



Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney
Scottish Episcopal Church
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From the Bishop



The Lambeth Conference is nearly here, this Newsletter gives further details of the pre-Lambeth preparations in the diocese, and of the Conference itself. Please pray for the bishops of the Anglican Communion as we meet together.

**Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney
Lambeth Evensong**

Sunday 24 July, 5pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Carden Place

God's Church for God's World

A number of bishops from The Episcopal Church are visiting the Diocese ahead of the Lambeth Conference. We will be pleased to welcome the Bishops of Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota and Missouri, together with Bishop Laura Ahrens, the suffragan bishop from our partner diocese of Connecticut.

Also joining us will be the Primus, the Most Revd Dr Mark Strange,
and Rt Revd Hugh Gilbert, Bishop of Aberdeen

You are warmly invited to come to worship with us,
and join us in prayer for the Lambeth Conference.

The Lambeth Conference

26 July - 8 August 2022

This Lambeth Conference is the fifteenth. It will take place on the campus of the University of Kent, Canterbury.

Archbishop Justin Welby is seeking to unite the Anglican Communion under common expressions of faith and social engagement, rather than focusing on debates over human sexuality that have divided bishops at past conferences.

“The aim of this conference – which, like all the [Lambeth] conferences, is a very significant moment in the life of the community – is to encourage Anglicans around the world to be looking outwards to the world,” ++Justin said in a press conference with conference organizers on June 22. “The church should express its mission and its life of discipleship through engagement with the great challenges that the next 30 or 40 years will impose upon the vast majority of Anglicans, especially those in areas of climate fragility, and political and other fragility.”

In plenary sessions, keynote addresses, seminars and social events, the bishops will discuss a variety of matters. The overarching theme of this conference is “God’s Church for God’s World,” and 1 Peter will be the focus of a Bible study series throughout the conference – a text with themes of suffering, authority and power.

Organizers said that as of June 22, 658 bishops and 480 bishops’ spouses were registered to attend in person, and more are in the process of registering to participate virtually due to concerns over COVID-19 and/or travel visa issues. All currently serving bishops in good standing in any province of the communion, of which there are almost 1000 are invited.

Each day, of the Lambeth Conference there will be plenary sessions with bishops’ discussions on key themes in the life of the church. These will include:

- ◆ Mission and Evangelism
- ◆ Anglican Identity
- ◆ Christian Unity
- ◆ Inter Faith Matters
- ◆ Discipleship
- ◆ Safe Church
- ◆ Reconciliation
- ◆ Human Dignity
- ◆ Environment and Sustainable Development

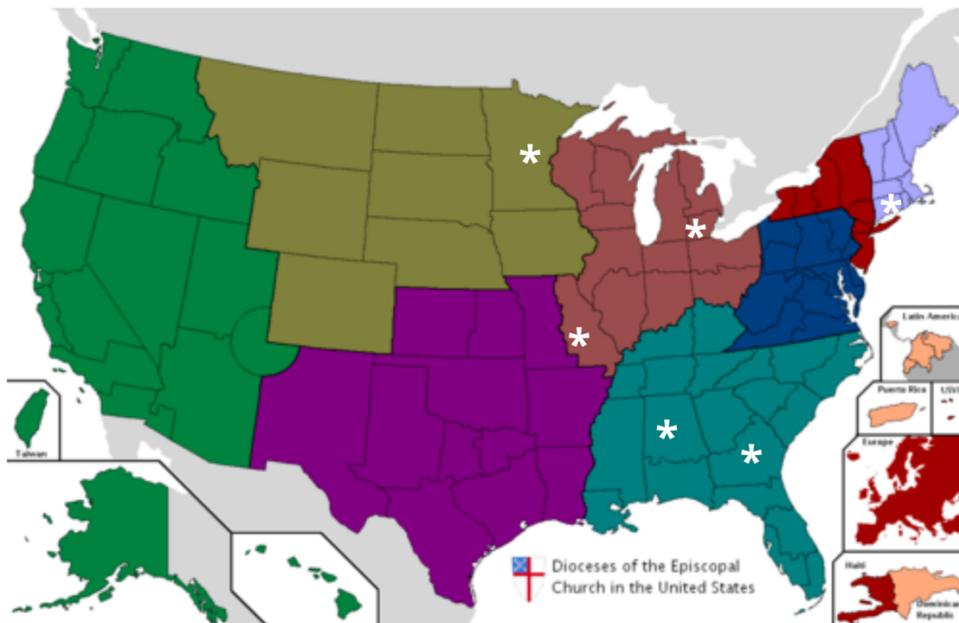
You are invited to pray for each day of the conference and all those attending.

The Aberdeen Bishops

Not the Aberdeen Doctors but the Aberdeen Bishops... The Episcopal Church (USA) has a group of Bishops termed the 'Aberdeen Bishops', these are Bishops who were ordained during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. They have this moniker as their consecration liturgies involved the minimum number people present required so modelled the early days of their church ordaining it's own Bishops following the first Bishop in the American order of succession – Samuel Seabury who was ordained in Aberdeen. Four of these 'Aberdeen' Bishops are visiting prior to the Lambeth conference.



Pictured left to right: The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, (Oregon), The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed (Oklahoma); The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, (Minnesota) The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry, (Alabama) the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry (Presiding Bishop); The Rt. Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, (Wyoming. Not pictured: The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson (Missouri) The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, (Georgia) (Photo credit: Sharon Jones)



Dioceses of the Episcopal Church, those marked with a star are where our visiting Bishops minister, working East to West Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan, Alabama, Missouri, Minnesota.

Getting to know our Visitors...

Rt Revd Laura Ahrens is the Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut and is a return visitor to the Diocese from our partner diocese, where Bishop Seabury served. Bishop Laura was consecrated in June 2007. She has a degree in Geology and Geophysics from Princeton University. Bishop Laura attended Berkeley Divinity School and following ordination she served churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Prior to election she served as Rector of St James' Danbury and obtained a DMin from Hartford Seminary on Adult Education for Baby Boomers.



Rt Revd Dr Glenda S. Curry is the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. Bishop Glenda was invested in January 2021. Bishop Glenda's first career was in nursing including degrees from the Universities of South Carolina, Alabama and a PhD from Oklahoma State University. She then taught at various universities and became the first woman to lead a four-year college in Alabama with her appointment as President of Troy State University at Montgomery in 1991. Here she oversaw the creation of the Rosa Parks Museum and Library. Bishop Glenda attended the University of the South and following ordination served as Rector at parishes in Leeds and Birmingham, Alabama.

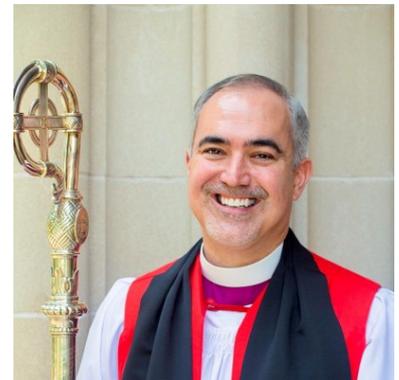
Rt Revd Deon K Johnson is the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri. Bishop Deon is accompanied by the Canon to the Ordinary (a bit like a Dean) Revd Canon Doris Westfall. Bishop Deon has a BA in English and History and an Associates degree in Biology. He earned his MDiv from The General Theological Seminary in New York. Following ordination he served churches in Ohio and Michigan. He is a veteran Episcopal priest with deep experience in social justice issues and ministry to gay and lesbian communities, and he serves on the Taskforce for Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision and as a consultant with the Office of Black Ministries in the Episcopal Church (USA).





Rt Revd Frank S. Logue is the 11th Bishop of Georgia – Georgia, Bishop Frank is accompanied by his wife Victoria. Bishop Frank was ordained and consecrated as Bishop of Georgia in May 2020. Following graduation from Georgia Southern University he worked as a newspaper photographer and freelance writer-photographer. Bishop Frank attended Virginia Theological Seminary and after ordination served at as a church planter for church and school in Georgia, and then became Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Georgia. Bishop Frank along with his wife, Victoria hiked the entire 2,150 mile Appalachian trail in 1988.

Rt Revd Craig Loya is the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, he is accompanied by his wife Melissa. Bishop Craig was ordained Bishop in June 2020. After a degree in English and Religion from Hastings College in Nebraska he obtained his MDiv from Yale University alongside a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Following ordination Bishop Craig worked in church in Massachusetts and was Canon Missioner and Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Kansas. Prior to being elected Bishop he had been Dean and Rector of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska. Bishop Craig enjoys baseball and fishing.



Rt Revd Dr Bonnie A. Perry is the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. She is accompanied by her wife Susan. Bishop Bonnie was consecrated in February 2020. Following a Biology degree from College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in West Oakland and Skid Row, Los Angeles. Bishop Bonnie graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York and obtained a DMin in Congregational Development from Seabury Western Theological Seminary. Following ordination and serving churches in New Jersey she was Rector (for 27 years) at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Chicago. Bishop Bonnie is an internationally recognized sea kayak coach and guide, with experience of the Shetland and Orkney islands.

**Visitors to the Diocese on their way to the Lambeth Conference
See here below where you might meet them.**

Wednesday 20 July, evening

Evening BBQ at Quarrybrae, hosted by +Dorsey and Betsy

Thursday 21 July, daytime

9.15 Bishops gather at Finstown: +Craig, +Deon, +Frank, +Glenda and +Laura, will be walking a section of the St Magnus Way accompanied by +Anne and +Dorsey. There will be longer and shorter options. Fellow walkers welcome. Contact Stuart Little for details.

5.45 St Magnus Cathedral, Worship Together led by +Dorsey

Thursday 21 July, evening

Bishop Bonnie will be present for an evening event at St Magnus, Lerwick

Sunday 24 July – morning worship

10.00am	St Mary's Pro-cathedral	Canon Doris Westfall (Missouri) to preach
10.30am	St James, Aberdeen	+Laura (Connecticut) to preach
10.30am	St Andrew's, Alford	+Frank (Georgia) to preach
11.00am	St John's, Aberdeen	+Deon (Missouri) to preach
11.00am	St Ternan's, Banchory	+Glenda (Alabama) to preach
11.00am	St Mary-on-the-Rock	+Craig (Minnesota) to preach

Sunday 24 July – Evensong

5.00pm Lambeth Evensong at St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Carden Place
Bishop Anne to preach
Come along to pray with us.

Monday 25 July – afternoon

Possible afternoon walk – details to follow by email and social media

LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN!

20th August Event in Deeside



Our third Get Together will be on Sat 20th August in Deeside.

In late summer this part of Aberdeenshire is a glorious patchwork of golden grain, purple heather and a thousand shades of green.

We gather at 13:00 at Birse Church (signposted off the B976 South Deeside Rd approx 3 miles east of Aboyne) for a picnic lunch.

Andrew Nicol will welcome us on behalf of the Ecumenical Trust for Birse Church. This fine Scottish Georgian church was built in 1779 on the site of much earlier buildings thought to date back to the Celtic church. At 13:40 Andrew will give us a tour of this wonderfully peaceful spot before leading a walk up through Balfour Woods (from 14:00) to take in the lovely countryside. The full walk will take nearly two hours on country lanes, forest paths and tracks. (The walk can be cut-short at any point if you are wanting something less demanding.)



We will finish the afternoon at 16:00 when we join together for informal worship in the open-air back at Birse Church.

Bring picnic lunch, walking shoes, wet weather gear (in case), dogs, friends, grandchildren and binoculars (we should at least see Red Kite or Buzzard). There are parking and toilets adjacent to the church.

Bus information

Nearest bus stop in Kincardine O'Niel. revrogdyer@btinternet.com before the day for a lift from Kincardine to Birse. From Aberdeen Bus Station take route 201 at 10:45 : 12:08 Kincardine O'Niel. Return Kincardine 17:35 : 18:58 Aberdeen.

Other News

Canon Cathy Zappa visits from Atlanta Cathedral



Canon Cathy Zappa, Canon for Liturgy and Pastoral Care at the Cathedral of St Philip in Atlanta is presently a visitor to the diocese.

Cathy is here taking some sabbatical time. She had a month in Aberdeen, and is now in Orkney for the rest of her visit.

While here Cathy preached at services at St John's, St James, and St Machar's, Aberdeen. On Sunday 17 July she is the preacher at the Provincial Eucharist, available on-line from 11am.

Here below see Cathy with some of the members of St James Aberdeen.



St Magnus Lerwick participates in the first Shetland Pride



Canon Neil Brice and others from St Magnus took part in the first **Shetland Pride** on 2 July 2022. This was the most northerly Pride in the UK.

Provincial Services

Service links are available from the Scottish Episcopal Church website, and on the Provincial Facebook page

Sunday at 11am Services from the Dioceses

'Children's Chapel' is on the first Sunday of every month.

Other services

Details of services live-streamed or broadcast by churches across the diocese and province are available from the churches' websites and facebook pages.