

Who's coming to our Diocese?

We anticipate hosting bishops and their spouses from around the world, including our diocesan link bishops from the Dioceses of Nandyal in India and Kimberley and Kuruman in Southern Africa, our Mothers Union link bishops from Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Victoria Nyanza in Tanzania, and bishops from North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Christ the King in South Africa, Maseno South in Kenya, Temuco in Chile, Tennessee and Upper South Carolina in the USA, and Northern Territory, Willochra and North Queensland in Australia.



Bishop Achille

We'll be introducing our guests through interviews after Easter – meet them on our website: oxford.anglican.org/big-hello

The programme

Wednesday 15 July Participants to be in the country by this date

Thursday 16 July Gathering for bishops with Bishop Steven

Friday 17 July Sightseeing; themed evening events

Saturday 18 July Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral

Sunday 19 July Bishops attend the hosts' churches; afternoon/evening deanery events

Monday 20/Tuesday 21 July Sightseeing and themed events

Wednesday 22 July – Sunday 2 August The Lambeth Conference

For updates and full programme information visit oxford.anglican.org/big-hello



Welcoming those
coming to the UK for
the Lambeth Conference

15-22 July 2020

An international Christian event

The Lambeth Conference is a once-a-decade event gathering bishops and their spouses from across the Anglican Communion for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and dialogue on church and world issues. It takes place in Canterbury from 22 July – 2 August.

‘It’s my prayer that, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Lambeth Conference will reinvigorate the Communion with the vision and resources to bring the transforming love of Jesus Christ to every level of society across the world.’ Archbishop Justin

What is the Big Hello?

The Lambeth Conference isn’t just for bishops. You can play a part too. We want to give bishops and their spouses a Big Hello to welcome them ahead of the conference. We want to offer:

- Rest, relaxation and a chance to acclimatise after a long journey to the UK, as well as to get to know each other before the conference
- A chance to participate in local church services, to share in mission with local churches, and to exchange ideas on ministry and mission
- Time to share in discussion about key issues that impact the churches and communities in our and their parts of the world
- Opportunities to visit some of our local sights!



Bishops will be hosted with families around the Diocese – we hope to ensure that every episcopal area has several bishops. There will be many opportunities to meet them.

Bishop Pushpa

How can I get involved?

Help with hospitality

Volunteers can help with the programme at any time between 15–22 July. Help is particularly required for:

- driving visitors to and from meetings and/or taking them sightseeing or shopping
- preparing for and helping to run events
- reporting on events for diocesan media.

Request an application form via email:

lambethhostingvolunteers@oxford.anglican.org

Help with the programme

Our own bishops and our guests bring a wide range of interests and expertise. To help them share these more widely, we’ll be organising events that explore rural ministry, responses to poverty and conflict, climate change, and other topics. If you’d like to get involved with organising these, contact lambethhostingvolunteers@oxford.anglican.org

Pray for the conference

- Sign up for the official prayer diary or send in your prayers: lambethconference.org/resources/the-prayer-diary
- Study the commentary on 1 Peter prepared for the conference: lambethconference.org/biblical-focus
- Young people can join together across dioceses in Bible study and prayer. Contact Maranda.StJohnNicolle@oxford.anglican.org

Put the dates in your diary

This is a rare opportunity to share in prayer, study, discussion and action with church leaders from around the world. Please ensure that the dates of 17, 18 and 19 July, in particular, are in your parish and personal diary. As details of events are announced, don’t forget to put them in your parish news sheets and to share them more widely!