

Fringe Meetings

July 2023 Group of Sessions

The flyers contained in this booklet is not a complete list of fringe meetings taking place, it just covers those that would like their meetings publicised. There will be a complete list of all fringes taking place during the groups of sessions on the noticeboard in Central Hall.

Fringe meetings are held primarily for the benefit of Synod members, offering opportunities for meeting in different groupings and to inform Synod members of the background to debates and significant issues beyond the limits imposed by the time available and the business permitted by Standing Orders. The presence of a particular fringe meeting or display at the Synod does not indicate the support either of the Presidents or the Business Committee for any views expressed or presented. These are entirely the responsibility of the organisers. Attendance at fringe meetings is entirely optional but can greatly enhance your experience of Synod.

Friday Evening:

A Ukraine Response: one year on - from despair to hope

Church Commissioners' Drinks Reception

Ecumenical Drinks Reception (private) followed by CCU event

Gender and Sexuality Group meeting

Placing faith at the heart of an offender's journey

Roots Bread and Wine Launch

A conversation with the AMEN

Saturday Breakfast:

Managing Church Land for Biodiversity and Climate

National Redress Scheme

Saturday Lunch:

Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice

Code of Conduct

How can strengthening global connections tackle the challenge of the Climate Crisis

It's church revitalisation Jim, but not as we know it!

Ministry Experience Scheme 10-Year Celebration

The Evangelical Forum

Saturday Evening:

Churches Conservation Trust

Living in Love and Faith

Mission and Pastoral Measure Review

Open Synod Quiz.

Synod Deep Dive

Sunday Evening:

Business Committee Drop in

Israel and Palestine Update (working title)

Love Matters - presenting the final report of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households.

Monday Lunch:

A discussion on 'If it wasn't for God':

CEECA

Building a more relational church

Growing in Confidence

Leading in Evangelism resource

Theological Education in Partnership

Monday Evening:

Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Sanctuary and Welcome

Growing Good Practice in Enabling Children and Youth Ministry

WATCH service of lament

Tour of York University Campus

Meet outside Central Hall, 12.15pm, Friday 7th July

Arriving early on Friday?

Want to find your bearings around the University campus?

There will be a short tour around the centre of the campus, taking in the main areas we will be using over the weekend.



Central Hall

Ideal for new members of Synod wanting to find their way from A to B, and for anyone wanting to meet other Synod members and hear a few stories about life at the university.

The tour should take around half an hour, beginning and ending at Central Hall.



Vanbrugh College

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FRIDAY 7th JULY
EVENING



A Conversation with the AMEN

Friday 7th July 2023

7:15pm to 8:15pm

Exhibition Centre P/L/002

*A chance to have
discussions with both
networks who are working to
help create a more diverse
church*

**Featuring members from the Gypsy
Roma & Traveller Friendly Churches**



RSVP: Racialjusticeunit@churchofengland.org

AMEN Anglican Minority Ethnic Network

*Promoting the presence and participation of Anglicans of Minority Ethnic Heritage
in all structures of our church in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

A UKRAINE RESPONSE ONE YEAR ON: FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

HOW THE DIOCESE IN
EUROPE, USPG AND THE
CHURCH HAVE RESPONDED
TO THE CONFLICT IN
UKRAINE

FRIDAY 7TH JULY
19:30 - 20:30
DERWENT/L/003

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

OR COMMUNICATIONS@USPG.ORG.UK



Church Commissioners

Fringe and drinks reception



Friday 7 July

From 8pm

Room PT/006

(Exhibition Centre)

Come and meet the Church Commissioners (in their 75th year!)

You may wish to talk to us about:

- climate change and responsible investment
- the Mission & Pastoral Measure Review
- our response to research into historic links to Transatlantic chattel slavery
- opportunities to get involved in the Church Commissioners
- or any other topic of interest

Q&A followed by drinks

Hosted by the Bishop of Manchester

RSVP by 16 June to matt.chamberlain@churchofengland.org

Council for Christian Unity

Friday 7 July 2023

8.30pm (until 9.30pm)

Room P/T/005A (Exhibition Centre)

East and West meet:

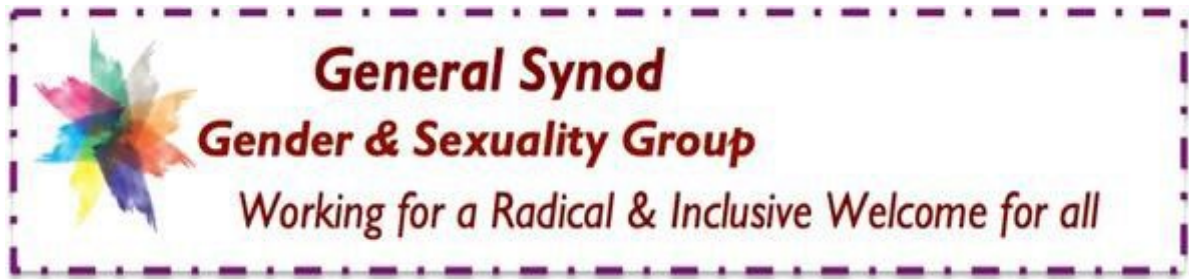
Roman Catholic and Orthodox perspectives on church unity

Anglicans have been engaged in ecumenical dialogue with the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches for many decades now. The mutual suspicion of the past has mostly long disappeared. In England, the Orthodox churches and the Catholic Church have become close partners of the Church of England at the local level, in various church enterprises, and in the expression of national concerns. How do they see their ecumenical tasks and challenges, and what are the prospects for further growth in unity?

Join us as we hear Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission and National Ecumenical Officer at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Fr Stephen Platt of the Diocese of Sourozh in dialogue, and have a chance to address questions to them.

If you would like to attend, please email with your name and Synod number:

angeline.leung@lambethpalace.org.uk



GSMSG MEETING AND EUCHARIST – ALL ARE MORE THAN WELCOME

Dear friends,

The General Synod Gender and Sexuality Group are hosting a fringe meeting at **7.30pm on Friday 7th July in P/X/001**. We are open to all Synod members who would like to help the C of E to become fully inclusive of LGBTQIA+ people, and to work within Synod to help bring about full inclusion at all levels of the Church.

The main fringe meeting will reflect on the Synod agenda for July, particularly progress towards implementing Living and Love and Faith.

We will conclude with a Eucharist hosted by members of the Open Table Network. We are delighted to be joined by Kieran Bohan, one of the founders of the first Open Table community in Liverpool 15 years ago. It began because many churches and their congregations do not easily, kindly or honestly welcome LGBTQIA+ people, therefore, many LGBTQIA+ people have nowhere spiritually to belong. Since that first meeting Open Table has grown and now has over 30 communities across the country.



P/X/001 is in the Physics building and close to James College. We look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Neil Patterson
Chair

Prof. Helen King
Vice-Chair

Contact: synodgsg@gmail.com

Placing faith at the heart of an offender's journey

An opportunity to hear from subject experts from prison and probation, as well as people with lived experience, about the importance of faith in the rehabilitation of offenders.

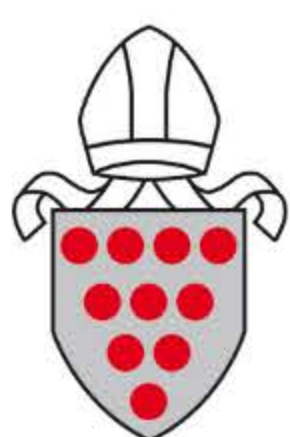
Wine and soft drinks will be available.

To register for this event, please email: kgarton14@gmail.com or scan the QR code.

Friday 7 July, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Room: D/L/006

Host: Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
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WORCESTER



You are warmly invited to a

Wine reception

to celebrate the launch of Roots' new resource,

Bread & Wine

Resources for Holy Communion

Roots has been publishing worship resources for 21 years. Join us for drinks, 21st birthday cake, and collect your complimentary copy of our brand new resources for all-age Holy Communion.

Friday 7 July at 7.15pm
Exhibition Centre P/T/005

RSVP

Email info@rootsforchurches.com
by 30 June

'Valuable suggestions for appropriate liturgical language so that all ages can worship together in church or school.'

Lucy Moore, Head of the Growing Faith Foundation



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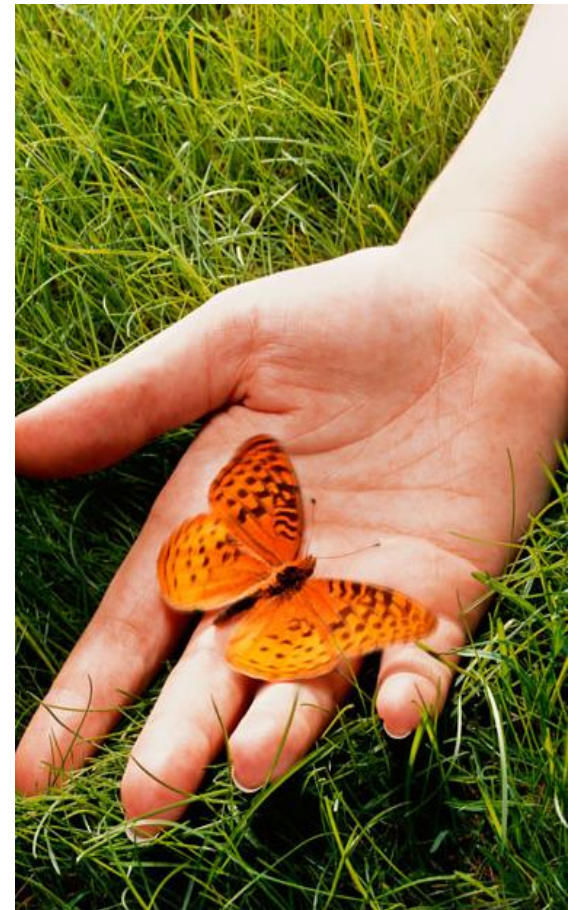
SATURDAY 8th JULY
MORNING

General Synod
Environment Group



RIGGS
Rural Interest Group on General Synod

 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Environment Programme



Managing Church Land for Biodiversity and Climate

A Joint Fringe Meeting of the Rural Interest
Group and the Environment Group

Saturday morning 8 July 7:30 - 8:45 am in James Hall

An exploration of the management of Church land to balance financial returns, affordable housing, food production, community use, biodiversity and carbon sequestration.



Speaker: Revd Dr Mark Betson
National Public Policy Advisor, Church of England

Location: James Hall
Saturday 8 July 7:30 - 8:45 am

7:30 Tea / coffee / juice / Pastry
7:45 Speaker followed by Q&A

To book please email gseenvironmentgroupemail@gmail.com



The National Safeguarding Team

Promoting a Safer Church

National Redress Scheme fringe event

Saturday 8 July, 8.15am

Exhibition Centre P/L/002

Speakers to include +Philip Mounstephen (Bishop of Truro) and Alex Kubeyinje (Director of Safeguarding)

An opportunity for General Synod members to hear more about how the Church of England's plans to demonstrate in tangible and practical ways that we are truly sorry for our past failings relating to safeguarding.

Redress to survivors will include financial awards, apologies, acknowledgement, and further actions based on the needs of the individual survivor. Every part of the Church of England will join in with this crucial response, sharing a commitment to sustained and meaningful change.

To register your interest for this event, please email

redress@churchofengland.org

We ask that there is no photography or video recordings made at this event, to respect the experience of any survivors who may choose to speak.

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SATURDAY 8th JULY
LUNCH



Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice

cordially invites you to join Commission Members
at a fringe meeting of the General Synod on

Saturday 8th July 2023

1:00pm to 2:00pm

Exhibition P/L/001

to discuss and to take part in a
Question Time Session about the
Commission's work and Second Report



RSVP: Racialjusticecommission@churchofengland.org



SYNOD'S COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE MEETING

DATE: Saturday 8th July

TIME: Lunch (12:45 - 14:00) Start 13:00

ROOM: P/L/002

AHEAD OF THE SYNOD DEBATE ON A COMPLAINTS PROCESS FOR SYNOD MEMBERS JOIN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR SYNOD MEMBERS TO HEAR FROM AND ASK QUESTIONS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN MOVING BEYOND THE CURRENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

HOW CAN STRENGTHENING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS TACKLE THE CHALLENGE OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS?

SATURDAY 8TH JULY • 13:00-14:00 • DERWENT/L/003



Photo credit: Christian Aid/
Silvano Yokwe

Join [Christian Aid](#) and [USPG](#) for an action-focused discussion on how the Anglican Communion can respond to the climate crisis.



IT'S CHURCH REVITALISATION, JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT!

Come and hear HeartEdge's vision for church revitalisation that builds on the local church's gifts and assets, is deeply rooted in the parish and neighbourhood, and develops local people to lead in new ways. We also want to hear your stories and learn from each other.

Saturday 8th July at 13.15, room P/T/005A



To book a place scan the QR code, or go to <https://Heartedge-synod.eventbrite.co.uk>



Heather Cracknell
is Director of HeartEdge, bringing experience of parish ministry, fresh expressions and the National Church.



Bruce Stanley
has a long history of innovation on the edge – some of it even successful! He is Innovation and Product Lead for HeartEdge.



Andy Salmon
is a Synod member, Rector of Sacred Trinity Salford and HeartEdge co-ordinator for the North West.



heartedge



hello@heartedge.org



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St Martin-in-the-Fields



the ministry experience scheme

Celebrating 10 years

2013 to 2023

Saturday 8 July | James Hall | 1.15pm-2:00pm

In September 2013 the Church of England started a new vocational year out initiative for young adults. The Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) has come a long way since that year with 4 diocesan schemes and 14 participants.

Like the proverbial mustard seed that Jesus talked about, it has been part of God's growing Kingdom, and now, 10 years later, over 700 18s-30s have done the year out and 35 dioceses across the CoE have been involved.

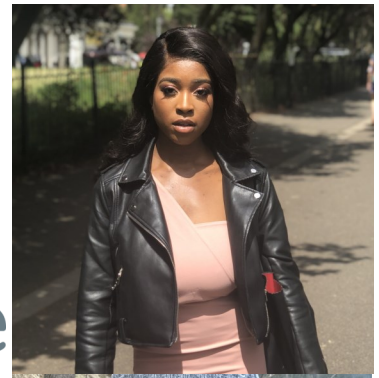
All synod members are invited to be part of a special 10-year celebration event to reflect on all that God has done through MES.

There will be presentations headlined by ++Stephen Cottrell who among other things, leads on the CoE's vision to become a "younger, more diverse church". There will also be testimonies from a few previous MES participants. This will be followed by an opportunity to network with others while refreshments are served.

We will also be launching the new Children, Young People and Families stream (MES CYPF) that is starting this September as we look forward to another fruitful 10-years of MES ministry as God continues to call young adults into his service.

If you have any questions about this event or MES generally then please contact vic.wilson@churchofengland.org, the national MES manager.

To visit the national MES webpages please go here www.cofe.io/mes.



The Evangelical Forum

A Safe Place for Conversation, Reflection and Fellowship

LLF - an Open Evangelical perspective

Exploring why we are compelled to speak

Saturday Lunchtime 8th July, 12.45 -14.00pm

Venue **Exhibition Centre P/T/006**

Tea, coffee and water provided.

Lunch in our allocated dining rooms beforehand.

To register please email [here](mailto:lisabattye@gmail.com) (lisabattye@gmail.com)

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SATURDAY 8th JULY
EVENING

A Practical Partner for the Future

The Churches Conservation Trust
invites you to meet

Sir Simon Jenkins

The Guardian columnist and author of *England's Thousand Best Churches*, who will be in conversation with **Revd Canon Timothy Goode**, Rector of St Margaret's Lee, Member of General Synod and the Archbishops' Council.

Drinks
at 19:15 on Saturday 8th July
in Derwent / L / 036

Hear these two trustees of the Churches Conservation Trust describe the work the Trust does now and discuss how, together with others, it could help more historic churches to remain open and to thrive.

Meet new CEO Greg Pickup, find out what the Churches Conservation Trust is doing in your diocese and join the conversation.

RSVP to secure a place to
comms@theccct.org.uk (07825 178961)

Get to know CCT better!

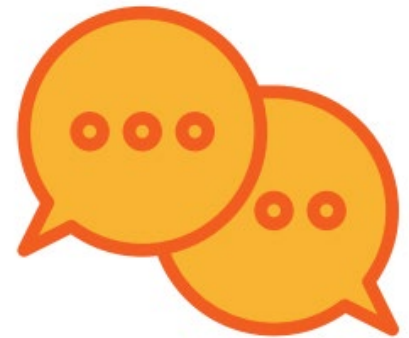
Attendees will be invited to sign up for a year's free subscription to CCT's Pinnacle magazine, access to films and lectures on CCT's digital channel, plus news and invitations to CCT events around the country.





LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

An informal
opportunity, with
refreshments, to
learn more about the
LLF Implementation
Working Groups.



Where: James Hall

When: Saturday 8th July, 8pm

RSVP: georgina.morgan@churchofengland.org

Fringe meeting

What: Mission and Pastoral Measure Review

When: Saturday 5 July at 8pm

Where: Exhibition Centre P/L/002

Questions? [Contact Everarda Slabbekoorn](#)

The Mission and Pastoral Measure provides the structure for development and changes to local worship, mission and ministry to meet changing pastoral need.

The Church Commissioners were asked to review the legislation in 2020. They have been working with parishes, deaneries, dioceses, a Synod Reference Group and partner organisations, through a listening exercise and a search for consensus around helpful changes to the Measure. Alongside this was a technical exercise. This involved a detailed review of the current legislation to identify how that consensus might be implemented.

Draft proposals will be debated by Synod on Monday evening (8.20-10.00pm).

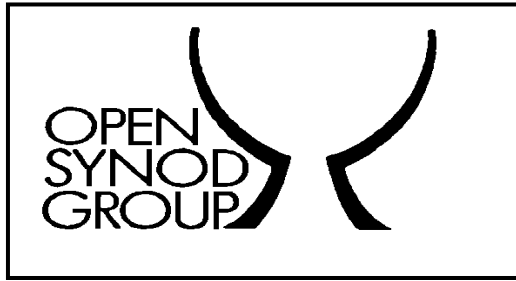
This fringe will give members of Synod the opportunity to hear about this work and to discover more about the proposals. Find out more about the review [via our website](#).

Refreshments, including wine and non-alcoholic drinks, will be provided.

We look forward to meeting you.

Wendy Matthews
Head of Mission, Pastoral & Church
Property

The Reverend Canon Dr Flora Winfield
Third Church Estates Commissioner



THE FAMOUS OPEN SYNOD QUIZ

**Saturday evening 8th July from 8.45pm in
Exhibition Centre P/T/005A and 006**

**All members of General Synod are cordially
invited**

Pit your wits against other 'brains' in Synod!

**Form a Team of 4 or more - or just come along and
join a team on the night**

**Wine and snacks will be available and all proceeds and
donations go to charity**

Our Quiz sessions at previous York synods have proved a pleasant antidote to heavy agendas: a chance to wind down, meet and make friends over a drink or two. Have fun with a trivia quiz for all.

SYNOD DEEP DIVE

Mixed Ecology

The Business Committee has agreed to trial a deep dive in this Group of Sessions. A one-off Committee of Synod members will have the opportunity to have a detailed discussion on a particular topic.

For this Group of Sessions the Business Committee has agreed that the topic will be vision and strategy as it relates to mixed ecology.

Come along and listen to Synod getting into the detail of thinking on this topic.



DATE: Saturday 8th July

TIME: Evening (19:15 onwards) Start time: 19:30

ROOM: Exhibition Centre P/X/001

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SUNDAY 9th JULY
EVENING

General Synod Business Committee invites you to a Business Committee Drop-In Session



Please join the Business Committee at a fringe meeting to meet Committee members, share your views and ask questions.

No need to book, just come along.

The Business Committee looks forward to meeting you on:

**Sunday evening 6.15pm to 7.15pm in the
Exhibition Centre P/ T/ 005**

Holding on to **Hope** in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Hearing from Christians in the Holy Land

How can we offer solidarity to sustain hope and what can churches in Britain do to build a peaceful and just future? Join us for after dinner drinks and discussion



Sunday 9th July
Exhibition Centre P/L/002 7 pm

Panel speakers include ...

Julie Mehigan

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory Programme Manager Christian Aid

Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell

Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem

Revd Sally Azar

Lutheran Pastor Church of the Redeemer Jerusalem.

To book click **RSVP**



Information from John Plant

jplant@christian-aid.org





The Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households invites you to a fringe event of the General Synod for a presentation of the findings of its new report: *Love Matters*

Sunday 9th July 2023 from 18:00 – 20:00

at the Exhibition Centre (Room P/T/006)

with Professor Janet Walker OBE & The Right Reverend Paul Butler,
Lord Bishop of Durham

RSVP to becky.plummer@churchofengland.org

Find out more about the Commission:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/archbishops-commissions/families-and-households-commission>



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MONDAY 10th JULY
LUNCH



A Discussion on 'If it wasn't for God'



*A Report on the
Wellbeing of Global
Majority Heritage Clergy
in the Church of England*

With Dr Selena Stone

The Racial Justice Unit invites you to join them
at a fringe meeting at General Synod on

Monday 10th July 2023

1:00pm to 2:00pm

at the Exhibition Centre P/L/001

LIVING **ministry**



RSVP: Racialjusticeunit@churchofengland.org



CEECA Fringe Meeting



(Church of England Employee and Clergy Advocates)

Date and time: Monday 10th July 2023
Lunch (1230 - 1400)
Start time: 1300
Room: D/L/036

A chance to:

- Meet members and organisers of CEECA
- Hear about current concerns
- Ask questions

No need to be a member, but please 'book' a place by contacting the Fringe Organiser, Simon Talbott, at simon@thetalbotts.co.uk also with any questions

The Church of England Employee and Clergy Advocates (CEECA), was formed in 2012 as a grouping within the Faith Workers' Branch of Unite the Union. Membership now also includes lay employees of diocesan and national structures of the Church of England and has grown to over 2,000. Branch helpline: 0333 123 0021



Relational Church UK

www.RelationalChurch.UK

Building a more Relational Church

Relational Church UK is a network of ministers, church workers, theologians and officers - who believe that the UK Church needs to become more relational in the way it operates...

We have **produced a book which is available for free on our web site** - with contributions from fifteen very different authors...

This workshop will introduce a **new library of resources** that we have produced to help congregations and groups to think about the quality of their relationships and how they might improve them....

See the QR code for link to the web site with more information about the workshop - and a map showing where to find us...



Building a more Relational Church

Workshop with FREE Resources

Monday Lunch Time

13:00—14:00

Exhibition Centre P/T/005



Save The Parish

invite you to their Fringe Meeting at York Synod



Growing In Confidence

Monday 10 July - Lunchtime (13:00 - 13:45)

Room P/X/001 (In the Exhibition Centre)

Many dioceses are actively reducing the number of clergy in their parishes despite significant research showing this causes congregations and their donations to decline . Money made available by the Church Commissioners to fund parish priests is used for other purposes even as churches around the country are closed and parish clergy numbers cut on the grounds of lack of funding. This 'doom loop' leads to more and more pressure on our remaining parish priests and their beleaguered congregations!

At our fringe meeting, our Financial Scrutiny Team will reveal exactly what is happening and outline viable options to reverse the direction of the current downward spiral and confidently increase the number of clergy in our parishes.

For more information about Save The Parish please visit savetheparish.com

To say you are coming or to find out more about the meeting, e-mail savetheparish@gmail.com

Leading in Evangelism

SYNOD FRINGE EVENT

COME AND JOIN US

on **10th July 2023, 1:00pm**
in Exhibition Centre P/L/002

Synod members can find out more about this exciting new **FREE** online learning resource, enabling **church leaders** to create and sustain a faith-sharing culture in their context.

This interactive **group learning, in your own time tool**, is designed to support church leaders and is comprised of four themes:

- Exploring opportunities;
- Engaging others;
- Creating a plan;
- Sustaining over time.



Please email
sherri.wood@churchofengland.org
with any queries.



Dave Male, Co-Director, Vision and Strategy and Katherine Walakira, Learning Delivery and Infrastructure Lead, NCIs will be leading this session and will give an insightful overview of what it is and how it works.

Theological Education in Partnership



Monday 10th July

13.10 – 13.55

**P/T/005A
(Exhibition Centre)**

Join members of **Ministry Council**, **TEI Principals** and **national Ministry Development Team staff** to discuss national developments in theological education (including the ongoing work of the Resourcing Ministerial Formation review) and how dioceses and Theological Education Institutions are working together to respond to the needs of the Church.

If you are able to let us know you intend to come, that
will help us to plan
– but if not, please do come anyway

Contact keith.beech-gruneberg@churchofengland.org

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EVENING

STOP THE BOATS?

The Illegal Migration Bill – how can churches respond?

Sanctuary & welcome meeting | 6pm Monday 10 July
Exhibition Centre P/T/005A

The Home Secretary says the asylum system is 'broken', but what does the church have to say about sanctuary and welcome in response to the Illegal Migration Bill?

Join us to learn the facts about migration, find out how churches are supporting newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees, and discuss together how we can better support the people who are joining our communities.

THE FACTS

- The asylum backlog is now over 160,000, unusually large compared to other countries.
- Three quarters of people wait more than 6 months for the Home Office to process their asylum claim. The average wait time is between 1 and 3 years for an initial decision.
- The Illegal Migration Bill is widely believed to be in breach of international commitments, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and the European Convention Against Trafficking.

The fringe meeting will include stories from those with lived experience. You'll come away with the contacts and resources that you need to support prayer, theological reflection, and take action in your community.

Please email socialjustice@oxford.anglican.org so that we can plan refreshments for you. Find out the real facts on migration at migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk

“Working with people caught in a bureaucratic system is exhausting and can make you feel powerless. But our clergy talk about the life and joy of getting to know marginalised people.”

Growing Good Practice in Children and Youth Ministry

- Explore work to increase support for those offering children and youth ministry.
- Discover emerging themes from the project to grow new leaders during its first six months.
- Meet practitioners, strategic leads from the National Church Institutions, and other supporting this work.



Monday 10 July

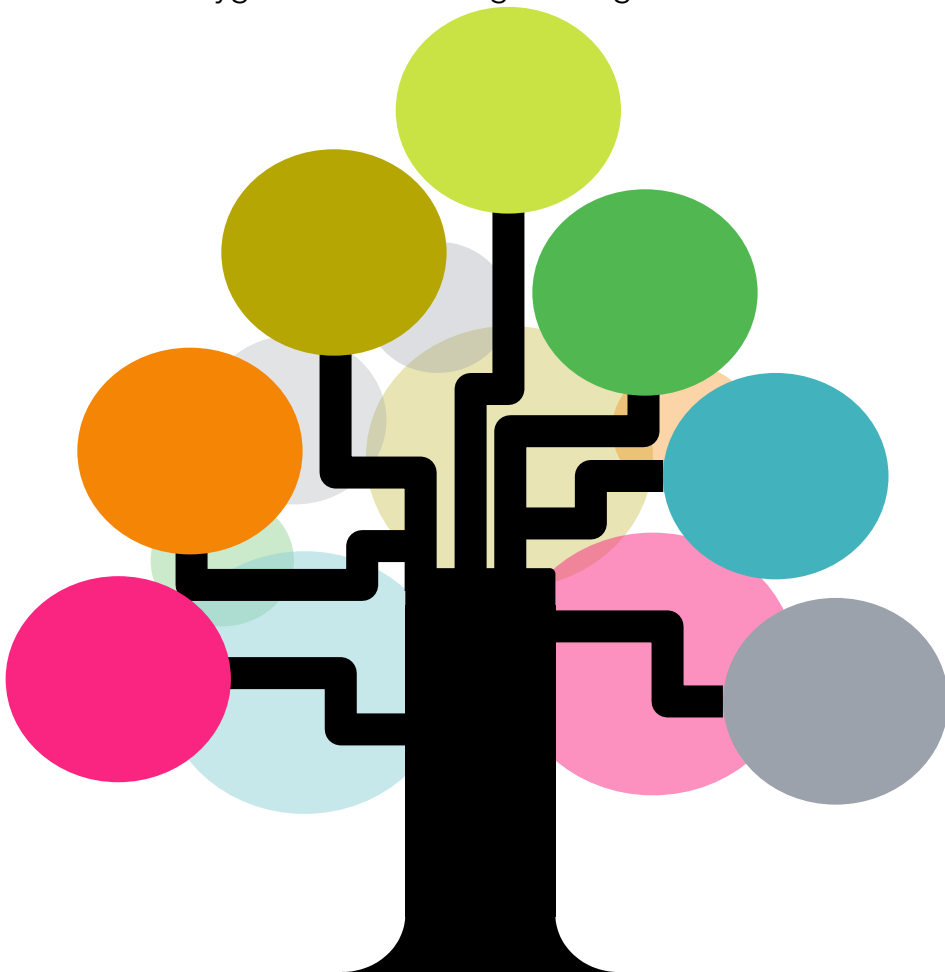


18.30



Exhibition Centre P/T/005

RSVP: Dr Jo Henderson-Merrygold
Jo.Henderson-merrygold@churchofengland.org





Service of Lament and Hope

to remember all those whose gifts have been unrecognised or undervalued by the Church and to pray for a future in which everyone's gifts are welcomed and fully used to reflect the image of God

6pm Monday 10 July in James Hall

*WATCH is a national campaign group for equality for women in the Church of England.
We want to see an end to discrimination against women and other groups in the Church of England.
We want lay people to be able to discern easily which churches put limits on the roles of women.*

Equality is at the heart of the Gospel

Jesus said, 'The last will be first, and the first will be last' – Matthew 20.16

Please email felicity.cooke@womenandthechurch.org if you are coming