



20th – 22nd June 2025

Chichester Cathedral and the Bishop's  
Palace

**Nicaea Received:  
1700 years of Canons,  
Councils and Ecumenism**

# Programme

## Friday 20 June 2025

- 1100 Registration *Eastern Arm of the Cloister*  
Open between 11am and 12.30pm.
- 1230 Lunch *Marquee*  
The bar (card payments) in the marquee will open from 12 noon.  
Welcome: Lee Coley, Chair of the Ecclesiastical Law Society
- 1400 Seminars
- 1. What changed after Nicaea?** *Vicars' Hall*  
Professor Mark Edwards
- 2. 'The summits of venerable law... the reins through which the clergy are guided in a just manner' – A Discussion of the Relevance of the Nicæan Canons for Clergy Discipline, Past, Present and Future.** *Old Kitchen*  
The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC
- 3. Conciliarity and Dispersed Authority from Nicaea to the Archbishops' Council.** *Bonhoeffer Rm, George Bell House*  
The Revd Professor Alison Milbank
- 1530 Keynote Address *Cathedral*  
**Nicaea's Gift of Synodality to the Church: Reflections on Being a Synodal Church in the 21st century**  
Professor Myriam Wijlens
- Tea *Marquee*
- 1730 Choral Evensong *Cathedral*  
Homily: The Most Revd Bernard Longley,  
Archbishop of Birmingham
- 1930 Dinner *Marquee*  
After dinner there will be a quiz in the Marquee for those who wish to participate.

# Saturday 21 June 2025

0745	Morning Prayer	<i>Cathedral</i>
0800	Holy Eucharist	<i>Cathedral</i>
1000	Seminars	
	<b>1. Juridical Ecumenism and the Canons of Nicaea</b>	<i>Vicars' Hall</i>
	Professor Norman Doe KC	
	<b>2. The Twenty Canons of Nicaea</b>	<i>Old Kitchen</i>
	The Rt Revd Christopher Hill	
	<b>3. Conciliarity and Dispersed Authority from Nicaea to the Archbishops' Council.</b>	<i>Bonhoeffer Rm, George Bell House</i>
	The Revd Professor Alison Milbank	
1100	Coffee	<i>Marquee</i>
1130	Seminars	
	<b>1. PANEL: Nicene Christianity and Ecumenism Today</b>	<i>Vicars' Hall</i>
	Chaired by the Rt Revd Jonathan Baker	
	The Ven Moira Astin	
	<i>Archdeacon of Reigate and Bishop-Designate of Crediton</i>	
	The Revd Matthew Laferty	
	<i>Director of the Methodist Ecumenical Office, Rome</i>	
	The Most Revd Bernard Longley	
	<i>Archbishop of Birmingham</i>	
	His Eminence Nikitas Lulias	
	<i>Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain</i>	
	Anna Tronêt	
	<i>Church lawyer and canonist in the Church of Sweden</i>	
	<b>2. Discovering Anglicanism — Ecclesiology at Lambeth Conferences 1867-1998</b>	<i>Old Kitchen</i>
	The Revd Gerry Lynch	
	<b>3. Members' papers</b>	<i>Bonhoeffer Rm, George Bell House</i>
	i) 'The Inevitability of a Parliamentary Model?'	
	The Revd Canon Neil Patterson	
	ii) 'The limited relevance of canons in England'	
	Dr Augur Pearce	

1300	Lunch Please be seated by 1pm for grace	<i>Marquee</i>
1415	Keynote Address <b>The Monarch, the common witness of the Church and the godly constitution of the State</b> The Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth  Break	<i>Cathedral</i>
1545	Keynote Address <b>The Canons of Nicaea as Part of the Living Canonical Tradition of the Orthodox Church</b> His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch	<i>Cathedral</i>
1730	Choral Evensong Homily: His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch	<i>Cathedral</i>
1930	Drinks Reception	<i>Marquee</i>
2000	Conference Dinner After dinner speech: The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, Patron of the Ecclesiastical Law Society	<i>Marquee</i>

# Sunday 22 June 2025

## 0930 Seminars

### **1. Nicaea and the Coptic Tradition**

*Old Kitchen*

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos

*in conversation with*

The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester

### **2. Discovering Anglicanism —**

*Vicars' Hall*

### **Ecclesiology at Lambeth Conferences 1867-1998**

The Revd Gerry Lynch

## 1115 Sung Eucharist

*Cathedral*

Homily: The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell,  
Archbishop of York, Patron of the Ecclesiastical Law Society

## 1300 Closing Reflections

*Marquee*

The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner

Bishop of Chichester, Vice-chair of the Ecclesiastical Law Society

The Rt Revd Christopher Hill

President of the Ecclesiastical Law Society

## 1330 Lunch

*Marquee*

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