

# **Fringe Meetings**

## **February 2024 Group of Sessions**

The flyers contained in this booklet are 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 Bishop Patridge 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 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**

General Synod Racial Justice Gathering  
Safeguarding against spiritual abuse

### **Saturday breakfast**

Understanding the Wilkinson Report  
Update from the Clergy Conduct Measure Steering Committee  
Valuing All God's Children?

### **Saturday lunch**

Awesome wonder: theology and the Land & Nature Motion  
General Synod Gender & Sexuality Group (GSGSG)  
LLF Drop in  
Love Matters' - Exploring the Report in Parishes, Schools, Youth and Children's Groups  
The Road to Reparative Justice: How does the Church respond to its historic links to chattel slavery

### **Sunday evening**

Church of England Employees & Clergy Advocates (CEECA)

### **Monday breakfast**

Finding Hope in the Ruins of Gaza  
National Redress Scheme Update

### **Monday lunch**

Ask the Church Commissioners  
Enabling Choice – New choices to support clergy with retirement housing  
Mothers' Union (MU) here for you!  
Preparing for the General Election  
Spot the Difference  
The Evangelical Forum

**Monday evening**

A Conversation about Church Buildings

Anglican Network for Intercultural Churches (ANIC)

Engaging with the Strategic Mission & Ministry Investment Board

Update on the Governance Review Programme

**Tuesday lunch**

Contributions to Parish Share - what makes a difference?

LookCloser: Exploitation can happen to any child. Anywhere.

Ukraine 2 Years On: The Role of the Church in this Crisis

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FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY  
EVENING

# Racial Justice Fringe Meeting

for **all** General Synod Members

**7.15 – 8.45pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

**Harvey Goodwin Suite: Ground Floor, Church House**

*From Lament To Action – Archbishops’ Racial Justice  
Commission - CMEAC – Racial Justice Unit*

**Everyone is welcome** to come and share questions and thoughts on Racial Justice and Anti-Racism in our Church.

We will focus on:

- fellowship and getting to know each other
- discussion of Synod Agenda items on Racial Justice including the Church Commissioners’ Response to Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery
- discussion of Racial Justice and Anti-Racism at General Synod going forward

*Drinks will be provided and members are encouraged to come straight after the 7pm finish and eat after the Fringe Meeting*

To help with catering numbers, if you are coming please email Andrew Mumby (Southwark) [rector@stpeterswalworth.org](mailto:rector@stpeterswalworth.org) by **8th February**.

However, please come even if you haven’t emailed! **All are welcome!**

**‘Let justice roll down like waters!’**

*This Fringe meeting is sponsored by Father Andrew Mumby, Southwark 225  
in collaboration with the NCI Racial Justice Unit*



# Safeguarding against spiritual abuse

19:15

Friday 23rd February  
The Abbey Room

The lead bishops for safeguarding, **+Joanne Grenfell** and **+Julie Conalty**, invite: **Nell Hardy** of Response Ability Theatre, to present scenes from her play *I, Lord* exploring the nature and effect of spiritual abuse; and **Jane Chevous** of Survivors Voices, to facilitate an open discussion with attendees on how as a Church we can promote healthy cultures and respond appropriately when spiritual abuse occurs.

*This fringe meeting is sponsored by  
048 Bishop Joanne Grenfell  
Southern Suffragans*



Image  
from  
the play



**E-mail**

**[pa.stepney@london.anglican.org](mailto:pa.stepney@london.anglican.org)**

**to book**

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**SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY**  
**BREAKFAST**

**This Fringe Meeting Is Sponsored By:**

**390 - Martin Sewell , 389 - Jane Rosam and 306 - Clive Billenness**



## **UNDERSTANDING THE WILKINSON REPORT**

**Saturday 25th February  
at 08:00**

**in the Temple Room  
(next to the cloakroom on  
the Lower Ground Floor)**

**or watch and contribute  
live or later on  
YouTube or Twitter**

The Sheepfold is a project created to bring together different individuals and organisations who share a common concern about the weaknesses of safeguarding protections for people who come to churches to worship or who work in them. Members include Synod members past and present.

On 30th November 2023, the barrister Dr Sarah Wilkinson published her comprehensive independent Review Of The Independent Safeguarding Board which was announced by the Archbishop of York in July.

On Saturday, much of the Synod's business will concern Safeguarding matters. Join an online panel of independent Safeguarding specialists to discuss what Synod should do next to provide truly independent oversight in the light of the Wilkinson Report and (if published) the Jay Report.

For instructions on how to join this meeting remotely and also to read more about us, visit [www.thesheepfoldproject.com](http://www.thesheepfoldproject.com) or on Twitter follow **@Sheepfold\_Dog**

<https://www.thesheepfoldproject.com/fringe>





# CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE

UPDATE FROM THE STEERING  
AND REVISION COMMITTEES

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**SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**08:00 – 08:55**

**HARVEY GOODWIN SUITE**  
**GROUND FLOOR, CHURCH HOUSE**

**TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED**

**(Please feel free to bring your own breakfast)**

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Members of Synod will be updated on the ongoing work of the Steering and Revision Committees considering the Clergy Conduct Measure

**Spaces are limited. Please book with**  
[conor.gannon@churchofengland.org](mailto:conor.gannon@churchofengland.org)

The event is sponsored by Clergy Conduct Measure Steering Committee



# VALUING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN?

Join us as we explore the impact of the Church of England's guidance for schools, *Valuing All God's Children*, in the courtroom and the classroom. We will consider how it has shaped pastoral responses and been used vis-à-vis Christians.

## SPEAKERS

### Nigel & Sally Rowe

Well known nationally for their Judicial Review (JR) challenging the government's approach to gender questioning children, Nigel and Sally will tell the story of how they and their sons were branded "transphobic" by their Church of England school for raising concerns over a boy in their 6-year-old son's class who would sometimes present as a girl. The JR directly led to the government reviewing, and now publishing, the draft guidance for schools.

### Calvin Watts

Calvin and his wife, Nicola, challenged their children's Church of England primary school for secretly teaching extreme trans ideology without informing parents. Following several complaints, the school appealed to Valuing All God's Children to justify the approach.

### Tim Dieppe

Tim is Head of Public Policy at Christian Concern. He led Christian Concern's response to the consultation on gender questioning children in schools. Tim frequently represents a Christian perspective in the media.

## VENUE AND TIME

Westminster Room  
**8 - 9am**  
Saturday **24 February**

## SPONSORED BY

Benjamin John  
St Albans, 395  
Rebecca Hunt  
Portsmouth, 386

## REGISTER HERE



Please email [benjamin.i.john@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.i.john@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY**  
**LUNCH**

**The General Synod Environment Group invite you to a  
Fringe Lunchtime meeting**

**Awesome Wonder:**

**Theology and the Land and Nature Motion**

**Introduction: Bishop Graham Usher, lead bishop for the environment**

**Speaker: Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing  
Director for Tearfund**

**Q&A Panel follows with:**

**Harriet Carty, Charity Director of Caring for God's Acre**

**Helen Stephens, Church Relations Manager with A Rocha UK**

 **Saturday 24 February 12:45 - 13:45**

 **Harvey Goodwin Suite.**

**Drinks available, please bring your lunch.**

**Please RSVP by 8th February to:**

**[gseenvironmentgroupemail@gmail.com](mailto:gseenvironmentgroupemail@gmail.com) thank you.**



Tricia Haigh : Finningley Church

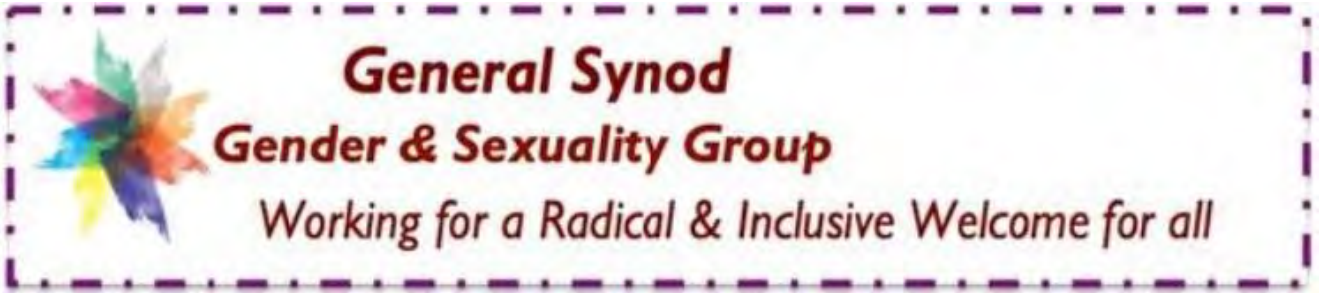


Luke Jerram's Gaia



Hugh Williamson / Alamy

**This fringe meeting is sponsored by:**



## **GSGSG February 2024 Synod Fringe Meeting**

**12.45pm – 1.50pm, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Being held in the Parker Morris Hall, The Abbey Centre,  
Great Smith Street, SW1P 3BU.**

All are welcome to the Synod fringe of the General Synod Gender & Sexuality Group. A chance for updates, looking ahead to the sessions on LLF and much more.

The meeting is from 12.45pm and will finish in time for the afternoon session of Synod. The Parker Morris Hall is upstairs in the Abbey Centre, and lifts are available. The Abbey Centre is very close to Church House, just across the road from the Great Smith Street entrance.

A sandwich buffet lunch is available for those who pre-book through Eventbrite (sandwiches, crisps, fruit platter, mini choc brownies, juice). You do not have to pre-book lunch to come to the meeting, so if you are not booking lunch just come along on the day. Deadline for booking lunch through Eventbrite is end of Thursday 15th February:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-synod-gender-sexuality-group-february-2024-fringe-meeting-tickets-806842215787](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-synod-gender-sexuality-group-february-2024-fringe-meeting-tickets-806842215787)

Any queries – please contact [synodgsg@gmail.com](mailto:synodgsg@gmail.com)

Event sponsored by Revd Neil Patterson (Hereford 130) and Professor Helen King (Oxford 378)



# LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

We'd love to meet you!



Join us for an informal drop-in opportunity to meet, discuss and share questions about the ongoing work of LLF with the LLF Team.

Where: **Abbey Room**

When: **Saturday lunchtime (1-2pm)**

*Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided.*

Sponsored by Living in Love and Faith



# LOVE MATTERS

**Exploring the Report in Parishes, Schools,  
Youth and Children's Groups**

**Saturday 24th February  
Westminster Room  
12:45 - 14:00**

Come and discover the new materials to support parishes, schools, youth and children's groups in exploring the key messages in *Love Matters*.

Bishop Paul Butler and Professor Janet Walker  
Co-Chairs of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and  
Households



*This fringe meeting is sponsored by the Bishop of Durham*

Ahead of Monday's Church Commissioners' response to links to transatlantic chattel slavery, join us at:

# THE ROAD TO REPARATIVE JUSTICE

How does the Church respond to its historic links to chattel slavery?

Saturday 24 Feb  
13:00-13:40  
Temple Room,  
LG floor

[Click to RSVP](#)  
or email  
[carolm@uspg.org.uk](mailto:carolm@uspg.org.uk)

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**SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY**  
**EVENING**



# CEECA in Synod

**Invite you to a Fringe Meeting - Sunday 25 Feb  
at 7.15pm in the Abbey Room**

Join us for a glass of wine and to hear more on our position on

- **Stipends** – our case for a 9.5% increase
- **Pensions and retirement housing** – ‘Enabling Choice’ not good enough
- The results of our recent **survey on clergy well-being** in the Church of England – 90% experiencing stress at work
- Progress on the revision stage of the **Clergy Conduct Measure**

We will be joined by Mike Parsons of the Retired Clergy Association and Nick Jones of CHARMERS (residents of CHARM properties) who will speak to our recent joint submission to the Pensions Board and Pete Hobson of CEECA national committee

Please book by email to [simon@thetalbotts.co.uk](mailto:simon@thetalbotts.co.uk)

This fringe meeting is sponsored by Simon Talbott (Ely 112) and Martin Thorpe (Liverpool 155)

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**MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY**  
**BREAKFAST**

# Finding Hope in the Ruins of Gaza:

what future for justice, peace and reconciliation?



**Daniel Munayer**

Director of Musalaha: A  
Vision of Reconciliation

**Tareq Shrourou**

Director  
and Principal Lawyer  
Lawyers for Palestinian  
Human Rights

**Stewart Fyfe**

Archdeacon of West  
Cumberland, Chair

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 07:30 - 08:30**

**The Temple Room, Church House**

Click here to [RSVP](#) before 9<sup>th</sup> February please

More information [John Plant](#) Christian Aid



This meeting is sponsored by Christian Aid

Sabeel-Kairos  
Taking Action for Palestine



COME AND LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE

# NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

## What does redress mean for Survivors?

In February, a GS MISC paper will provide an update to Synod on the progress made to develop a National Redress Scheme for victims and survivors of Church-related abuse.

Join us for this fringe event to learn more about the Scheme and its development and what it will mean for survivors. Members of the Redress Survivor Working Group, who are committedly helping to shape the Scheme, will be joined by the Chair of the Redress Project Board, Bishop Philip Mounstephen. Staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the eligibility criteria and application process, the types of redress that the Scheme will offer, and the proposed financial models that will help fund it.

Fringe Event

**Monday 26th February at 8.00am**

**Westminster Room**

This event is sponsored by the National Safeguarding Team

Please indicate attendance by emailing:  
[redress@churchofengland.org](mailto:redress@churchofengland.org)



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**MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY**  
**LUNCH**



# ASK THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS



**Monday 26 February 2024 from 12.30pm**  
**Harvey Goodwin Room, Church House**

**'Drop in' and ask your questions of the Church Commissioners.**

**An opportunity to get to know and question members of the senior staff team.**

**No agenda; bring your ideas, queries, and areas of interest.**

**If you have a question that may require prior research,  
feel free to submit it in advance.**

**Please come along before or after your lunch, or bring it with you.**

We absolutely welcome people dropping in unannounced, but if you know are definitely coming, please email: [matt.chamberlain@churchofengland.org](mailto:matt.chamberlain@churchofengland.org) by Friday 16 February 2024 so we have some idea of numbers.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS for ENGLAND 

This meeting is sponsored by the Church Commissioners for England





## A SYNOD FRINGE MEETING ORGANISED & HOSTED BY THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS BOARD

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 12.45 to 1.45pm

### Enabling Choice

New choices to support clergy with retirement housing

This fringe meeting is an opportunity for Synod members to hear more from the Pensions Board on how the Church might best support future cohorts of clergy with their retirement housing plans. This will include headlines from feedback gathered so far, and opportunity for discussion.

This fringe meeting is sponsored by the Church of England Pensions Board.



### Location

Just around the corner from Church House at:

#### Trevelyan Hall

#### St Matthew's Church

#### Conference Centre

20 Great Peter Street  
Westminster  
SW1P 2BU

### Registration

Please register in advance via Eventbrite, as capacity is limited, and to help with catering. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register go to:

[enablingchoice260224.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/enablingchoice260224)



As we are in another venue, please bring your Synod ID.



## Mothers' Union is here for you!

Introducing

# RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse

Come and hear about our new campaign, updates about how we support churches, and the transformational impact we have on communities.

Time: **1 pm - 1.45 pm**

Date: **Monday 26 February 2024**

Room: **Abbey Room**

RSVP: [membership@mothersunion.org](mailto:membership@mothersunion.org)

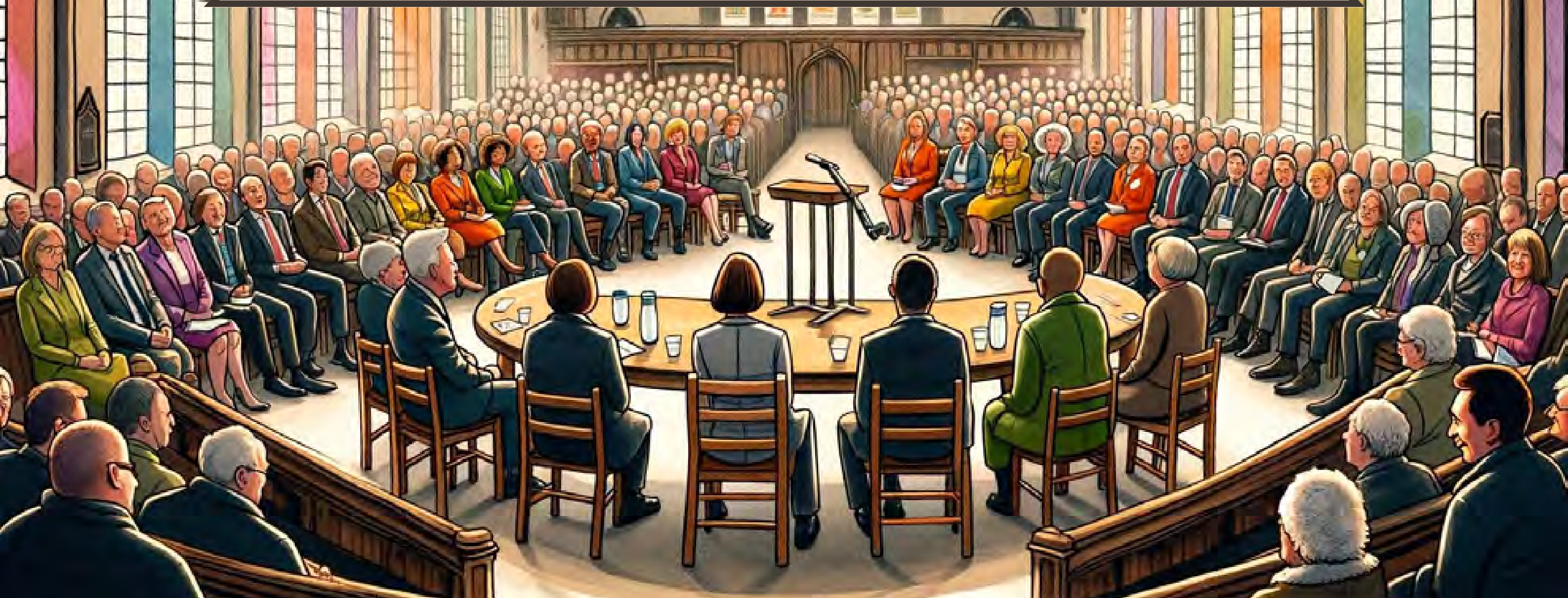
Our Worldwide President **Sheran Harper** will be there to welcome you!



**Mothers' UNION**



# PREPARING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

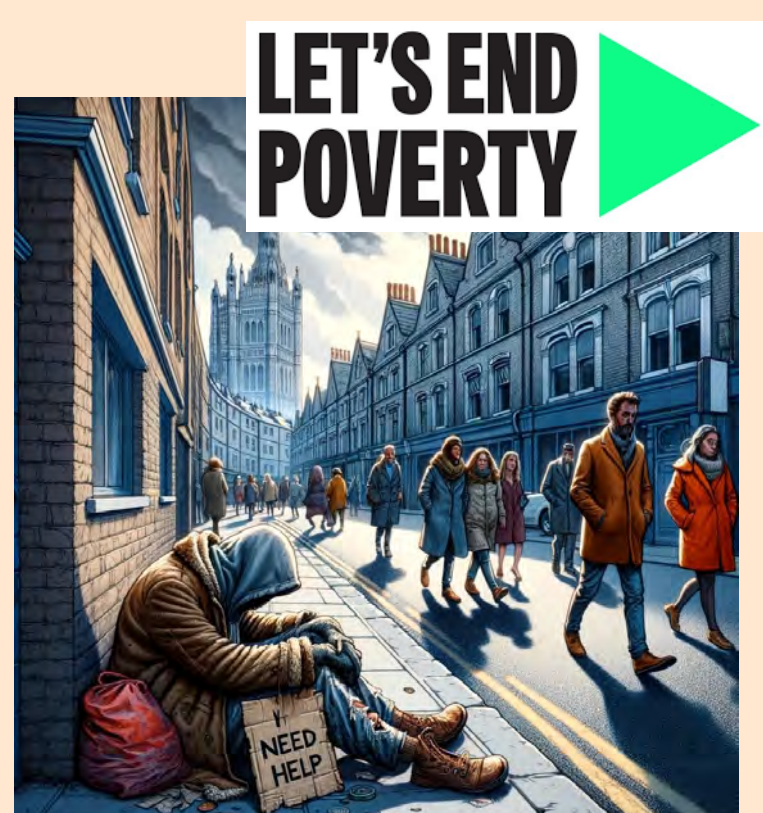


## JOINT PROJECTS IN THE ELECTION YEAR

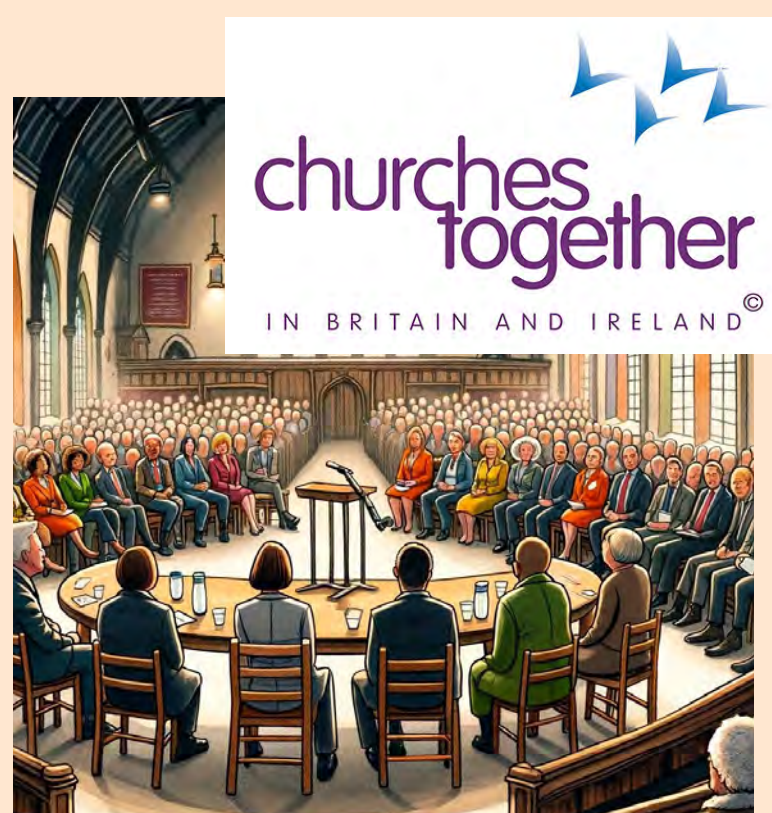
An introduction to our work with ecumenical partners in 2024, with input from partners and organisations, including CTE, CTBI, JPIT, Christian Aid and Citizens UK.

**The Westminster Room (Church House)**  
**Monday February 26th**  
**1:00pm to 2:00pm**

Sponsored by Faith and Public Life  
Contact: [Tim.Norwood@ChurchofEngland.org](mailto:Tim.Norwood@ChurchofEngland.org)



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Ecumenical Hustings



Voter Registration





**Yours for Good.**



# Spot the Difference

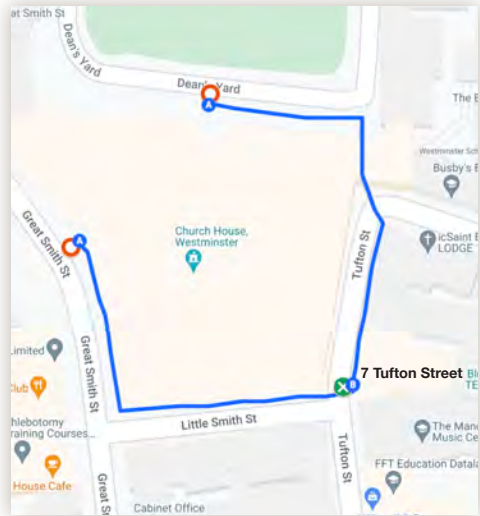
People often get our two organisations mixed up, and although we work closely together, there are some key differences in the work that we do. Irrespective of these differences, both organisations love historic churches, and we are here to help. Why not drop in for an informal chat over lunch and to find out how we can help support your historic church building.

**Monday 26th February 2024**  
**12.45 to 1.45pm**

Douglas Room at 7 Tufton Street,  
London, SW1P 3QB  
(1 minute walk from Church House)

**Free lunch provided**

Please RSVP by 10am on 26th February  
to [info@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:info@nationalchurchestrust.org)



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**Stephen Hogg (Leeds 328)**

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[nationalchurchestrust.org](https://nationalchurchestrust.org)

Registered Charity Numbers:  
258612 & 1119845



# The Evangelical Forum

A Safe Place for Conversation, Reflection and Fellowship

Catch-up, conversation and prayer

Monday 26th Feb Lunchtime 1–2pm

Venue: Temple Room, Church House

Tea, coffee and water provided  
Packed lunches may be brought in

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

*This fringe meeting is sponsored by The Evangelical Forum for General Synod*

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**EVENING**

# ANIC

Anglican Network  
for Intercultural  
Churches



The Rt Revd Martyn Snow



The Rt Revd Dr Tim Wambunya



The Revd Canon Dr Sharon Prentis

**ANIC was launched in 2023 and its second annual conference is to take place in Leicester in March 2024. The Network exists to support and encourage intercultural churches and to develop a learning community for intercultural mission.**

**In this fringe event, Bishop Tim Wambunya (Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Oxford) will introduce the Network, and Bishop Martyn Snow (Leicester, and author of the soon-to-be-published "An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World") and The Revd Canon Dr Sharon Prentis (Deputy Director of the Racial Justice Unit) will explore key opportunities and challenges for the Church of England as we seek to become "more diverse".**

**Mon 26 Feb 2024**

**7:15 pm**

**Westminster Room**

**This fringe meeting is sponsored by  
The Rt Revd Martyn Snow 023**

**Scan the QR code to express  
your interest or email  
[bishops.office@leicestercofe.org](mailto:bishops.office@leicestercofe.org)**





# Chats in the Belfry: A Conversation about Church Buildings



**Monday 26th February 2024  
7:00PM—8:30PM**

**St Matthew Conference Centre  
20 Great Peter St, London SW1P 2BU**

Churches are our nation's most important public buildings, a presence in every community. They are treasured places, sustaining us spiritually and socially for many centuries.

However, it can be costly and challenging to look after historic churches and keep them fit for the future for mission. Our clergy and parish communities who work hard to care for our church buildings have so many calls on their time as part of parish life.

The national church's Cathedral and Church Buildings Department (CCB) wants to help! We are committed to supporting parishes and dioceses, with advice, funding and advocacy.

**Please join us for drinks and canapes, and a conversation on what would make a difference to you in caring for our church buildings.**

This fringe meeting is being organised and sponsored by the Cathedral and Church Buildings Department. Please email, if you have any questions: [abubaker.pasha@churchofengland.org](mailto:abubaker.pasha@churchofengland.org)



# Engaging with the Strategic Mission & Ministry Investment Board

19:15-20:30, Monday 26th February

The Abbey Room, Church House, with wine & soft drinks

Hear about the work of the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board.

Listen to the experiences and learning from funded programmes.

Take the opportunity to ask questions of Board members and programme leaders.

**Please book [here](#) by the 8th February**

**If you have any questions please email [Emily.mangles@churchofengland.org](mailto:Emily.mangles@churchofengland.org)**

This fringe meeting is sponsored by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board



Sponsored by the National Church  
Governance Programme Board

# Update on the Governance Review

You are invited to join a conversation with the Governance Programme team on progress being made to implement the governance proposals welcomed by Synod in July 2023.

Drinks will be provided.

Please register by emailing:  
**[governancereview@  
churchofengland.org](mailto:governancereview@churchofengland.org)**

## Fringe Event

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**Date:** Monday 26th February

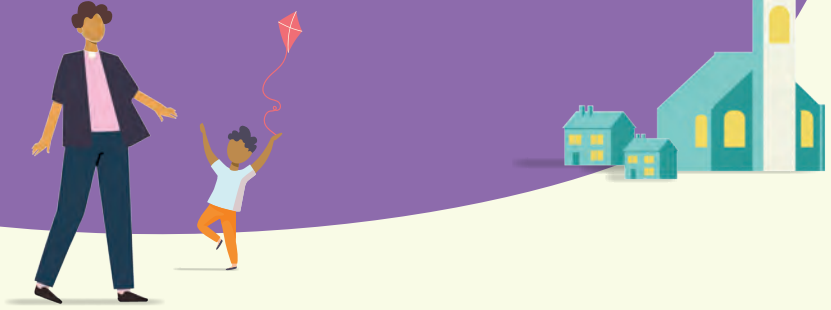
**Time:** 19:15 - 20:30

**Where:** Harvey Goodwin Suite

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**TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**  
**LUNCH**

# Funding Support for Parish Ministry



## How do dioceses run parish share well ... and how are parishes being supported to grow giving so they can contribute to it?

The ability of a diocese to deliver the support needed for parish ministry is hugely influenced by the amount of parish share they receive. The National Giving Team has researched the effectiveness of a range of diocesan parish share approaches and identified which elements work best in building up this key relationship.

Come and hear the results of our findings and register for a copy of the full report. There will also be information on the ways the National Giving Team is supporting generous giving within our parishes.

**Abbey Room, Ground Floor, Church House  
Tuesday 27 February at 12.45pm.**

**Register by emailing  
[annie.rey@churchofengland.org](mailto:annie.rey@churchofengland.org),  
or use the QR code**

Drinks are provided and feel free to bring your lunch with you.



This fringe meeting  
is sponsored by the  
Giving Directorate.

# Exploitation can happen to any child. Anywhere.

Come and hear more about  
The Children's Society's award winning  
**#LookCloser** campaign.

- ❑ Learn how to spot the signs of child exploitation
- ❑ Round-table discussion on how churches can help protect children.

With a presentation from Danielle Riley, *National Facilitation and Campaigns Co-ordinator*



**Tuesday 27th February, 12.30 pm**  
**Harvey Goodwin Room**

RSVP: [david.britton@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:david.britton@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**#LookCloser**

**A General Synod Fringe Event**  
**Sponsored by Rt Rev'd Libby Lane Bishop of Derby**



As you prepare to discern the war in Ukraine and the challenge to international order on Tuesday afternoon:

# UKRAINE: TWO YEARS ON

The Role of the Church in this crisis



Tuesday 27 Feb  
13:00-13:40  
Temple Room,  
LG floor

This meeting is sponsored by:

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**Diocese  
in Europe**

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