

A Renewal and Reform Symposium: what have we learnt and where are we going?

“A growing church for all people and for all places”

Friday 15 June 2018

Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1P 3AZ

- 9.15 **Arrival and registration**
*You will find the conference registration desk at the Dean’s Yard entrance of Church House. **The Renewal and Reform Market Place** will be open in the Hoare Memorial Hall on the first floor, where tea and coffee will be available.*
- 10.00 **Welcome** – Loretta Minghella
- 10.05 **Renewal and Reform: so far so good...** – John Spence
- 10.25 **What’s working?** – Philip James
What are we learning about how dioceses encourage growth and the challenges they face?
- 10.45 **Morning workshops** (see overleaf)
- 12.00 **The theology of change: facing the challenge** – chaired by William Nye
Why the future’s bright: the paradox of hope for the Church of England – Linda Woodhead
Church in crisis: options beyond panic and denial – Bishop Humphrey Southern
The Church’s response in an intercultural world – Sharon Prentis
- 13.00 **Lunch**
The Renewal and Reform Market Place will be open again in the Hoare Memorial Hall, where lunch will be served.
- 14.00 **Afternoon workshops** (see overleaf)
- 15.15 **Are we being radical enough?** – chaired by Bishop Tim Thornton
- 16.00 **A plentiful harvest: closing reflection and prayer** – Paula Gooder
- 16.10 **Close** – William Nye

The Renewal and Reform Market Place

In the Hoare Memorial Hall, you will find seven market stalls illustrating some practical aspects of Renewal and Reform. Look out for stands on: Estates Evangelism, Setting God’s People Free, Evangelism and Discipleship, Pathways, Simplification, The Great Vocations Conversation, and Digital Evangelism.

Symposium workshops

The conference's plenary sessions will be in the main Assembly Hall at the centre of Church House. Once in the morning, and once in the afternoon, we will break into five groups for the following workshops. Each workshop will happen twice, so you can attend two. You will find the room locations of these workshops on your lanyard, which will be given to you at the conference registration desk on Friday 15 June.

1) VISION MOMENTUM

Building momentum on your vision

Many dioceses have launched or are working on a diocesan vision or strategy. But once launched, how do you gain traction on it? How do you keep focus and how do you build momentum? Bringing insights from Southwell and Nottingham, London and Portsmouth, we will open up a conversation about what works, and common challenges.

With: **The Rt Revd Paul Williams**, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
 The Ven Joanne Grenfell, Archdeacon of Portsdown
 Debbie Clinton, Director of Renewal and Reform, The Archbishops' Council

2) GOOD IMPLEMENTATION

SDF projects: What does good implementation look like? What have we learnt so far?

Hear from two of the first funded strategic development projects. What have they learnt? What have they done? And what difference is it making? With input from the strategy team, this workshop will help anyone involved in an SDF project to anticipate challenges and share learning from their own projects with others.

With: **The Revd Tim Montgomery**, Director of Transforming Wigan, Diocese of Liverpool
 The Revd Rhiannon King, Director of Mission, Diocese of Birmingham
 David Airey, Senior Strategy Consultant, The National Church Institutions' Strategy & Development Unit

3) NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

Do new worshipping communities deliver effective growth more quickly than other approaches? Why might this be?

What might the emerging new "mixed/blended economy" look like? This conversation may develop your thinking on fresh expressions and church planting within your diocesan vision and uncover new ways of approaching it.

With: **Tim Thorlby**, Development Director, The Centre for Theology and Community
 Alan Hulme, Director and Team Leader for Parish Development and Evangelism, Diocese of Guildford
 The Rt Revd Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington
 The Revd Canon Dave Male, Director of Evangelism and Discipleship, The Archbishops' Council

4) SHAPING MINISTRY

Shaping ministry in dioceses: better or different?

How are dioceses reshaping and reimagining ministry in response to strategic needs? Are we being radical enough? How do stipendiary clergy, self-supporting clergy and lay ministers fit into this picture, and what roles do we need to fill?

With: **Derek Hurton**, Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Carlisle
 The Revd Canon Sally Gaze, Dean of Rural Mission Consultancy, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
 Catherine Nancekievill, Head of Discipleship and Vocation, The Archbishops' Council

5) GREAT COMMUNICATIONS

What are we learning about great communications?

A common theme from diocesan peer reviews is a desire to improve communications. Audiences and research should sit at the heart of what we do. We'll share learnings from our initial research findings, illustrating with learning from #LiveLent, #GodwithUs, and A Church Near You. We'll also share what's coming up – and might even mention Christmas!

With: **Adrian Harris**, Head of Digital Communications, The National Church Institutions
 Neil Pugmire, Communications Adviser, Diocese of Portsmouth
 Tashi Lassalle, Director of Communications, The National Church Institutions

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Speaker profiles

Philip James heads up the National Church Institutions' Strategy and Development Unit, providing consultancy support to dioceses regarding their strategy. This includes peer review and Strategic Development Funding (SDF).

Paula Gooder works as the Director for Mission Learning and Development in the Diocese of Birmingham. She worked for twelve years in ministerial formation, first at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, and then at the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education in Birmingham. As a speaker and writer in biblical studies, Paula has travelled the country and sought to communicate the best of biblical scholarship in as accessible a way as possible.

Loretta Minghella, OBE became First Church Estates Commissioner in November 2017; formerly Chief Executive of Christian Aid 2010-17, where she oversaw responses to natural disasters, refugee crises and hunger and famine emergencies, and led long-term development work and advocacy on major issues affecting the world's poorest people, including climate change. She is a lawyer by training who, after practising as a criminal litigator, began a career in financial regulation in 1990. The first Head of Enforcement Law, Policy and International Cooperation for the Financial Services Authority, in 2004, she became Chief Executive of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, overseeing the payment of over £21bn in compensation to victims of bank and other financial failures. Formerly a trustee of the Disasters Emergency Committee and member of the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group, Loretta is a trustee of St Georges House Trust (Windsor Castle) and a Sarum Canon at Salisbury Cathedral.

William Nye, LVO has a BA in Economics from Cambridge University and an MA in Economics from Yale University in the United States. He joined the Civil Service after university, working for the most part in the Treasury and the Home Office. Following 4 years as Principal Private Secretary to Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, William became the Secretary General of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England in 2015. As Secretary General, William is the Chief Executive of the Archbishops' Council, providing national support to the Church in dioceses and working closely with the General Synod, the House of Bishops and other Church bodies.

The Revd Dr Sharon Prentis is the Intercultural Mission Enabler and Dean of Black and Minority Ethnic Affairs for the Diocese of Birmingham. Her personal and professional involvement to date has concerned national and local projects related to church mission. She has led an introductory theology course at St Mellitus College, worked in mission at the Diocese of Southwark, and Research & Development at The Salvation Army, as well as other faith-based organisations. Her efforts in the area of community health and faith were recognised by the Department of Health when she was named as a Mary Seacole Scholar.

The Rt Revd Humphrey Southern is Principal of Cuddesdon, where students for ordained and other authorised ministry train, learn and are formed in a range of modes and contexts, both residential and non-residential. He served as a parish priest in very different settings in four different dioceses before becoming Bishop of Repton in 2007; moving to Cuddesdon in 2015. His teaching mostly focuses on Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiology, Preaching and aspects of Church Leadership.

Canon Dr John Spence, CBE DL is Chair of the Archbishops' Council Finance Committee and Chair of the National Church Institutions' Strategic Investment Board. He is a former senior executive in Lloyds TSB and was previously Chairman of Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance. He has wide involvement with church, political and voluntary sectors, including Chelmsford Cathedral, Essex County Council and a wide range of trusteeships across sectors. John has lived and/or worked in Edinburgh, Dublin, Merseyside, Tyneside, Bristol and London.

The Rt Revd Tim Thornton is the Bishop at Lambeth. Before arriving at Lambeth in 2017, he was the Bishop of Truro, having previously been the Bishop of Sherborne. A Yorkshireman by birth, Bishop Tim has been ordained for over 35 years. He has worked as a trustee of numerous organisations, and chaired conversations between Anglicans and Roman Catholics in Britain. His responsibilities include promoting strategic development in the College and House of Bishops, advising the Archbishop of Canterbury on key areas from safeguarding to church renewal, and preparation of the Lambeth Conference 2020.

Professor Linda Woodhead is Professor in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion at Lancaster University. She studies and writes about what matters to people and how we make life meaningful – individually and collectively. She writes widely on religion but is also interested in culture, values and beliefs more broadly. Her current research is on the rise of 'no religion' and implications for state-religion relations, education (e.g. RE) and society more generally.