

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND
FORUM 2025



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Celebrating diversity • Living with difference

PROGRAMME

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One but not the Same: Celebrating diversity – Living with difference

As we meet for CTE Forum 2025 we recognise that we are One but not Same and that unity is not uniformity. Over the coming days, as we build relationships, learn and worship together we will celebrate that which makes us different from each other. We do this with openness, humility, in love and respect.

CTE Forum 2025 is about having the courage to have those difficult conversations, not from the entrenched positions of our inherited traditions but in the open space between those positions. To listen to each other deeply as we engage with some of the issues that lie at the heart of division and disunity.

You are going to hear from a range of inspiring and challenging speakers, gain fresh perspectives and have the opportunity to worship in different ways. Perhaps you will catch up with old friends and make some new ones - you may even choose to try speed ecumenism!

It is our time to show what it means to be one family in Christ as we journey together to engage with the opportunities and challenges in our rapidly changing world: a world which needs the unity of faith and belief that we are called to share.

We hope that you will be enriched, challenged and uplifted and that you will leave Forum changed by what you have experienced and those you have met.

Welcome to CTE Forum 2025!



Rev Anton Müller
Moderator



Rev Olivia Amartey
Deputy Moderator

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INTRODUCING CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

Churches Together in England is the national ecumenical instrument supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.


With churches drawn from the Anglican, Catholic, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Orthodox and Lutheran traditions, as well as Free Churches, Quakers and others, we unite one of the broadest range of churches in Europe.

Our vision is to create a space in which fruitful collaboration and mutual understanding can grow, so that we as churches work more closely together in our great task of sharing in God's mission and making the gospel of Christ known in our nation.

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SPEAKERS

at CTE Forum 2025

Archbishop Doyé Agama Artificial Intelligence and the church

Archbishop Doyé came to ordained Christian ministry in 1994 and became a Bishop in the **Apostolic Pastoral Congress of Great Britain** in 2004 and then he was installed as Archbishop in 2013.

He was a President of Greater Manchester Churches Together, a Member of the Board of CTE from 2010 to 2018 and was Deputy Moderator in 2012 and Moderator of the CTE Forum in 2015.

Archbishop Doyé is a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Management, a Professional Member the Chartered Institute for IT (BCS) and has been active in the major digital transformations of several large organisations.



John Cooper A Call to Peace

John is the Director of the **Fellowship of Reconciliation (FoR)** in England and Scotland. FoR is a faith-shaped peace, justice and non-violence movement founded in 1914. Since then, branches have grown around the world to form a global network.

John has worked on questions of peace and justice in different church spaces. He has served through Christian Aid, the Joint Public Issues Team and All We Can. He is a lifelong Methodist and currently is a Local Preacher in training.



Rev Canon Helen Cameron The Pursuit of Unity

Rev Helen has been the Moderator of the Free Churches Group and a CTE President since 2022. She is currently serving as President of the **Methodist Church** Conference in Great Britain. Helen formerly served as Chair of the Northampton and Nottingham & Derby Districts of the Methodist Church.

Helen spent many years leading ministerial formation as a staff member of the Queens Foundation Birmingham and helped to form many ministers, including Anglicans, Methodists, URC, Pentecostals and worked with many students from the global South.

Photo credit: Free Churches group.



Rev Dr Susan Durber The First Ecumenical Council, 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea

Rev Dr Susan is a minister of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom, and the **World Council of Churches** President from Europe.

Susan has served local church pastorates in England, as Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge (2007-2013) and as Theology Advisor for Christian Aid (2013-2016).

She has been involved in the ecumenical movement since attending the Fifth Faith and Order World Conference in 1993 and served as Moderator of the WCC Faith and Order Commission from 2014-2022.



Bishop Claion Grandison **Change in the church**

Bishop Claion is the current Administrative Bishop of the **New Testament Church of God (NTCG)** in England and Wales. He leads the National Executive Council, providing spiritual and strategic leadership for its members.

He was born in North London and migrated to Jamaica when he was very young. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour at the age of fourteen and attended The New Testament Church of God in Kingston, Jamaica. In 2000, he moved to the British Virgin Islands as Regional Youth & Christian Education Director for the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Guadeloupe, St Kitts and Nevis.

He graduated from Spurgeon's College in 2017 with a degree in Church-based Theology.



Rev Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson **Racial Justice and Reparations**

Rev Dr Tessa is a minister in the **United Reformed Church** and a former Moderator of the URC General Assembly. She will become the Moderator of the Free Churches Group and a CTE President in April 2025.

Tessa is an Associate Tutor in Womanist Practical Theology at Westminster College, Cambridge and a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Practical Theology.

Tessa is one of the founding members of Cascades of Grace (COG). COG is a group set up to empower minoritised women to be present and audible in the URC.



Elaine Green **Reflections on Synodality**

Elaine is the Clerk of Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations and currently represents **Quakers in Britain** on the Churches Together in England Enabling Group.

Elaine holds a MA in Quakerism and the Modern World from Lancaster University. Until 2015, she was a member of the Quaker UN Organisation governance committee in Geneva, after which she served on the Quaker Council for European Affairs in Brussels. Elaine's professional background is in HR, and she chaired the Employment Committee of the national organisation of Quakers in Britain for several years.



Rt Rev Prof Anderson Jeremiah **Oikumene: Embodying Difference in the Household of God**

Rt Rev Prof Anderson is Bishop of Edmonton for the **Church of England** and a CTE Trustee.

He is a globally recognised Anglican theologian with research interests in the lived facet of World Christianity, and its theological, political, and missional engagement in wider society.

He is deeply passionate about social and environmental justice as a Gospel imperative. His passion for working towards justice and peace as central to Christian Discipleship stems from his lived experience as a Dalit Christian.



**Bishop Paulina
Hławiczka-Trotman**
**A Bible study on the
'Priesthood of All
Believers'**



Bishop Paulina is the CTE President for the Fourth Presidency Group and Head of the **Lutheran Church in Great Britain (LCiGB)**. She comes from the Beskid Mountains in Southern Poland and was ordained in London to serve in the LCiGB.

She took over as pastor of the parishes Trinity Leicester-Nottingham in 2014, St Paul's Corby in 2015, and Christ the King London in 2021. She is also a chaplain at the University of Nottingham.

Bishop Paulina was consecrated Bishop of the LCiGB in January 2024 and is married to minister, theologian, activist and racial justice advocate, Rev Arlington W. Trotman.

Respondents

Two young ecumenical leaders will then respond to Bishop Paulina.

Fr Andreas Minic from the **Oecumenical Patriarchate** and Dolly Bamigbade from the **Redeemed Christian Church of God**.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols
**Reflections on
Synodality**



Cardinal Vincent is the eleventh Archbishop of Westminster.

He studied for the priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome from 1963 to 1970, gaining licences in philosophy and theology at the Gregorian University. He was ordained priest in Rome in December 1969 for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

In 2009 he was elected President of the **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** and installed as the Archbishop of Westminster. He received the pallium in Rome from Pope Benedict XVI on 29 June 2009. Cardinal Vincent is also a CTE President.

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Archbishop Nikitas
**Reflections on
Synodality**



Archbishop Nikitas is Head of the **Oecumenical Patriarchate Diocese of Thyateira and Great Britain** and the CTE

President for the Orthodox churches.

He serves the Mother Church in Constantinople in numerous important areas including: Coordinator of the Patriarchal Task Force on Human Trafficking and Modern-day Slavery; Chairman of the Committee on Youth for the Oecumenical Patriarchate; and Co-Chair and Steering Committee member of the Elijah Inter-Faith Foundation.

He was elected as the President of the Conference of European Churches in June 2023.

Bishop Mike Royal **Opening address**

Bishop Mike is the **General Secretary of Churches Together in England**. He is also the Apostolic Pastoral Congress' regional bishop for the Midlands Region and bishop for Social Engagement Strategies. He has been in ordained ministry since 1993.

Mike has an MA in Black Theology from the University of Birmingham.

Before joining CTE, Mike was the Co-Chief Executive of the Cinnamon Network. He is a founding Trustee and former National Director of award-winning charity Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) which works with children and young people at risk of exclusion from school. He is a part-time Forensic Mental Health Chaplain with Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust.



Rev Prof David Wilkinson **AI and the church**

Rev Prof David is a British Methodist minister, theologian, astrophysicist and academic. He was the Principal of St John's College, Durham (2006-2023), and is now a professor in the **Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University**.

Since September 2023, David has been the Director of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS), an international project based at St John's College. He is the author of several books on the relationship between science and religion, and a regular contributor to Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4.

David has a PhD in astrophysics and is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.



Forum Young Adults' Meet and Greet

Monday 17 March at 6pm in the Dining Room

A relaxed space to connect, share a meal, and build friendships with others aged 35 and under from across the churches. A chance to meet like-minded (and maybe completely different) people who share a heart for faith and unity.

Find out more about the speakers over the three days of CTE Forum 2025 at cte.org.uk/forum2025.



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Find the workshop venues on the programme at cte.org.uk/forum2025

CONTENT		SPEAKERS
MONDAY 17 MARCH		
4pm	TEA & COFFEE	
4.45pm	Welcome and Opening Worship	Moderator Rev Anton Müller and Deputy Moderator Rev Olivia Amartey
	Opening Address	Bishop Mike Royal
	The Call for Peace	John Cooper
6pm	DINNER	
7.30pm	Reflecting on Synodality	Cardinal Vincent Nichols & Elaine Green and Archbishop Nikitas
8.35pm	Evening Worship	Pentecostal Worship led by Bishop Tedroy Powell with singing led by Angie Lee
9.15-9.45pm	Speed ecumenism	Cherry Hamilton-Bond
TUESDAY 18 MARCH		
8am	BREAKFAST	
9am	Morning Worship	Taizé led by Rev Steven Cooper
9.30am	Ways of Seeing: Art and Difference	Dr Deborah Lewer
	Bible study on the 'Priesthood of All Believers'	Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman
	Responses	Fr Andreas Minic and Dolly Bamigbade
11am	BREAK	
11.30am	Ways of Seeing: Art and Difference	Dr Deborah Lewer
	Artificial Intelligence and the Church	Rev Professor David Wilkinson and Archbishop Doyé Agama
	Change in the Church	Bishop Claion Grandison
1pm	LUNCH	

4.15pm	Workshop 1 A choice of Workshop Options	
	Intercultural Churches	Theology Slam – Why bother with ecumenism?
	Accessible Church	Weighing It Up: How Do We Discern the Challenges of Society as Young Ecumenists?
	Exploring Forest Church	Living with Diversity on Human Sexuality
	Reflecting on Chaplaincy	Ministry in New Housing Areas
	Creating Healthy Cultures: Preventing Spiritual Abuse	“Torn In Two”: The Israel-Palestine Conflict
5pm	BREAK	
5.05pm	Workshop 2 A choice of the same Workshops Options as above.	
5.50pm	BREAK	
6pm	DINNER	
7.30pm	Racial Justice and Reparations	Poetess Jess, Rev Dr Tessa Henry Robinson
	Panel Responses	Dr Lisa Adjei, Bishop Desmond Greaves, Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman and Bejoy Pal
8.30pm	Evening Worship Options	
	Roman Catholic Mass	Orthodox Compline
	Quaker meeting for worship	Free Church service of evening worship
	Charismatic worship	Lutheran Evening Prayer
	Anglican Night Prayer	Worship in the style of the Iona Community
9pm	TIME IN THE BAR	
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH		
8am	BREAKFAST	
9am	Morning Worship	Led by Min Shermara Fletcher-Hoyte and a team of young ecumenical leaders
9.30am	Ways of Seeing: Art and Difference	Dr Deborah Lewer
	The First Ecumenical Council 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea	Rev Dr Susan Durber
	Oikumene: Embodying Difference in the Household of God	Rt Rev Professor Anderson Jeremiah
11am	BREAK	
11.30am	Ways of Seeing: Art and Difference	Dr Deborah Lewer
	Closing Address: The Pursuit of Unity	Rev Canon Helen Cameron
	Thank you and closing words	Moderator and Deputy Moderator
12pm	Closing Worship	Moderator and Deputy Moderator
1pm	LUNCH	
2pm	DEPARTURES	

PRAYERS FOR CTE FORUM 2025

We invite you to join with us each day in these prayers for the CTE Forum 2025

MONDAY'S PRAYER

Father God from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, we gather this week to celebrate our Family of Faith. We may not all be the same, but we are one in Christ. As distinctive parts of the Body of Christ, help us to celebrate that diversity. As we recognize that which sets us apart in theology or ecclesiology, help us to live with difference. May all we do and say be always to your glory. Amen.

Rev Alan Kennedy
National Ecumenical Officer, Congregational Federation



TUESDAY'S PRAYER

Gracious God, you have woven us together, forming one body from diverse parts. Though we differ, we remain united in Christ. Help us celebrate the beauty of diversity by recognising Your image in every person. Fill us with patience, kindness, and understanding as we journey in peace and purpose. As Your Word reminds us, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, for all are one in Christ Jesus." May our unity reflect Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Rev Claude Halm
Ecumenical Lead for Churches Together in Essex and East London



WEDNESDAY'S PRAYER

Triune God, we thank you that diversity is at the heart of who you are, and we celebrate the many ways you speak to your people across our nation. Humble us to love one another in our difference, reflecting your nature. Fill us with your Spirit to serve in our difference, celebrating the perspectives we each bring. Open our eyes to learn from one another in our difference, as we seek to worship you in all we do and say. Amen.

Esther Platt
Good Faith Foundation



SPEED ECUMENISM

at CTE Forum 2025

Monday 9.15pm

A fabulous, fun and fast-paced end to the first day at CTE Forum 2025. Meet the greatest number of fellow attendees in the shortest time. Enjoy some informal and ninja-speed networking!

Hosted by Cherry Hamilton Bond
Editor of Christianity.org.uk



WORKSHOPS

at CTE Forum 2025

These are taking place on Tuesday afternoon. You will have made your workshop choices prior to arrival at Forum and should go to two different workshops. Workshop 1 from 4.15-5pm. Workshop 2 from 5.05-5.50pm. Each workshop will run twice.

Venue details are on the CTE website at cte.org.uk/forum2025

Intercultural Church

This workshop will unpack what intercultural church is and explore through questions, examples and theologising what it might mean for us to journey to being more intercultural.

Facilitators: CTE Principal Officer for Mission and Evangelism Rev Dr Benjamin Aldous and CTE Trustee Dr Elizabeth Joy, of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

Accessible Church: “Many parts but one body”?

We'll share a kingdom vision that can reverse this disheartening statistic. Through Scripture, real-life stories and discussion explore how disabled people can reach their full potential in Christ.

Facilitators: Grace Bloxham from Christian disability charity, Through the Roof. Katie Budd, Team Leader for the 'Roofbreaker' project, which equips volunteer disability champions in UK churches.

Exploring Forest Church

Have you wondered about forest church or wild worship? Open your eyes to the outdoors with Melanie and Rachel, as they share with you some of their muddy meanderings and wind-blown wisdom out of their own forest church type practices. Come dressed for the weather!

Facilitators: Melanie Carroll and Rachel Summers. Melanie leads Lincoln Forest Church. Rachel has published several books including *Wild Lent* and *Wild Advent* and is an Anglican priest in Walthamstow.

Reflecting on Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy is one of the most vibrant and sometimes overlooked spaces in the ecumenical landscape. Join us to hear from a range of voices sharing their reflections on their work in chaplaincy across different contexts.

Facilitator: Mark Burleigh, Baptist minister, healthcare chaplain and County Ecumenical Officer for Cambridgeshire with Naomi Nixon, from the Student Christian Movement, Warren Evans from Sports Chaplaincy UK and Deborah Akinlawon from the Christian Police Association.

Theology Slam on Why bother with ecumenism?

In collaboration with the **Society for Ecumenical Studies** and hosted by **Trey Hall of the Methodist Church** join three young ecumenists in a friendly competition to see who gives the best presentation. While this event is light-hearted, it intends to offer the chance for fresh and deep thinking.

Participants in Workshop 1: Melody Amadi (Redeemed Christian Church of God) and Callum Thompson (Salvation Army).

Participants in Workshop 2: Lois Benyon (Church of England), Samuel Ebdon (Methodist Church) and Joseph Nelson (Lutheran Church in Great Britain).

Ministry in New Housing Areas

There are many new homes planned for the UK in the coming years; this offers us a major missional opportunity. This workshop will help us to explore together how we can respond to these new neighbourhoods with God's love.

Facilitator: Penny Marsh, Baptist Minister and member of the CTE Churches Group for New Housing Areas.

Weighing It Up: How Do We Discern the Challenges of Society as Young Ecumenists?

Young ecumenical leaders will share their perspectives on a number of society's big issues including social media, climate change, social justice and Christian unity itself.

Facilitators: Emma Wright, County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Herefordshire and Elliot Vanstone, Mission Advisor from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Money Matters: Acting justly and caring for creation through our finances

There's a growing movement of Christians seeking to act justly with the money we steward, motivated by our faith and the vision of a greener, fairer economy. Join us for an inspiring workshop where there'll be space to share experiences and explore areas for further action and advocacy, including the Green Investment Declaration and the Big Bank Switch.

Facilitators: Rosie Venner, Director of Movement Building, JustMoney Movement and Clare Fussell the Bright Now Campaign Director, Operation Noah.

Creating Healthy Cultures: Preventing Spiritual Abuse

This research-based seminar will address what has been learned from more than 1000 individuals who have identified their experiences in churches as spiritually abusive. It will also focus on indicators, facilitating factors, impact on victims and healthy responses as well as ways to assess and develop cultures that make it harder for abusive practices and attitudes to thrive.

Facilitator: Justin Humphreys, CEO of Thirtyone:eight, an independent, non-denominational Christian safeguarding charity operating across the United Kingdom.

Living with Diversity on Human Sexuality

What we believe about matters of human sexuality, as well as how we communicate with one another regarding these issues, has become a source of pain and division both between and within churches across England. This workshop provides an opportunity to hear about CTE's ongoing work to develop safe and reflective spaces to hold conversations about human sexuality.

Facilitator: CTE Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations, Doral Hayes with Lindsey Brown of the United Reformed Church, Trevor Howard from Churches in Communities and Andrea King from One Body One Faith.

“Torn In Two”: The Israel-Palestine Conflict – Challenges and Opportunities for Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Solidarity

Within churches and between churches there are strong differences of opinion about Israel-Palestine and there are competing demands for solidarity with different communities. How can we stand in solidarity with Jews and Muslims in our own context whilst also being unequivocal in standing for justice and peace in the Middle East?

Facilitator: Rev Dr Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Fuller descriptions of the workshops are on the CTE website at cte.org.uk/forum2025

WORSHIP

at CTE Forum 2025

We invite you to join in the following times of worship

Opening Worship Monday at 4.45pm in the Derbyshire Hall

Forum Moderator Rev Anton Müller and Deputy Forum Moderator Olivia Amartey will lead us.

Evening Worship Monday at 8.35pm in the Derbyshire Hall

We are delighted that CTE Pentecostal and Charismatic President, and National Overseer of the Church of God of Prophecy UK Bishop Tedroy Powell will lead us in our evening worship on the first night of Forum. It will have a Pentecostal character, and professional singer-songwriter Angie Lee will be joining us.



Morning Worship Tuesday at 9am in the Derbyshire Hall

Methodist Connexional Ecumenical Officer Rev Steven Cooper will lead us in a Taizé style worship. Steven leads worship in the Taizé style in several different settings, and regularly leads visits to Taizé, France for groups of young Christians.

Evening Worship Tuesday at 8.30pm

You have been asked to choose which worship you are attending prior to your arrival at Forum.

The options are:

- Roman Catholic Mass
- Orthodox Compline
- Quaker meeting for worship
- Free Church service of evening worship
- Charismatic worship
- Lutheran Evening Prayer
- Anglican Night Prayer
- Worship in the style of the Iona Community

Morning Worship Wednesday at 9am in the Derbyshire Hall

CTE's Min Shermara Fletcher-Hoyte and a team of Young Ecumenists will lead a time of ecumenical worship. The theme will be One Body, One Spirit. Come along to a vibrant gathering of young adults from different traditions, uniting in powerful worship, prayer, and blessing. Come expectant as we celebrate our shared faith and calling as one body, one spirit in Christ!

Closing Worship Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Derbyshire Hall

Forum Moderator Rev Anton Müller and Deputy Forum Moderator Olivia Amartey will lead us.

Music at Forum

Kevin Huggett will be co-ordinating the music at Forum 2025. Kevin is supported by Anton Müller, Forum Moderator and CTE Principal Officer for Mission and Evangelism Ben Aldous and we will also benefit from the musical talent of other delegates who have volunteered to play at Forum. We are grateful for everyone's contribution.



Ways of Seeing: Art and Difference

Dr Deborah Lewer is Senior Lecturer in History of Art at the University of Glasgow. She also works extensively as a speaker and writer for churches and cathedrals, ecumenical groups of clergy, ordinands, retreatants, festival-goers and others to explore visual art from faith perspectives. She is committed to encouraging and enabling people of all backgrounds to engage freely and deeply with a wide range of art.



Spoken word at CTE Forum 2025

Poetess Jess, is a multi-award-winning Christian spoken word artist who has established herself as a leading voice and pioneering force in the UK Gospel spoken word scene. Driven by a relentless desire to serve God and others with her gift, Poetess Jess uses her poetry as a vessel to inspire, uplift, and bring hope to her audience. The fusion of her faith, life experiences, and artistic flair creates a compelling and thought-provoking narrative that resonates with audiences of all backgrounds.



Venue details are on the CTE website at cte.org.uk/forum2025

MARKETPLACE

Throughout the Forum you will be able to pick up information and resources from many of CTE's Charities and Networks in Association in the Butterley Hall.

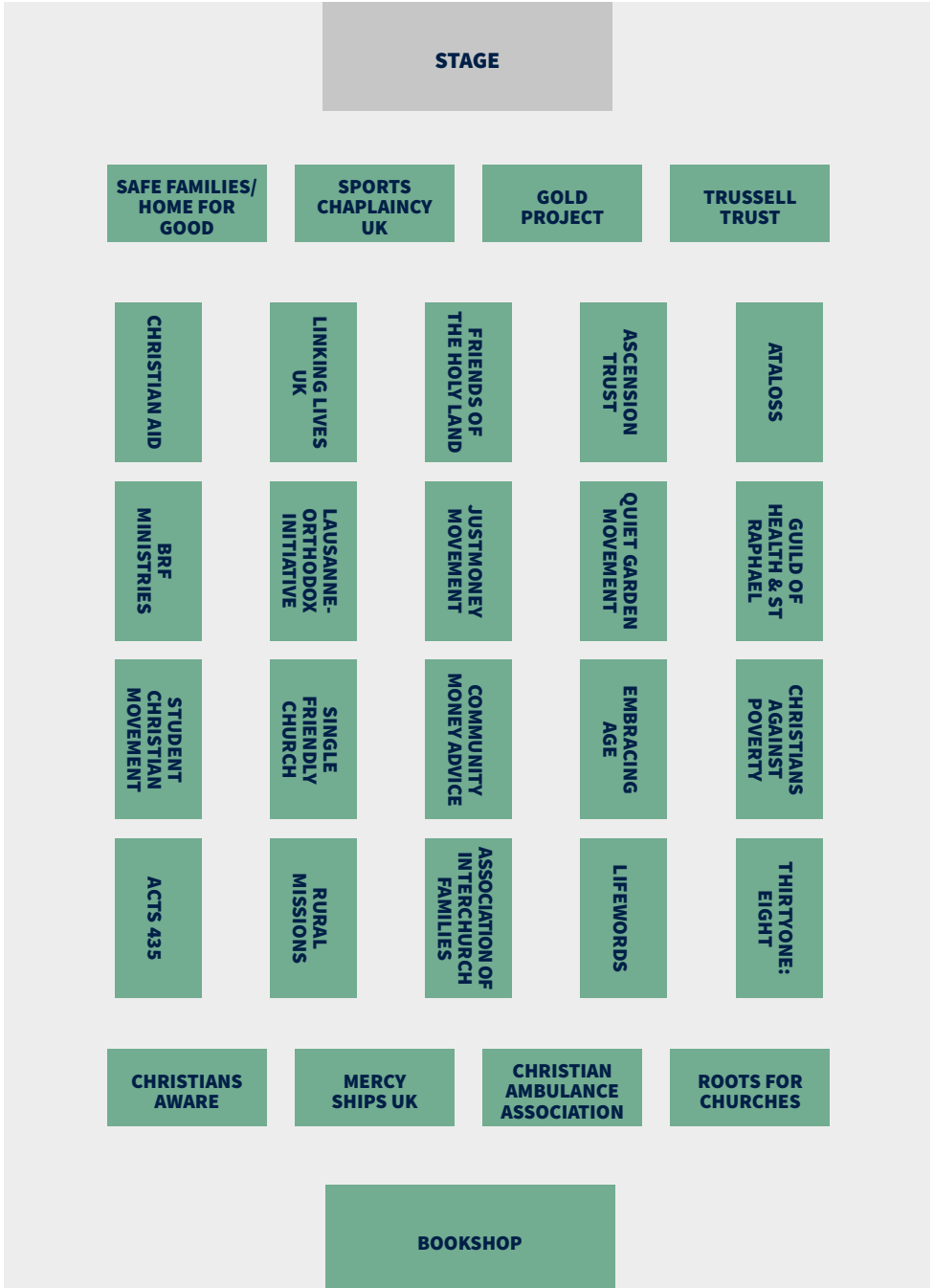
There is also a dedicated time to browse the Marketplace on **Tuesday afternoon from 2-3.45pm.**

List of Organisations:

Acts 435	Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative
Ascension Trust	Lifewords
Association of Interchurch Families	Linking Lives UK
AtaLoss	Mercy Ships UK
BRF Ministries	Quiet Garden Movement
Christian Aid	Roots for Churches
Christian Ambulance Association	Rural Missions
Christians Against Poverty	Safe Families / Home for Good
Christians Aware	Single Friendly Church
Community Money Advice	Sports Chaplaincy UK
Embracing Age	Student Christian Movement
Friends of the Holy Land	The Guild of Health & St Raphael
GOLD Project	Thirtyone:eight
JustMoney Movement	Trussell Trust

The Church House Bookshop will also have a stall in the Marketplace. You will be able to buy books by our contributors and on the topics covered at CTE Forum 2025. A selection of Easter and Lent books will also be available alongside topical titles and special offers.





CTE FORUM 2025: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Venue

Site plans

Plans of the venue, showing the locations of all rooms can be found on page 20 of this programme.

Registration

Event Registration will be held in **Lakeside Reception (Ground (lowest) Floor in Lakeside) between 2pm and 4pm**, and then in the **Main House Reception from 4.30pm** on Monday 17 March. Any delegates arriving on Tuesday or Wednesday should register in the Main House Reception.

Parking

Ample parking is available on site.

Electric Car Chargers are available on a first come, first served basis. Please book at Main Reception.

Accessible parking spaces can be found in front of Lakeside Accommodation Reception, behind Lakeside (at the far end by the back door), in front of Main Reception, and in front of The Derbyshire Suite.

Fire and emergencies

In the event of the fire alarm being activated, please leave the building by the nearest exit, and make your way to your nearest Assembly Point. Signs stating where this is in different areas of the site are available. Please acquaint yourself with where these are.

Security and personal belongings

Please ensure that you wear your conference lanyard with your name badge at all times around the venue.

The keycard for your bedroom will be in the pouch with your name badge. Keycards also activate the electricity in your bedroom. Insert it into the slot by each bedroom door. If there is an issue with your key card, please contact Main Reception.

Delegates who have booked to share a bedroom will each receive a key card.

If your key card is lost, please contact Main Reception. Delegates may be charged for any replacement key cards.

Remember to look after your personal belongings as you would in any public venue. Please do not leave bags unattended.

Lost Property

Any items of lost property should be taken to Main Reception. Please enquire there first if you have lost anything.

Environmental

CTE wishes to work with our CTE Forum 2025 delegates to encourage high environmental standards. Please:

- Be efficient in our use of water and energy - turn off taps and lights after use.
- Minimise waste and recycle wherever possible - make use of the recycling bins around the venue.

- Use sustainable transport whenever possible - consider taxi/ride sharing where possible.
- Minimise noise disturbance - be mindful of other delegates between 9pm and 8am.

Taxi/ride sharing

CTE wishes to minimise unnecessary vehicle journeys as much as possible. Please consider offering a lift to someone travelling to the same destination as you. If you're taking a taxi to the station, please consider sharing with another delegate.

Keeping Connected

Wi-Fi

Complimentary limited bandwidth Wi-Fi is available throughout the venue. Guests have to enter an email address, and agree to the terms and conditions.

Social media

Please share your thoughts and reflections about CTE Forum 2025 on your social media platforms, using the hashtag **#CTEForum2025**.

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on X (Twitter) | on Bluesky

Accessibility and Translation/Transcription

Step-free access is available to all main Conference spaces. This may be by ramp or lift. Please allow sufficient time to move between spaces in the venue, if this might be necessary.

The Hayes have a small number of mobility scooters available to hire from Main Reception.

A **hearing induction loop** is available in the Derbyshire Hall. Please set your hearing aid to the 'T' position for connection to the audio.

Those who have requested large-print copies of any resources can collect these at Registration.

Translation/Transcription will be available to all delegates through the Microsoft

Translator App. This can be downloaded for free to your smartphone or mobile device, or accessed online on a web browser via: translator.microsoft.com.

Smartphones and mobile devices will need to be connected to the internet to use this service.

Microsoft Translator provides an automated translation service which transcribes what is being said in English to over 130 world languages. Many languages are also available with a text-to-speech translation function, allowing you to listen in your own language. Please bring and use your own headphones connected to your smartphone or mobile device if you wish to use this function.

The Microsoft Translator App can also be used to provide transcription which can be viewed in a large font on a mobile tablet.

Filming and Photography

CTE will be capturing all the excitement of Forum 2025 by both video and stills photography.

The majority of the Main Sessions will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel, with recordings made available shortly afterwards.

Still photographs will be used on a variety of platforms including on our website and social media channels to promote CTE Forum 2025 and for publicising CTE.

For those who do not wish to be included in video or stills photography, we have reserved seating (appropriately marked) at the back left of the Derbyshire Hall.

Data Protection

CTE's Privacy Notice can be found on our website. www.cte.org.uk/cte-privacy-notice

Health and Welfare

Meals and Catering

Please wear your conference lanyard with your name badge at all times around the venue. Anyone not wearing their conference lanyard may not be served meals.

Meals are served at the times stated on the programme in both the Chatsworth and Haddon Dining Rooms. Delegates are welcome to eat in either.

Tea, coffee and light snacks are available during the breaks on the programme in the Foyer in the Derbyshire Suite, and the Garden Lounge.

Drinking water is available from water dispensers around the venue. You may find it helpful to bring your own refillable water bottle.

The Bar in the Garden Lounge will be open before dinner and in the evenings to purchase drinks. Please note that the bar only accepts card payments.

The Hayes do not allow external food and drink (including alcohol) on site, unless by prior agreement.

First Aid/Medical Assistance

If you are in need of First Aid or there is a medical emergency, please contact Main Reception at The Hayes (01773 526000).

Safeguarding

If you have a Safeguarding concern relating to Churches Together in England or CTE Forum 2025, details of who to speak to can be found on our website.

Please note that if your Safeguarding concern relates to a Member Church, Intermediate Body, Charity and Network in Association, or another organisation, please direct your concern to them. CTE is not able to assist in these matters.

www.cte.org.uk/cte-safeguarding-statement

Pastoral Listeners

A small team of Pastoral Listeners are available to support delegates who feel they would benefit from prayer or from speaking informally with someone while at Forum.

We are aware that conversations at Forum can sometimes be challenging for people. Any conversation you have with a Pastoral Listener will be confidential, unless you give your express permission for it to be shared, or there is a safeguarding concern. If a Pastoral Listener feels you might benefit from a further conversation than they're able to offer, they will encourage you to speak to an appropriate person when you return to your home context.

Members of the team are wearing red lanyards, and the Kinder Room is available for private conversation and prayer if needed.

The Pastoral Listeners are:

Fr Stephen Platt, Russian Orthodox Church.

Lurliene Miller, Joint Council of Churches for All Nations, CTE Trustee and Forum Safeguarding Lead.

Rebecca Daniel, Minister in Council of Lutheran Churches.

Nicky Grey, representing AtaLoss, and Church of England Chaplain.

Claude Halm, CEO for East London and Baptist Minister.

Lisa Hutt, representing The Neighbourhood Prayer Network.

Paul Robinson, NEO for The Salvation Army.

Dawn Savidge, CEO for Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire and Baptist Minister.

MAPS OF THE HAYES



- Main House**
- 1 Bar
 - 2 Games Room (over 18's)
 - 3 Butterley Hall
 - 4 Chatsworth Dining Room
 - 5 Committee Room
 - 6 Derbyshire Hall
 - 7 Derbyshire Rooms 1-6
 - 8 Derbyshire Rooms 7&8
 - 9 Haddon Dining Room
 - 10 Kinder Room
 - 11 Garden Lounge
 - 12 Reading Room
 - 13 Reception Area
 - 14 Sports Hall
 - 15 Tea & Coffee
 - 16 The Board Room
 - 17 The Lounge
 - 18 Upper Lounge
 - 19 Vinery
 - 20 Writing Room
 - 21 Cym (over 18's)

Lakeside Accommodation



- 21 Amber Lounge
- 22 Buxton Lounge
- 23 Cromford Room
- 24 Derwent Room
- 25 Dove Room
- 26 Lakeside Reception
- 27 Matlock Room
- 28 Prayer Room
- 29 Tissington Room
- 30 TV Room
- 31 Wirksworth Room

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Please use this space to list the top things you want to remember from CTE Forum 2025 and what you will share with colleagues and friends...

After CTE Forum 2025 is over, please look out for an email with a feedback form and resources for Forum follow up. You will also be able to watch many of the sessions again online.



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