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## Journeys

Travelling  
together  
through faith



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Conference Programme

14th - 16th January 2025

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January 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 2025 (Peterborough Cathedral)

This conference focuses on how our sacred spaces underpin individual, collective and inter-faith spiritual journeys, both as inspiration and destination. We will explore how we might encourage and celebrate the concepts of worship, prayer and pilgrimage.

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### Day 1: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- **11.30am Council members (those present) meet at registration desk to help**
- **12.30 pm Arrival. Registration.** Coffee/tea/sandwich lunch available in Knights' Chamber. Luggage store available (Room tbc). Tour allocations and Workshop choices to be confirmed. Sign up.
- **2pm Welcome** by **The Very Revd Chris Dalliston**, Dean of Peterborough and **The Very Revd Anthony Cane**, Dean of Portsmouth and Chair of Cathedrals Plus.
- **2.30pm – 3.30 pm Cathedral Tours** (led by Peterborough Cathedral staff and volunteers)
- **3.45- 5 pm Time to check in at the hotel** (The Bull hotel)

**5.15-6.15 pm Speaker session 1 (Cathedral):** **Revd Professor Dee Dyas** *Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture at York, on pilgrimage and visitor experience.*

- **7.15pm Buffet Dinner** (The Bull hotel)
- **8.45pm Sons et Lumières...(Inside La Cathédrale)...**

**Day 2: Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- **8 – 8.30am Morning Prayer, followed by Holy Communion (8.30 - 9 am)**

**9.30 am -10.15 am Speaker session 2 (Cathedral) Dr Renie Chow Choy** *Lecturer in Church History at Westcott House, on contested heritage and the experience of Global Majority Heritage (GMH) visitors/pilgrims to churches and cathedrals.*

- **10.15-10.45 am Coffee** (Knights' Chamber)

- **11.00 am -11.50 am Workshops**

**1 Education: Providing sensory spaces for the needs of neuro-diverse students - Hilary Young, Learning Officer and Philippa Stevens, Director of Learning, Ely Cathedral.** This will be an interactive workshop with lots of ideas and examples that can easily be applied to any setting.

**2 Education: Stacey Burman and Chris Allen** will present the work of the RE Hubs (<https://www.re-hubs.uk/>) "With 200k visitors to our website, The RE hubs can host Cathedrals' resources and advertise their events to boost engagement, and perhaps even support the educators' own upskilling with access to our free blogs, resources and materials".

**3 General/Families: Charlotte Nobbs, Diocesan Youth Trust - Growing Faith** (the interconnection between school-home-church where children are at the heart of every ministerial and missional decision.) This session will explore what it is to be intergenerational and how to adapt to ensure more inclusivity, proactively welcoming younger generations.

**4 General/Visitors: Banning the 'F' - word ('F' = free), the dynamic donations journey. Dave Cramp** *Commercial Development Consultant, Peterborough*

An interactive workshop to stimulate discussion, give confidence and encourage action for change. The group will learn about the plan, tasks and experiences of Peterborough Cathedral's journey to an entry by donation way of working. They will discover how Peterborough Cathedral approached embracing change, the steps taken and the results achieved.

- **12.15 -1 pm Interfaith Panel discussion on spiritual journeys/ pilgrimages-** The Panel will include representatives of various faiths and our **guest speakers**, and will be led by name? the **Vice Dean of Peterborough Cathedral** .

- **1.15 pm -2 pm Lunch** (Knights' Chamber). **1.10 pm. Council meeting-working lunch** (Drawing Room)

- **2-3 pm Regional Hub group discussions** (in break-out spaces, led by regional contacts and co-ordinated by Laura Arends, Westminster Abbey)

- **3 - 5.00 pm Tea and Optional tours:** Visit to a local Mosque (3-5pm) or choose from Museum/Tower Tour/ City walk-all 3.30-5pm)

- **5.30pm -6.30 pm Evensong** with the Upper Voices (years 6-8)

- **7.15 - 7.40 pm Reception with Helen Gray** Trust Director – Benefact Trust (The Bull, hotel)

- **7.45 pm Conference Dinner** (The Bull) sponsored by Ecclesiastical. After-dinner guest speaker Rt Rev'd Bishop Debbie Sellin, the **Bishop of Peterborough**.

**Day 3: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- **8 am Holy Communion**
- **9-10 am Sharing /Practical sessions in two groups: Visitors and Education.** (Co-ordinators: Diana Ives, Southwell Minster, and Owen Towndrow, Hereford Cathedral)
- **10-10.30 am** (Cathedral) **Cathedrals Plus AGM** All members welcome.
- **10.30 am -11am Coffee (location)**
- **11am-11.50 pm Workshops**
- 1 Education: Science and Faith- Jen Stratford, Education Officer of Chester Cathedral.** An interactive exploration of how science can engage children to explore spiritual concepts.
- 2 Education :** (The Cathedral ) **Cathedral Classroom: creative teaching in sacred spaces – Steve Clarke, Education Officer at St Alban’s and Toni Morgan-Ray, Learning Officer at Peterborough Cathedral.**
- 3 General/Visitors: 0-60 in 5 years – Peterborough Cathedral’s Eventful Journey – Canon Tim Alban Jones, Vice Dean and Canon Pastor and Maria Elsey, Head of Operations.** Peterborough Cathedral has moved from running 2 income-generating events per year to over 60. This workshop will explore how we try to balance the secular and the spiritual in an interactive exploration of our events schedule – the what, the when and the why!
- 4 General/Families : Jane Butler, Messy Church Training & Development Lead at the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)** will run an interactive workshop on **Messy Church** and ways of encouraging children and families onto a Journey of faith and discipleship.
- **12 pm -12.45 pm [Speaker Session 3.](#)** (Cathedral) **Dr Guy Hayward, Director and Co-founder the British Pilgrimage Trust**
- **12.45 pm Farewell, thanks and evaluation**
- **1 pm Collect packed lunches (Knights’ Chamber)**

**Depart (Council debrief 1-2pm if necessary)**