



Vision4Mission

‘Growing through challenging times’

**24 hours of learning, worship,
encouragement and fellowship**



An Invitation to all
(not just Synod Representatives!)

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October 2023

**Ask your Church Secretary for more details and
booking forms.**

(Please book via the Synod Office)

Provisional Programme

Fri 13th October

2:00pm	Check-in available
5:30pm	Registration
6:30pm	Dinner
8:00pm	Opening worship
8:30pm	Presentation on Synod Review (also available on Zoom)
9:15pm	Business closes
9:30pm	Evening event
10:30pm	Close

Sat 14th October

6:30-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Day visitor registration begins
8:30am	Tea & coffee available
9:00am	Opening worship
9:35am	Mission Stream 1: Intergenerational Church; Understanding and including gender diversity; Family outreach ministry; Developing Pioneer Ministry; Including others through Racial Justice.
10:35am	Coffee break
11:00am	Keynote – the Rt Revd Mike Royal
11:45am	Mission Stream 2: Sensory Processing and Communication Differences; Understanding and including neurodiversity; Family outreach ministry (repeat); Stepwise - making new leaders; Including others through intercultural habits.
12:45pm	Worship
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Surgeries – ask the questions you always wanted to ask on a range of topics.
3:00pm	“Synod Lite” & closing worship
4:00pm	Tea & coffee available

Thurs October 19th

7:00-9:00pm	Synod Business session via Zoom, including decisions arising from the Synod Review
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A Prayer Room is available throughout the gathering.

Mission Streams

	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E	Room F
Mission Stream 1 9.35am – 10.35am	Intergenerational Church: Dr Sam Richards	Understanding and including gender diversity: Clare Nutbrown-Hughes	Family outreach ministry: Michelle Richardson, Louise Quinn, Abi Ratcliffe (NB This is repeated in Mission Stream 2)	Developing Pioneer Ministry: The Revd Dr Ash Barker	Including others through Racial Justice: The Rt Revd Mike Royal	Prayer space Isabel McIntyre
Mission Stream 2 11.45am – 12.45pm	Sensory Processing and Communication Differences: Lorraine Webb	Understanding and including Neurodiversity: Alex Clare-Young	Family outreach ministry: Michelle Richardson, Louise Quinn, Abi Ratcliffe (NB This is a repeat of the session in Mission Stream 1)	Stepwise: making new leaders Julia Bartholomew, Carolyn Ridding and Donna Jones	Including others through intercultural habits: Karen Campbell	
“Surgeries”	Children & Youth - Share your current issues, get help for developing your work. Sam Richards & Lorraine Webb	Grant-making opportunities and processes- open forum, help & advice. Mervyn Davies & Steve Powell	Supporting Eldership – general questions. Stuart Scott & Lindsay Peniston	General questions on the progress update report. Steve Faber & Rachel Wakeman		

Please note that all sessions and speakers are subject to change.

Who's it for?

Those who normally come to Synod but also anyone who is interested - this is an open event to come and gain from the resources and the friendship and encouragement on offer.

The venue needs an early indication of numbers - so to help you in estimating them here's some information about finance.

1. First the bad news. The inclusive cost of bed, breakfast, dinner on the Friday evening, lunch on the Saturday, coffee and tea breaks, room hire etc etc is £155 in a single room and £220.00 for a double or twin room.
2. The better news is that the Synod expects to pick up the cost of a good bit of this, maybe up to half as well as paying all travel as usual.
3. However, we would be grateful (and will separately ask Church Treasurers about this) if churches could consider paying at least £75 towards the cost of each person attending and staying overnight.
4. Individuals, who feel willing and able to contribute, can pay whatever they wish towards the cost too.
5. **For those coming on the Saturday only**, the cost to Synod is £45 (inclusive of lunch) and we are asking for a minimum contribution of £25 towards this.
6. But please don't be put off by the cost – if there's a problem, talk to us on 0121 783 1177.
7. Parking is available, but we would encourage you to use public transport where possible. There is a free Shuttle Bus Service between Birmingham International Train Station and the hotel.

As indicated above we need your help to gauge numbers attending so please consider this invitation and let us know the names of people from your church including your Synod representative and Minister, who will be coming. Please let us know by **8th August 2023** and tell us who wants overnight accommodation and who will be a day visitor on the Saturday only. Please fill in the enclosed form with the details.

It would also help us if payment could be sent in advance wherever possible with a note of what and who is being paid for. Please send payment to the Synod Office for the attention of Lindsay Peniston.

We have had as many as 230 people at previous events on the Saturday who seem to have got a great deal from the occasion. The enclosed draft programme leaflet gives a brief glimpse into the event.

**Venue: Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport
Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3QW**

Travel to the venue:

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/birmingham/bhxap/hoteldetail/directions>