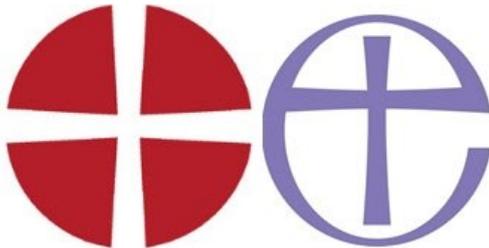




Mission and Ministry in Covenant to be debated at General Synod

The Church of England and the Methodist Church's proposals to enter a closer relationship of communion will be debated at the July Sessions of General Synod in York. This is a culmination of work between the churches which began in 2014, with the Mission and Ministry in Covenant report published in June 2017 by the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England and the Faith and Order Committee of the Methodist Church.

Further work has been done since then addressing some of the queries and concerns which were raised at General Synod and the Methodist Conference in 2018. The debate is scheduled to take place on Sunday 7 July at 2.30pm. You will be able to live-stream the debate via the Church of England's website. Mission and Ministry in Covenant is expected to return to the Methodist Conference in July 2020.



Find out more about the Mission and Ministry in Covenant report and the Anglican-Methodist Covenant Relationship:

<https://tinyurl.com/y43q4y8r>

Ecumenical resources available on the CofE website

This month a 'resources page' on the Council for Christian Unity's pages on the CofE website has been launched. Here you will find various documents, such as the new Code of Practice, which it is hoped will be helpful for those working in ecumenism. This page is a work in progress and more resources will be uploaded periodically and can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ycwjhk>

"For we are all one in Christ Jesus" Galatians 3.28

Greater Manchester Prayer Gathering



Many were encouraged by joining together in prayer for Greater Manchester on 4 April. Churches from across Greater Manchester were joined by Mayor Andy Burnham, and Jon Rouse from Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership. The next is on 27 June, 7.30pm at Audacious Church, Trinity Way, M3 7BB.

Affiliation to Greater Manchester Churches Together

If you are part of any ecumenical group—whether that's an informal grouping of local churches or a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership—please do consider becoming affiliated to Greater Manchester Churches Together.

There is no fee and no need to have formal agreements in place! It's simply a way of helping GMCT build up a picture of what is happening ecumenically in the region as well as providing you with regular news and resources to inspire and inform you about what other churches are doing. If you would like to be affiliated, please contact the GMCT Facilitator, Graham Baker at: gmct.facilitator@gmail.com

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly

Monday 30 September 5.00—9.00pm, Salford Cathedral Centre.

This event is in the early planning stages but do put the date in your diary now! It's an opportunity to engage with Churches from across the region, looking together at our response to contemporary issues which challenge our communities and which this year will focus on themes around the environment. A meal is provided!