

The Link Summit is here!

From 11 to 14 October, link parishes, the link committees, members of diocesan staff, and young people from our dioceses will be coming together to share in prayer, study, discussion, and planning for action.

We've got brilliant speakers, Bible studies prepared by Bishop Steven just for this summit, and much more. And thanks to technology, we're able to hold this summit both in-person and online.

- Worship, Bible reflections, and keynote addresses will be streamed on Facebook for anyone to watch.
- Around fifty people from the two dioceses will meet in Kimberley.
- There will be in-person gatherings linked together by Zoom for part (UK) or all (SA) of the summit in Thame and Kuruman.
- Young adults from 18 to 25 will have their own groups.
- And link parishes will have their own private Facebook group and options for online meetings.

This leaflet gives you a schedule of events. To register for part or all of the summit, please go to [Eventbrite](#) and register for a 'Parish Links' ticket - you will then be sent links and full joining instructions.

14 Oct: Environment

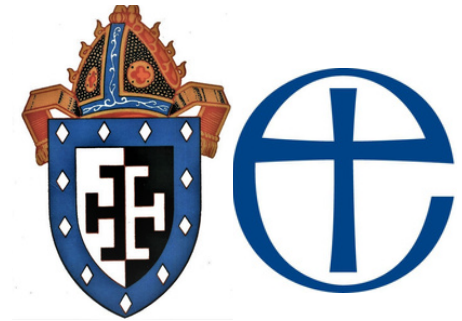
Once again, we'll start the morning morning with a **Bible study** at **8:10 am**

Then at **9:30**, we'll hear from **Canon Rachel Mash**, Environmental Coordinator for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and one of the coordinators of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. The talk will be streamed on the Kimberley and Kuruman Facebook page - you can feed back via Facebook or WhatsApp. .

From **10:55 to 12:00 noon**, you can **discuss the points Rachel has raised** with your link, or take part in a wider WhatsApp discussion with other environmentally concerned people.

At **12:30**, the **bishops' reflections** on the summit will be streamed on the private Facebook group. From **1:00 to 1:45**, **small groups** in Kimberley and Kuruman will consider next steps for the links - you might want to do the same with your link parish and feed in to the **plenary session** at **1:45**, which will be streamed on the private Facebook group.

And then, at **3:00**, it's time for the **closing worship**, which will be streamed onto the Kimberley and Kuruman diocesan Facebook page... and time to say our farewells and commit our link to God.



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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up"

1 Thess. 5:11



11 Oct: Join the Thame Hub

On the 11th of October, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm, there will be an in-person gathering at Thame, linked with Kimberley and other hubs by Zoom.

The programme will start with **lunch at 12:30**, an informal sandwich buffet giving you time to meet up with old friends and get to know new people.

At **1:30**, the summit will open and quickly move into a **Eucharist**. Bishop Steven will celebrate in Thame and Bishop Brian and Bishop Olivia in Kimberley.

After a break, at 3:30, there will be a time for **introductions**, and then, live from Kimberley, **reflections on the link** from Bishop Brian, Bishop Olivia, and the link chairs.

This will be followed by **presentations from link parishes**, with people speaking in Kimberley, Kuruman, and Thame.

Evening prayer, led from Thame, will take place at **5:40**, and we'll end with an informal celebration **dinner** at The Barns. People will leave at 7:00 - and then at **8:00 pm**, there will be a **Zoom compline** for any link member who wants to take part.

Registration is essential: there is a limit of 50 people for dinner, so please register early!

12 Oct: Link Conversations

On the 12th, we're going to be looking at the 'dry' places in our lives ... the places where there's space for God to breathe new life ... and how we can encourage each other along the way.

You and your link parish might want to set up a WhatsApp or Zoom group so that you can share thoughts during the day on these topics.

At **8:10 am** (UK time), a **Bible reflection** by Bishop Steven will be streamed on Facebook. You can watch it at home, discuss it with others in your link by WhatsApp, and feed your comments in on Facebook or via a dedicated conference WhatsApp number.

From **9:00 to 10:00** we'll be asking **what our dry bones are - and where we see the potential for new life**. You might want to share these questions with your WhatsApp group and feed back to the conference.

From **10:30 to 11:50**, we'll be sharing **stories of hope and encouragement**. This will be streamed to a private Facebook group, open to link members only.

In the afternoon, groups at the Kimberley and Kuruman hubs will look at different ways we can encourage each other as we seek to serve Christ. You may wish to have

conversations with your link parish by WhatsApp - and feed those in. The feedback will be streamed on the private Facebook group at **3:30**, and **evening prayer** will be streamed on the Kimberley and Kuruman diocesan Facebook page, at **4:30**. Once again, the evening will close with a **Zoom compline** at **8:00 pm**.

13 Oct - Gender Justice

We'll start Friday morning with a **Bible study at 8:10 am** again. After that at **9:00 am**, there will be a livestream of a **practical workshop on gardening for the community**.

At 2:15, there will be a **session on gender justice and ending gender-based violence**. We'll hear a talk from Bishop Margaret Vertue, retired Bishop of False Bay, followed by a conversation between Bishop Vicentia Kgabe, Bishop of Lesotho, and Mandy Marshall, the Anglican Communion's Director for Gender Justice,, and a Q and A with Bp Margaret. This session will be streamed on the Kimberley and Kuruman Facebook page - and you can ask questions or offer feedback via Facebook or WhatsApp.

Afterwards, you and your link may wish to have a Zoom or WhatsApp exchange around the issues, and to feed that in.

There will then be streamed **evening prayer** at **5:00 pm** and a **Zoom compline** at **8:00 pm**.