies. They will be open from 10am to 4pm, please do pop around and meet with the different teams, they would be happy to chat to you. The stalls include:

Accessible Synod.

The Accessible Synod stall will be staffed by members with an understanding of access needs, who can help you find answers or solutions to any access queries you may have.

Business Committee

The Business Committee agrees each Synod agenda, is responsible for all matters relating to the sessional arrangements of the Synod, ensures that the decisions of the Synod are implemented and its work carried out between groups of sessions and lots more too! The Chair and current members of the Business Committee will be happy to discuss any aspect of Synod business with you as well as help you navigate the electronic ‘paperwork’ and any questions you may have.

Cathedral and Church Buildings Team

The Cathedral and Church Buildings division help with guidance and advice on looking after churches and cathedrals across England and are responsible for the largest set of historic buildings in the country. We are also responsible for administering grants to help churches fund works to their buildings, as well as advising on the Church of England’s environmental policies. We look forward to seeing you at our stall.

Church Commissioners

We look forward to telling you more about our work and priorities and our relationship with General Synod. Do visit our stall to share your interest and concerns and ask any questions.
you might have about who we are, how we invest the Church’s endowment fund and how the return on these investments supports the Church’s ministry and mission. Plus, there’s a chance to win a goody bag with our quiz!

Communications Team
Visit the Digital Team’s stall at the marketplace to find out more about the work of the team, discover what support is on offer for your church and explore resources for this year’s Advent and Christmas campaign, At the Heart of Christmas. The team will be on hand to answer questions and show you more about how the Church of England is using digital platforms nationally to welcome people into local worshipping communities. There will also be a helpdesk for the General Synod app.

Data Services
As part of the Church’s Transforming Effectiveness programme, a new Data Services Team will be created. This team will bring together Research and Statistics; Mapping; Records Management/Information Governance and Data Protection; and the People System support team, including Pathways and the contact management system (CMS). Data Services will aim to provide the NCIs and the wider church with a co-ordinated approach to information collection, use, analysis, reporting, and data protection to provide the Church with good quality data which is properly managed and protected. Please do come along to our stall to meet us. Representatives from each area will be present throughout the day and will be happy to talk about our work and hear from you about how we can support you better. We look forward to meeting you.

Education Team
The Education team will be on hand to answer your questions on Growing Faith and Education.

Living in Love and Faith - Charter Room
Come and find out more about Living in Love and Faith and collect your free copies of the LLF Course and the Pastoral Principles Course!

Ministry Team
Our task as the National Ministry Team is to renew lay and ordained ministry throughout the Church of England. We do this by providing advice and support to dioceses, Bishops, and Theological Education Institutions. Come and meet some of our friendly staff on the vocations, lay ministry, discernment and formation teams to find out more.

Mission and Pastoral Team
At the July session of General Synod, Members debated the consultation document Mission in Revision, the Review of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. The public consultation was launched at the same time and closed at the end of October. The consultation has attracted strong engagement from people across the Church and a wide amount of press coverage. Come and talk to us if you would like to hear more about this work or have any questions on the legislation.
Mission and Public Affairs Team
Mission & Public Affairs: a committee and staff team engaging on behalf of the national church with political, social and ethical issues of all kinds.

National Giving Team
Meet the National Giving team and find out about the support and resources available to help you grow generous giving in your church. Additionally find out more about Parish Buying, the Church of England’s buying service, and how it can help your church save time and money.

National Safeguarding Team
The National Safeguarding Team function is to develop and implement a ‘Promoting a Safer Church’ business plan that outlines the actions towards promoting a safer culture throughout the Church of England; and provide expert advice, guidance and support to dioceses, cathedrals, National Church Institutions and other Church bodies in respect of safeguarding policy, training, casework and communications. Members of the National Safeguarding Team would like to encourage you to visit us, our team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Strategic Development Unit
Come and ask us about how national church grant funding is distributed to dioceses to support mission and growth, and find out about the work taking place in churches across the country.

Synod Support and Legal Office
This stall be based on the landing between the Assembly Hall and Bishop Partridge Hall. The Synod team will be leading short orientation tours of the relevant parts of Church House, as well as being available to answer your questions.

Formal Induction programme
In the afternoon, the formal programme will be as follows, but please note that timings of individual items are approximate within the overall timing of 2pm to 4.40pm:

2.00pm   Introductions and start of the formal programme
2.15pm   Panel discussion on the role of Synod
2.45pm   Living in Love and Faith journey
3.00pm   Legislative Process and Voting
3.40pm   Questions
3.50pm   Mock debate
4.25pm   Questions
4.40pm   Concluding remarks, closing worship and departure