

10.30 Registration & coffee (resources area available)

11.00 Introduction and welcome to the URC -
Graham Cray

11.05 Address - Rowan Williams

11.45 Discussion, question and answer

12.00 Address - Martyn Atkins

12.15 Discussion, question and answer

12.30 Lunch (resources area available)

13.30 Introducing FEASTs (Fresh
Expressions Area Strategy Teams) -
Stephen Lindridge, John Saxbee,
Pete Atkins

14.30 Sustaining fresh expressions of
church, the practitioner view -
Elaine Lindridge, Chris
Russell

15.15 Key messages & affirmation
- Rowan Williams, Martyn
Atkins, Graham Cray

15.30 Intercessory prayer -
Rowan Williams,
Roberta Rominger,
Martyn Atkins,
Adrian Chatfield

16.00 Close of
conference and
refreshments
(resources area
available)

Opening Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Litany of Good News

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Lord, we believe.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

Lord, we believe.

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For your generosity, we praise your holy name.

'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

For your generosity, we praise your holy name.

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

Send your Holy Spirit, that they may believe.

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

Send your Holy Spirit, that they may believe.

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

Send your servants, that they may believe.

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

Send your servants, that they may believe.

As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

For your church, bringer of good news, we give you thanks.

But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?'

For your church, bringer of good news, we give you thanks.

So faith comes from what is heard and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

For your church, bringer of good news, we give you thanks.

Thanksgiving

For the next five minutes, please give thanks in small groups for:

- The first six years of the Fresh Expressions initiative and the continuing support of the participating churches;
- The courage, imagination and faith evident in our churches;
- Initiatives in which you are involved or with which you are familiar.

Collect

Blessed are you, Lord of the Church;
you have renewed your life and love within us
and restored us to yourself through your Son Jesus Christ.

We praise you for the Church, which in strength and weakness has kept the faith.

We thank you for the Spirit, guiding, empowering, refreshing in every generation.

We bless you for waking us out of complacency and leading us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercession

For the next five minutes, please pray in small groups for:

- Those involved nationally and locally in Fresh Expressions;
- Creative engagement within the mixed economy;
- The continuing development of pioneer criteria, training and deployment.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer support

For the next five minutes, please pray for each other in twos, around specific needs, concerns, hopes and visions. Pray also for protection against temptation and spiritual attack.

Corporate prayer

Christ be with us, Christ before us,
Christ behind us, Christ within us,
Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ at our right, Christ at our left,
Christ in the fort,
Christ in the chariot seat,
Christ in the prow,
Christ in the heart of all who think of us,
Christ in the mouth of all who speak to us,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.

We bind to ourselves today
The strong virtue of the Trinity,
We believe the Trinity in the Unity
The Creator of the Universe.

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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