



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 cash bar in the marquee will be open from 12 noon.
Welcome: Lee Coley, Chair of the Ecclesiastical Law Society
- 1400 Seminars
1. What changed after Nicaea? *Bonhoeffer Rm, George Bell House*
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. *Vicar's Hall*
The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC
3. Conciliarity and Dispersed Authority from Nicaea to the Archbishops' Council. *Old Kitchen*
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	
	1. Juridical Ecumenism and the Canons of Nicaea	<i>Vicar's Hall</i>
	Professor Norman Doe KC	
	2. The Twenty Canons of Nicaea	<i>Old Kitchen</i>
	The Rt Revd Christopher Hill	
	3. Conciliarity and Dispersed Authority from Nicaea to the Archbishops' Council.	<i>Bonhoeffer Rm, George Bell House</i>
	The Revd Professor Alison Milbank	
1100	Coffee	<i>Marquee</i>
1130	Seminars	
	1. PANEL: Nicene Christianity and Ecumenism Today	<i>Vicar's 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>	
	2. Discovering Anglicanism — Ecclesiology at Lambeth Conferences 1867-1998	<i>Old Kitchen</i>
	The Revd Gerry Lynch	
	3. Members' papers	<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	

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

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 —

Vicar's 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 and Primate of England,

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

Map

