

Outline programme

The conference will be framed around the text of John 4, Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, which will enable us to engage with vital mission themes for our 21st century context:

Day 1: The Missio Dei

Sharing stories
Listening to God and one another,
Presidential address: 'Catching the Vision'.
God there ahead of us.

Day 2: Proclamation

Proclaiming the Gospel afresh
Good mission-shaped collaborative ministry
Open space conversations
'Released for Mission' Rural Report
Catalysts for growth

Day 3: Offering ourselves

Offering ourselves in liberating service of
the reign of God.
Turning ideas into action.



THE COST OF THE CONFERENCE

The Shared Ministry Conference gives you the opportunity to meet like-minded people, be inspired, share views.

The conference is open to all engaged in collaborative ministry. Last year a large number of both clergy and lay people, at all levels of church life, came together to explore the joys and challenges of collaborative ministry and mission, **so please book early to avoid disappointment.**

BOOKING EARLY WILL SAVE YOU MONEY!

The conference runs from midday **on 19th November to lunchtime on 21st November 2015.**

For a second year, we have managed to secure an exceptional deal from the hotel, which, as well as providing en-suite bedrooms, plenary and breakout rooms, offers a health club, gym and pool.

The cost for full board for the complete conference **remains at £170 if paid before June 30th 2015**; after that date, the charge is £185, which is just £10 more than last year. Attendees from Dioceses that have paid their annual subscription to the Shared Ministry Network will receive an additional £10 discount.

Day and half-day rates are also available at £70 and £35 respectively.

Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis!

BOOKING AND FURTHER INFORMATION

www.shared-ministry.net

Or email the Conference Administrator:
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GOD'S CALL OUR RESPONSE

Growing mission-
shaped collaborative
ministry

19th—21st November 2015
Britannia Country Hotel,
Didsbury, Manchester



**Shared
Ministry
Network**



GOD'S CALL our response

How can we best respond to our call to share in God's mission to the world?

How can collaborative ministry better develop mission-shaped, spiritually vibrant and engaged faith communities that answer the call to proclaim the Good News?

This is an opportunity to come together, to be enriched, inspired, strengthened and equipped, by hearing each other's stories, and to go back to our contexts with new vision and new energy as signs and agents of God's Kingdom.

GROUP WORK

The core work of the conference will take place in small groups. You will be plunged into the practice of shared ministry through facilitated group processes, comprising small base groups, larger conversation groups and topic groups. Alongside others, you will delve deep into scripture and ask searching questions about your context.

OPEN SPACE CONVERSATIONS

On the afternoon of the second day you will be offered the opportunity to gather together with others to explore and discuss areas of shared interest in mission and ministry. Participants will be invited to offer questions raised by the conference or upon which they have been pondering.

GROWING MISSION-SHAPED COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

MODELLED ON INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Based on the model used at the International Symposium on Ministry Development in Texas earlier this year, we shall be using innovative processes which model collaborative ministry and maximise shared learning. Find out more by going on our website.

OUR CHAPLAIN

Revd Wendy Carey

Wendy spent the first 13 years of ordained ministry in prisons, first as a prison chaplain, then 5 years as National Training Officer for chaplaincy. Recently she has been one of a small team of voluntary Associate Priests in the only Local Shared Ministry parish in the Oxford Diocese.



OUR SPEAKERS AND COMPANIONS

Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans President of the Shared Ministry Network

We are delighted that Bishop Alan will accompany us through most of the Conference this year, and will offer us wisdom, experience and challenge in a presidential address on the first day of the conference.



Bishop Alan has a longstanding interest in mission-shaped collaborative ministry. He was Diocesan Missioner for Lichfield for 8 years, joint chair on the working group that produced the report *Fresh Expressions in the Mission of the Church* in 2012, and has written and co-authored a number of books, amongst them *God-shaped Mission: A Perspective from the Rural Church* in 2011.

OUR SPEAKERS AND COMPANIONS (Continued)

Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson



National Rural Officer for the Church of England, part of the Mission and Public Affairs Division of the Archbishops' Council. She is based at the Arthur Rank Centre, the ecumenical churches rural resources centre and is an Honorary Lay Canon of Worcester Cathedral. Jill has many years of experience in rural affairs and policy, and advises bishops on legislation in the House of Lords. In addition, she resources mission and ministry in rural parishes and supports a network of diocesan Rural Officers. She wrote the report on rural mission and ministry published earlier this year, *Released for Mission*.

Revd Caroline Pascoe

Caroline has shared in the "local ministry" journey since the early 90s, contributing to its development through the first network coordinating group, planning and facilitating Edward King Institute consultations and Lambeth Conference meetings on local ministry, and the two International Collaborative Symposia in 1999 and 2015. She has worked in dioceses in England and Wales in collaborative and increasingly mission focussed posts. She longs to see deeper/broader participation in the spiritual discipline of collaboration increasingly shape and renew our part as church in God's mission today.



BOOKSTALL

St Denys' Bookshop



St Denys Bookshop from Manchester Cathedral, will mount a stall during the Conference featuring books by our speakers as well as other relevant titles.