



Diocese of York Conference 2026 Draft Programme

The final programme will be published in June ahead of the conference.

As a significant number of people are invited specifically for the Saturday, the final day functions both as a standalone day and part of the wider conference.

- Parking available in James Car Park (off Heslington Lane)
- A prayer space, with both quiet spaces to be and interactive, creative options is open throughout each day.
- A range of stalls will be available in the Exhibition Centre during breaks, free time and optional activities
- Biographies of speaker and seminar leaders will be shared through The Journal and on the Called and Sent webpage: <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/conf26>
- Our conference band, Epiphany, will be offering prophetic music portraits each day – time slots and sign-up sheets will be published nearer the time.
- Share a 30-second story of God at work in your context at our 'Tell the Bell' Video space.

THURSDAY 23 RD JULY		
2.00pm	Arrival and registration Hot drinks and pastries served; rooms available to check-in (served in Central Hall))	Admin building
3.00pm	Welcome and opening worship Welcome from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell Bible study led by Archbishop Stephen and Bishop Eleanor Sanderson	Central Hall
4.00pm	Main Session 1: Becoming more like Christ Keynote: The Rt Revd Michael Curry Panel: The Rt Revd Michael Curry, Prof Lisa Oakley, Malcolm Guite, and Emily Owen Chair: Bishop Flora Winfield	Central Hall
4.50pm	Drinks break and exhibition	Exhibition Centre
5.30pm	SEMINARS ON BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST To offer more interactive space to ground the keynote and discussion panel in your specific context	
	Seminar A: To know Christ Led by Emily Owen Hosted by the Revd Nicky Penn-Allison	PL/005

	Seminar B: What's in your toolkit? How to create a healthy culture Led by Prof Lisa Oakley Hosted by Sara Dickinson, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser	PT/005a
	Seminar C: Life Together: Missional Discipleship in Light of Community Living. Led and hosted jointly by Bishop Eleanor and Revd Miriam Thurlow	PL/002 - Chapel
	Seminar D: TBC Led by Fr Tom Bates-Bourne and Sammi Tooze Hosted by the Revd Canon Mark Carey	PL/006
	Seminar E: TBC Led by Malcom Guite Hosted by TBC	PL/001
	Seminar F: Encouraging Vocations: The Unseen, The Unlikely and the Keen Led by the Revd Fiona Mayer-Jones Hosted by the Revd Sam Taylor and the Revd Lynn Comer	PX/001
	Seminar G: Keynote Q&A with The Rt Revd Michael Curry Hosted by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell	Central Hall
6.30pm	Welcome drinks (optional) Hosted by York Diocesan Leadership Team	Courtyard outside James Bar
7.30pm	Dinner leading into time together (including a quiz night) Wine and soft drinks provided on tables; bar open	James Dining Room
9pm	Compline <i>Bar remains open until 11pm</i>	PL/002 - Chapel
FRIDAY 24TH JULY		
7:30am	Eucharist (optional)	PL/002 - Chapel
7.30 – 9am	Breakfast served (buffet)	James Dining Hall
9:15am	Morning prayer (including sung worship) Bible study 2 - Dean Jessica Martin <i>Includes small group work</i>	Central Hall
10.30am	Break for refreshments	Central Hall
10.45am	Main Session 2: Transforming our finances and structures Keynote: Sonia Thompson Panel: Sonia Thompson, Alan Smith, Jonathan de Bernhardt Wood, Shannon Carr-Shand	Central Hall

	Chaired by the Archdeacons of York, Cleveland, and the East Riding	
12.30pm	SEMINARS ON TRANSFORMING OUR FINANCES AND STRUCTURES	
	Seminar A: "For God so loved the world that he gave" - growing giving to fund the church's ministry (and to deepen our faith) Led by Jonathan de Bernhardt Wood Hosted by Jan Grey and Phil McBride	PL/005
	Seminar B: TBC Led by Alan Smith Hosted by Archbishop Stephen	PL/001
	Seminar C: Navigating the path to a cleaner, greener, and fairer future in a time of political turmoil and global unrest Led by Shannon Carr-Shand and Julian Atkins	PT/005
	Seminar D: Volunteering Crisis or a God given opportunity? Led by Ruth Barnes Hosted by Kate Cameron	PT/005a
	Seminar E: Church buildings – millstones or assets for mission? Led by Kenneth Padley Hosted by Keith Halliday and Catherine Coop	PX/001
1.00pm	Lunch	James Dining Hall
2.00pm	Free time Poetry writing (Malcolm Guite) Singing (Mike Leigh) Five-a-side football Rounders	Poetry – PT/005 Singing – Central Hall
3.00pm	Tea and coffee served	Exhibition Centre
3.30pm	Main Session 3: Reaching people we currently don't Keynote: Bishop Jill Duff Panel: Bishop Jill Duff, Bishop Stephen Race, Mark Powley, Vicky Earll Chair: Bishop Barry	Central Hall
4.30pm	SEMINARS ON REACHING PEOPLE WE CURRENTLY DON'T	
	Seminar A: Reaching people we currently don't: Q&A on keynote Led by Bishop Jill Duff Hosted by the Revd Canon Mark Carey	PL/001
	Seminar B: Catholic evangelism in the Church of England: what's the point? Led by Bishop Stephen Race Hosted by Bishop Flora	PL/005

	Seminar C: Joining the Dots – How collaboration across multiple schools in a MAT helps each unique setting to thrive. Led by Damian Chubb Hosted by Mari Palmer and the Education Team	PT/005
	Seminar D: Developing a Missional Mixed Ecology: Church Planting, Pioneering and New Worshipping Communities Led by the Revd Mark Powley Hosted by TBC	PT/005a
	Seminar E: Growing God's kingdom: A fresh vision for church planting in our diocese Led by Vicky Earll Hosted by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson	PT/006
	Seminar F: Reaching and keeping young people: A mission opportunity for the local church Led by Andy Milne Hosted by Angela Brymer	PX/001
	Seminar: Faith Engagement in a Divided Culture Led by Dean Jessica Martin Hosted by <i>The Precentor</i>	PL/002 - Chapel
	Seminar H: Enabling Bold Evangelism Led by the Revd Sweetline Burnell Hosted by the Revd Canon Mark Carey	TBC
	Seminar I: In conversation – different approaches to sharing faith Led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and the Rt Revd Michael Curry Hosted by Bishop Barry Hill	Central Hall, Floor level only
5.45pm	Evening prayer	Central Hall
6.15pm	Bar opens / free time	
7.00pm	Conference dinner After dinner speaker: Br Guy Consolmagno (The Papal Astronomer)	James Dining Room
9pm	Compline (optional)	PL/002 - Chapel
9.30pm	Free time; bar remains open until 11pm	
SATURDAY 25TH JULY		
7.30 – 9am	Breakfast (buffet for those staying overnight)	James Dining Hall
From 9am	Arrival for non-residential delegates with refreshments	
9:30am	Room checkout for residential delegates (luggage storage available)	
9.30am	Welcome and morning worship Archbishop Stephen Cottrell	Central Hall

	Bible study 3 - Bishop Flora Winfield and Bishop Barry Hill	
10.45am	Refreshment break	Central Hall
11.15am	Main Session 4: Growing churches of missionary disciples, who are younger and more diverse The Rt Revd Michael Curry in conversation with Bishop Jill Duff Chair: Bishop Eleanor	Central Hall
12.00pm	Seminars on growing churches of missionary disciples who are younger and more diverse	
	Seminar A: Discipleship The Rt Revd Michael Curry, Dean Jessica Martin, and Malcolm Guite in conversation Hosted by Bishop Barry Hill	PL/002 - Chapel
	Seminar B: Every tongue, tribe and nation: Intercultural church and effective diverse worship. Led by Jessie Tang Hosted by Yvonne Bowyer, and Gerald Fox	PT/006
	Seminar C: From insight to impact: key learnings for growth in CYPF ministry Led by Emma Buchan Hosted by Angela Brymer	PX/001
	Seminar D: Stepping Up in low income communities: Learning from the Mustard Seed programme Led by Andy Wier Hosted by Heather Black and Mustard Seed team	Central Hall
	Seminar E: The Deanery as a Learning Community Led by Archdeacon Andy Broom with deanery leaders	PL/005a
	Seminar F: From Insight to Action: Strengthening Rural Ministry in York Diocese The Arthur Rank Centre Hosted by Bishop Flora Winfield and Margaret Price	
	Seminar G: Encouraging generosity at every age Led by Jan Grey and Phil McBride Hosted by Archdeacons Amanda Bloor and Liz Hassall	PL/005
	Seminar H: TBC Led by Alan Smith Hosted by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell	PL/001
1.00pm	Lunch in deanery groupings	James Dining Room (divided by deanery)
1.45pm	Deanery gatherings An opportunity to relate what people have heard to their context and deanery planning and explore how to continue the conversation locally.	All venues

2.30pm	Seminars repeated from morning session Drinks served in Exhibition Centre from 2-2.30pm.	As above
3.30pm	Conference Eucharist President and preacher: Archbishop Stephen including input from Malcolm Guite as poet-in-residence, Jessica Martin as conference reflector, and Epiphany offering a conference 'prophetic sound portrait'	Central Hall
5.00pm	Close and depart	