

SEMINAR PROGRAMME
TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017

ROOM 1

11am
Practical tools for evangelism

Paul Griffiths, Ugly Duckling Company: How to stimulate meaningful conversations among friends, family, neighbours and colleagues.

12 noon
Building your church through social media

Laura Treneer, CPO, and Rev Dan Beesley, St Mary's Princes Risborough: How local churches are using social media and digital tools to reach their communities.

2pm
Paul Kerensa's 12 Dates of Christmas

Paul Kerensa, author and comedian: Paul Kerensa guides us through the forgotten history of Christmas: via Scrooge, Santa, Slade... and a snoozing Saviour.

3pm
If we're all different, how do we handle disagreements?

Steve Clifford, Evangelical Alliance: We're united and pray 'our Father'. But how do we handle disagreements and divisions?

ROOM 2

11am
Gen Z: understand youth culture and grow your church

Laura Hancock and Dan Lodge, Youth for Christ: With major shifts in youth culture, how do we respond to Gen Z?

12 noon
Celtic saints: inspiring lives that increase our faith

David Cole, BRF: Following publication of his book '40 days with the Celtic Saints', David Cole looks at the Celtic saints as an inspiration for Christian living.

2pm
Retired but not redundant

Dave Carlos, CRE: How retired people can contribute effectively to church life and how the church can best use their skills.

3pm
How new technology is about to impact religious education

Mark Markiewicz, Museum of the Bible, and Julia Diamond-Conway, RE Today: The latest version of the Augmented Reality Bible Curriculum and its impact on RE in UK schools.

ROOM 3

11am
Why is it so difficult to do sound in church?

B+H sound team: Achieving good sound depends on many things: the building, PA system, mixing desk, engineering skills.

12 noon
How your church can use websites and a mobile app effectively

Kyle Cottingham, iknow church and Church Edit: How churches can harness all the technology available to reach more people effectively.

2pm
Missionaries before Paul

Michael Penny, Open Bible Trust: Who started churches in Rome, Spain, Egypt etc? A look at the unnamed missionaries in Acts from whom we can learn so much.

3pm
Church building projects: how to make them happen

Jim Hammett and Nigel Walter, Christian Consulting and Church Build: How to ensure your vision stays alive and the finished article enhances and enables your church's mission.

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WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017

ROOM 1

ROOM 2

ROOM 3

11am

Compassion: experience, act or lifestyle?

Tim Robertson, Compassion UK: Learn more about the Compassion Experience, a new innovation to the UK where you can visit another world without leaving yours.

11am

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11am

Getting the most from your volunteers

Kevin Crook, MAF: How to recruit, resource, motivate, develop and retain a volunteer network.

12 noon

Debate and decide: a major issue of the day

Chaired by Ruth Gledhill, Christian Today: Ruth Gledhill debates a major issue of the day with a panel of guests. Subject to be confirmed.

12 noon

The other side of the coin

Chris Martin, Barnabas Fund: To share in Christ's glory also involves sharing in his suffering (Rom 8:17) but how should that affect our lives today?

12 noon

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2pm

Towards a greener church

Ellen Teague, freelance writer: Many local churches want to explore creation spirituality and 'green' their practice, but how do you bring creation care into the church agenda?

2pm

Buying into the church of the 21st century

Christian Steffensen, Church Desk: How churches can engage user-friendly technology to build a closer connection with their communities.

2pm

Church: the first 300 years

Eli Ofir, HolyLand Portraits: Gain a new understanding of the deep bonds and brotherhood between early Christians and Jewish people.

3pm

What God is doing around the world and how to join in

George Verwer, founder Operation Mobilisation: Today OM works across the world through their ship Logos Hope with more than 6,100 people in over 110 nations.

3pm

Following a Way of Life: Celtic insights for contemporary discipleship

Simon Reed, BRF: Inspiring and practical insights into discipleship from the Celtic tradition.

3pm

Millennials, X-ers and Boomers: should mission and church growth be generation-based?

Rev Dr David Hilborn, St John's College, Nottingham: Mission and growth strategy draws on 'generational' distinction but is that approach biblical?

SEMINAR PROGRAMME
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2017

ROOM 1

ROOM 2

ROOM 3

11am

Youth Leaders' Day: Finding rhythms: church, family, life and mission

Jo Squires, Youth for Christ: How important is the family unit in the life and mission of the church?

11am

Reaching communities

Alastair and Debbie Welford, Nicodemus: How your church can meet the needs of broken and marginalised people within your locality, creating innovative projects that transform communities.

11am

Cyber security and digital safety

Dave Carlos, CRE: How to protect yourself, your equipment, your ministry and your money in today's digital age and cyber landscape. An introduction for non-geeks!

12 noon

Youth Leaders' Day: Gen Z: understand youth culture and grow your church

Laura Hancock and Dan Lodge, Youth for Christ: With major shifts in youth culture, how do we respond to Gen Z?

12 noon

Clergy wellbeing: are our churches doing enough?

Jeremy Moodey, Sons and Friends of the Clergy: Is the church doing enough about clergy stress, and how can other organisations help?

12 noon

The basics of Martin Luther's Reformation

Prof. Robert Rosin, Lutheran Radio UK: As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 theses, what was at the heart of the Reformation?

2pm

Youth Leaders' Day: Young people in a culture of digital sex

Rachel Gardner, Youthscape: How can parents and leaders help young people survive online porn, sexting and social media?

2pm

Rhapsody of Realities: giving your day a lift

Deaconess Olyinye Edovia, Believers' Loveworld: Introducing a life guide bringing fresh perspective from the Bible every day – for adults, teenagers and children.

2pm

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3pm

Youth Leaders' Day: Youth evangelism – does it still work? Can we reach a nation?

Tom Butler, Message Trust: How do you reach young people today? Do they even care about the gospel?

3pm

Beautiful STREAMers: making sense of God's mission in an ever-changing world

Rev Prof. John Drane, Dr Anne Richards, CTBI: Creative insights on Spirituality, Theology, Reconciliation, Evangelism and Mission.

3pm

Fundraising for capital projects for churches

David Saint, Action Planning: Where's the money coming from? A seminar for those planning a project costing thousands, even millions of pounds.