Being Church: following the way of Christ

A symposium to encourage Christians to reflect on what it means to "be Church" today

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

St Peter's Church
Cockett Road
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Why come?

This event is suitable for all Christians. It is about having great speakers stimulate a shared conversation. And we want you to be part of it. So who is presenting?

**REV’D DR MICHAEL LAKEY**
grew up in the North East of England, before completing undergraduate studies at Chester which was then a college of Liverpool University. He did his doctoral research at Durham on 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, with Dr Stephen Barton as his supervisor. He is author of three books, father to two girls and husband to one wife’, though he will never be an overseer (cf. 1 Tim 3:2)! He is currently researching a three-volume work on the New Testament and ethics.

**REV’D DR JAMES SIEMENS**
is a priest in the Orthodox tradition, serving the (Ukrainian Greek Catholic) Eparchy of London. In 2008, he completed his Ph.D. on Theodore of Tarsus, and has remained academically engaged in theological questions related to the Patristic period and the early Middle Ages ever since. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 2012.

**REV’D DR AINSLEY GRIFFITHS**
has been Director of Faith, Order and Unity since May 2018. This role includes broad oversight of the Church in Wales’ doctrine, its liturgy and its relationships with other provinces of the Anglican Communion, other Christian churches and other faiths. Formerly he served as a cathedral minor canon, parish priest, university chaplain and continuing ministerial development officer.

**PROF. NORMAN DOE**
is Professor of Law at Cardiff University and Director of its Centre for Law and Religion. Author of 10 books on law and religion, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor, he has served as consultant on Canon Law to the Anglican Primates Meeting, Lambeth Conference 2008, and Lambeth Commission 2003-4 and is on an ecumenical panel working on Principles of Christian Law.

**MARI MCNEILL**
became the Head of Christian Aid Wales in July 2018. Over a number of years with the charity, her work has involved building partnerships, mobilising community fundraising and campaigning, and advocacy. She has seen the impact of investment in international development and humanitarian relief work and is passionate about the role of individuals, churches and communities in Wales to contribute towards alleviating global poverty, inequality and injustice.

**REV’D CANON DR MARK CLAVIER**
is originally from America, where he served as a parish priest for 13 years, and is now Residentiary Canon at Brecon Cathedral. He was formerly Dean of Residential Training at St Michael’s College, Llandaff and Vice-Principal of St Stephen’s House, Oxford. He is the author of four books, the latest of which is On Consumer Culture, Identity, the Church and Rhetorics of Delight.
Our programme is split into three sessions, each with two papers. Each paper consists of a 30 minute presentation and 15 minutes for discussion. The day is set within a pattern of worship.

How will the day run?

0945  Registration and refreshments
1015  Welcome (Fr Jonathon Wright) and introduction (the Most Rev'd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales)

Session 1: Developing the idea of 'church'
1025  ‘Paul and the Church—some biblical and theological observations’ (Michael Lakey)
1110  The Fathers and the Church. (James Siemens)
1155  Break

1210  Holy Eucharist with address by the Most Rev'd John Davies
1300  Lunch - provided for all attendees

Session 2: Shaping our thinking
1345  The Church and Church Law (Norman Doe)
1430  The Church as Community of the Gift (Ainsley Griffiths)
1515  Break

Session 3: Moving forward - challenges for today and the future
1535  Who is my neighbour and why should I care? (Mari McNeill)
1620  A Persuasive Church: Becoming a Church that tells its story eloquently (Mark Clavier)
1705  Break

1720  Evening Prayer
1745  Finish
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1. **tell us you're coming**
   This will really help with catering and making materials.
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2. **bring £5**
   Please bring cash with you to cover the cost of lunch, refreshments and putting the symposium on.

3. **spread the word**
   This event is about building up and strengthening the Church of God - please encourage others to come!

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