

WORKSHOPS GUIDE

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon a number of workshops are on offer that aim to build on the themes of the Conference in different ways. The workshops are optional although we encourage you to take part in a workshop on at least one of the days. Please indicate your first, second and third choices on the booking form. We aim to give as many people as possible their first choice but you may need to be flexible about the day. Some workshops run on one day only, some on both.

TUESDAY ONLY

1 BAD NEWS FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND?

TUESDAY

Led by Simon Sarmiento

Why does the Church of England often get a bad press? What is the Archbishops' Council doing about it? How do journalists working in the secular media (broadsheets, Network TV, local radio) view religion in general and the Church in particular? Isn't the Internet now where it's all at? What can each of us do differently to help improve the church's image?

Simon Sarmiento will reflect on these questions and look at some recent examples of national press coverage. Simon has worked as a freelance journalist, specialising in church news, for nearly 20 years, and blogs regularly at <http://thinkinganglicans.org.uk>. His twitter handle is @simonsarmiento.

2 CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS

TUESDAY

Led by Michael Tomlinson

In the UK, across Europe and globally, the political landscape is shifting and changing. New forces are at play and old certainties are being swept away. At the time of going to press we have no Parliament and the UK is preparing for a General Election. By the time of the Conference we will have a new Government and some sense of trajectory for the next five years.

What are the challenges and opportunities of being a Christian in politics at such a time? Should our faith and our politics be held apart as some believe or should they interconnect and if so how? Come and reflect with Michael on his experiences and insights and share your own.

Michael was elected as Conservative MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole in May 2015 and is at the moment the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in the 2017 General Election. For more about Michael visit his website at www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk

3 DELIVERANCE AND THE CURE OF SOULS:

TUESDAY

What we can do as parochial clergy and when to call in the specialists

Led by Stephen Robbins

Every time we say the Lord's Prayer and repeat 'Deliver us from evil' we are involved with deliverance. Deliverance is part of mainstream ministry but it is often marginalised due to a lack of understanding or confidence. At a time of spiritual hunger and uncertainty the need for this ministry has never been greater. This workshop explores the theological and spiritual roots of deliverance ministry and offers practical guidance for the parish context.

Stephen is the Bishop's Adviser for Deliverance Ministry. He previously served as the Bishop's Chaplain following a ministry as an Army Chaplain, including serving as Chaplain General from 2008 – 2011.

4 EXERCISE TO MUSIC

TUESDAY

Led by Theresa Hunt

Too much sitting around? Too much lunch? Theresa will lead a lively aerobics style session that will raise those heart rates and release those feel good endorphins. This will be followed by some floor exercises, stretching and a cool down. Suitable for all reasonably active people and you can take the exercises at your own pace. Please wear comfortable loose and cool clothes and trainers.

Theresa is our resident Wellbeing expert for the Conference. See the Conference biographies for more information about what Theresa is offering, including one-to-one sessions.

5 FAITH UNDER FIRE: OUR SUDANS PARTNERSHIP

TUESDAY

Led by Ian Woodward and Bishop Francis Loyo

The Sudans Partnership Link between the Diocese of Salisbury and the Province of Sudan spans both Sudan and the new country of South Sudan. It is one of the oldest diocesan links in the Anglican Communion, set up in 1972 by Bishop George Reindorp.

We are keenly aware of the immense suffering that the people of the Sudans are undergoing at the moment but it is difficult to get accurate information via the media about what is really happening on the ground. This session offers an opportunity to hear a first hand account of the situation, its causes, possible outcomes and the part that the Church is seeking to play in restoring peace and promoting reconciliation.

Bishop Francis is Bishop of Rokon and Dean of the Province. Ian Woodward is Chair of the Sudans Partnership Link and a long time friend of Sudan and South Sudan.

6 JOURNEY TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING:

TUESDAY

The Church and Same Sex Relationships

Led by Nikki Groarke

A workshop exploring some of the issues around same sex marriage, with opportunities for discussion and listening to different viewpoints. Nikki is a member of General Synod whose speech in February's debate was said by some to 'set the tone' of what followed, She will share some reflections on why she spoke out from the 'silent middle', reactions and response to what she said, and why her understanding is changing. This will lead into conversations about processes for navigating change as well as different perspectives on this controversial issue. Nikki is Archdeacon of Dudley.

7 MANGERIALISM, MISSION AND MINISTRY

TUESDAY

Led by: Martyn Percy

The Church of England is currently engaged in reimagining ministry, including refreshing its selection criteria for ordained ministry, developing new and pioneering forms of ministry and laying much greater emphasis on lay ministries. What is the role and calling of the ordained minister in this new economy and what are the distinctive tasks and functions that ordained ministers are charged with? How are we now thinking about vocation, discernment and formation?

Martyn has written extensively on the nature of ordained ministry and some of his titles are available on the bookstall. More about Martyn in the Conference biographies.

8 ROUGHSHOD REACTIVE

TUESDAY

Led by Paul Birch and members of Riding Lights Roughshod Theatre Company

We are delighted that the Riding Lights Roughshod Theatre Company will be performing for us on Tuesday evening, followed by a question and answer session. They have also kindly agreed to offer this workshop which is aimed at helping clergy to use drama and storytelling effectively to engage people in our churches and schools. Emily, Phoebe, Chris, Will and Andy, together with Paul, Roughshod's Artistic Director, will share the secrets of their craft with us and help us develop our own skills.

More about Riding Lights and Roughshod in the Conference biographies.

WEDNESDAY ONLY

9 CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS

WEDNESDAY

Led by John Glen

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John was Conservative MP for Salisbury and South Wiltshire between 2010 and 2017, and is at the moment the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in the 2017 General Election. For more about John visit his website at www.johnglen.org.uk

10 CIRCUIT TRAINING

WEDNESDAY

Led by: Theresa Hunt

Too much sitting around? Too much lunch? This is the session for you! Beginning with a brisk walk/gentle jog outside to warm up followed by a series of circuit training exercises including burpees, relay runs, mountain climbs, star jumps and knee highs. Suitable for all moderately active participants, you don't have to be superman/woman, exercises can be tailored to ability. Please wear comfortable loose and cool clothes and trainers.

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11 COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IN CREATIVE WAYS:

WEDNESDAY

How to stay relevant and capture people's attention!

Led by Tom Elliott

Tom will be our entertainer on the last night of the conference and has kindly agreed to offer this workshop too. Drawing on his experience as a creative performer he will help us explore how we stay relevant, capture people's attention and communicate the gospel in creative ways.

Tom is the founder and director of The Affirming Life Trust, a charity that facilitates his work, allowing him to pioneer creative ways to share the Christian message. As a Christian communicator, comedian and magician he travels throughout the UK and abroad making people laugh whilst helping them think about life and faith. Tom reaches thousands of people each year at live events in churches, schools and conferences, whilst also appearing numerous times on radio and TV.

12 FAITH UNDER FIRE: OUR LATVIA PARTNERSHIP

WEDNESDAY

Led by Paul Richardson, Dean Andris Krauliņš and Revd Ainārs Rendors

Our Diocesan Link with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia is over 25 years old and was established as the 'iron curtain' was coming down and Latvia was in the process of rejoining the European community. The experience of life, first under Soviet occupation, then under Nazi occupation, then under Soviet occupation again has profoundly shaped the ethos, identity and sense of mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. What can we learn from the Latvia experience, as Christians, as Europeans and as a church?

Paul is a long time supporter of the Latvia Link and has made many visits there. He will engage Andris and Ainārs in discussion with us about their respective ministries, about life in Latvia today and about the challenges of witnessing in an age of uncertainty.

Paul is Rector of Devizes St John and St Mary and Rural Dean of Devizes Deanery.

13 FINDING A VOICE

Led by Charlotte Storey

When we are uncertain of what to believe or feel powerless in the face of circumstances we may 'lose our voice' or fall silent when we wish we could have spoken out. The psalms are a treasury of all human experience, encompassing prayer, praise, supplication, celebration, lamentation and revolt. Using these and other texts Charlotte will coach workshop participants to 'find a voice'. She will also be working during the Conference with those who will read for us in our various acts of worship, to make the most of these opportunities for proclamation.

Charlotte is senior lecturer in Classical Text in Performance at the University of Plymouth and former Head of Acting at London's Academy of Live and Recorded Arts. She began her career at the RSC as a textual advisor before training as an actor and working in the West End with directors including Sam Mendes and Stephen Daldry. Projects for 2017 include directing a BBC dramatisation of Julius Caesar in conjunction with Plymouth Theatre Royal, starring actor John Nettles.

14 JARS OF CLAY: MINISTRY FROM A PLACE OF FRAILITY

WEDNESDAY

Led by Tom Clammer and Stephen Batty

Tom and Stephen explore together experiences of illness, and how that has influenced the experience of priestly ministry. Pastoral, theological and personal reflections will begin a conversation about the reality of strength and weakness in the Christian life.

Tom is Precentor of Salisbury. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2014. Stephen is the Rector of Burton Bradstock, and was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2017. Both are in the process of reimagining their ministries as a result of their diagnoses.

15 RAISING UP AND RELEASING LEADERS IN YOUR CHURCH

WEDNESDAY

Led by Paul Taylor

One of the major limiting factors to church growth and community transformation is the lack of suitable leaders. Paul will share from his experience of identifying, developing and supporting emerging leaders in two different parish contexts.

Paul is Vicar of St Francis Church in Salisbury as well as having oversight of St Lawrence Stratford and pioneer work at Old Sarum, a large new housing estate of 2200 houses. He is Rural Dean of Salisbury.

16 WRITES OF THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY

Led by Gary Alderson

Can Christians use the blogosphere as a tool for mission? There are all kinds of Christian blogs/ blogs by Christians out there – what do they aim to achieve and how well do they succeed? This workshop is for bloggers, would be bloggers and those interested in blogging and in the Church's use of social media generally.

Gary is a self-supporting Assistant Priest of two churches in Peterborough Diocese. His day job is in Retail IT and in his spare time he is a well known blogger with a keen following of Church of England clergy who enjoy his sharp wit and satirical style. The Beaker Folk of Husborne Crawley (<http://cyber-coenobites.blogspot.co.uk>) were originally a satire on the neo-Celtic worship style favoured on the Eastern Region Ministry Course where Gary trained - albeit it spread a bit wider afterwards! Gary's spin-off blog, 'Writes of the Church', (<https://areflexanglican.wordpress.com/>) is about to spin off its own book, which will be published by BRF in the Autumn:

<http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465771>

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

17 CREATING CULTURE

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Ali Etheridge

Culture is all around us. It impacts the ideas, interactions, relationships and behaviour of groups, communities and churches. It can inspire new possibilities and at the same time limit what can be achieved. One of the key tasks of leadership is concerned with creating culture. This workshop will explore four key processes that we can harness to shape the culture of our churches so that we can lead more effectively.

Ali is an Ordained Pioneer Minister who specialises in youth ministry. He trained at St Mellitus College in London and serves as Youth Pastor at St Paul's Salisbury. Prior to this he spent three years training, equipping and supporting youth leaders all over the UK with Soul Survivor and before this he was Youth Pastor at Christ Church Woking.

18 EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR SMALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Led by Nigel and Molly Watts

Engaging, practical, with a focus on growing in your relationship with Jesus and with others, we will give you a vision for how you could transform individual and small group Bible study in your churches, in an exciting, life-transforming way. A highly effective discipleship tool for leaders, growing leaders and all those seeking to walk closer with Jesus.

Married with three sons in their 20s, Nigel and Molly Watts live in Salisbury. Radically impacted by the skills they learnt through Precept Ministries International, they both left their employment to run Precept Ministries UK, which serves thousands of people across the UK through practical training workshops and Bible study resources. For more about Precept Ministries visit www.precept.org.uk

19 FROM FEAR TO SAFETY:**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY****Theological and practical responses to welcoming refugee children****Led by Mike Todd and Gill Ford**

A reflective session on theological and practical responses to the refugee crisis, including case studies and an introduction of our Hat·tê·bāh initiative to welcome young refugees in this country (jointly offered with Mother Union and Home for Good). The session concludes with practical action planning for your parish and local communities, and how the issue of unaccompanied refugee children can be addressed.

Mike works as the Regional Church Engagement Manager for The Children's Society, based in London but working across the dioceses of the Church of England. Gill is the local Relationship Manager for The Children's Society, covering the Diocese of Salisbury with four other Dioceses in the South West. The Diocese is the strongest supporter of the Children's Society in her Area. She lives in the Diocese, in Devizes.

20 HOPE FOR CREATION:**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY****Practical care for God's creation in the parish****Led by Mike Perry**

This workshop will explore renewing hope in our approach to climate change and caring for God's earth of which we are a part. We will look at ways of engaging our congregations in creation care, exploring research on language that encourages participation and practical schemes such as Eco Church. We have the potential to offer hope to our world and to help people to grow in faith through prayerful acts of service – do come along and think about how this might happen in your parishes.

Mike is Vicar of the Woodford Valley with Archer's Gate. He is a member of the Diocesan Mission Council and of the Diocesan Environment Group.

21 LEADING IN HOPE THROUGH CHANGE AND TRANSITION**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY****Led by: David Runcorn**

David is a speaker, writer, consultant, teacher, spiritual director and priest. He is wellknown for his work on the spirituality of leadership including his recent book 'Fear and Trust: God-centred leadership'. In this workshop he will help us explore how journeys of our communities through unsettling and uncertain change may be sustained in hope.

David will also be our Chaplain during the Conference and there will be opportunities for those who wish to book a one-to-one slot with him. More about David in the Conference biographies.

22 SACRED GEOMETRY

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Led by Sophie Hacker

Creation is suffused with underlying geometric structures – from genetic sequencing to galaxies, in the construction of flowers, insects, and the human form (*geo - earth, metry - measure*). In this workshop we will be using a simple form of Sacred Geometry to map the Diocese of Salisbury. Tessellating shapes, rich colours, graphics and text will create a unified design. These sessions will offer an introduction to sacred geometry, and provide reflective ways of thinking about the world in a time of change.

Most of the work will be done by those who attend these workshops but all delegates are invited to contribute to the map, which will be used as part of the final act of worship. All you need to do is go to the 'Sacred Geometry' room during free time, and follow the simple instructions next to the materials provided. You do not need to bring anything with you to contribute but if you would like to contribute a photograph of your benefice, church or parishoners do bring one along.

Sophie was formerly artist in residence at Sarum College and is now Arts and Exhibitions Consultant at Winchester Cathedral.

23 SCARS ACROSS HUMANITY:

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Understanding and Overcoming Violence Against Women

Led by Elaine Storkey

'Every three seconds, a girl under the age of 18 is married somewhere across the world usually without her consent and sometimes to a much older man. Combining rigorous research and compelling personal testimonies, Elaine Storkey investigates the different forms of violence experienced by women across the globe today. From female infanticide and child brides to domestic abuse, prostitution, rape and honour killings, violence against women occurs at all stages of life, and in all cultures and societies. How and why has this violence become so prevalent? Storkey examines the answers that are commonly offered, including theories based on evolutionary psychology and the rise of patriarchal power structures. She also considers the role that religion can play for good or ill in the struggle against this universal injustice.'

Elaine is our guest throughout the Conference and will be leading early morning bible studies as well as being our speaker on Monday evening. This workshop explores themes from her recent book, Scars Across Humanity. More about Elaine in the Conference biographies.