

Dear all,

This week sees the beginning of the Lambeth Conference. This is a gathering to which all bishops in the Anglican Communion are invited to gather for prayer, discussion and teaching.

The Anglican Communion (for which the Church of England is the 'mother church') is a community of individual provinces. There is, in theory, no overall head or authority – each province is autonomous. Any decisions made (which this year are named 'calls') are to be interpreted by each province as best suits them.

At least, that is the theory.

The practice is that many see it as an authoritative body that makes decisions binding on each member. There are many areas of contention, but the real 'elephant in the room', which has been present since at least 1998, is the issue of sexuality. Lambeth 1998 passed Resolution 1:10, which said *It is the mind of the Anglican Communion as a whole that same gender marriage is not permissible*. Since then, some bishops have declined to attend, due to their claim that other bishops attending 'do not hold to the biblical truths'. This will happen again this year.

It could be argued that anyone wishing to hold on to Resolution 1:10 has missed the boat. In 1998 it was true that no province accepted same gender marriage, so you could possibly say *It is the mind of the Anglican Communion as a whole*: in 2022, 8 provinces, or part of, have legislated to allow it. The situation has moved on, as has the law in this country.

Lambeth should be a chance to discuss differences in a spirit of love and acceptance. It should not be a place to say "if they are there, I am not coming!". And yet, I suspect that we all have our areas which we find very difficult to accept others holding a different view. I know I have one area in particular. We must all seek the humility to realise that perhaps we haven't got all the answers... that, heaven forefend, we might actually be wrong.

But this begs the question, are there some areas where it is right to go to the wall for, and some that are not? How do we decide them? And what happens when we say "this is not acceptable"?

The lectionary readings for Sunday morning are: Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2; 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; and Matthew 20: 20-28. The Psalm is Psalm 126.

The hymns for the service are [Rejoice in God's Saints, UMH 708, for All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2020 - YouTube](#), [For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love - YouTube](#) and [By All Your Saints Still Striving - YouTube](#) (different tune and different verses, but the same hymn – sort of!).

Anglican Chant [Psalm 126 - YouTube](#)

A reflective modern version ["Psalm 126" - YouTube](#)

And contemporary Hebrew language version [Shir Ha Ma'alot - 上行之诗 Song of Ascents \(Psalm 126 中英文歌词\) - YouTube](#)

And an instrumental for viola & piano [\[Psalms 126\] \[Viola\] | Shir Hamaalot | A Song of Ascents | SJ ep.04-1 - YouTube](#)

*Anthems suggested include:*

[National Youth Choir of Scotland - Fight the Good Fight, John Gardner - YouTube](#)

[Tomás Luis de Victoria | O quam gloriosum \[á 4; The Monteverdi Choir\] - YouTube](#)

[Byrd: O quam gloriosum - Cardinal's Musick - YouTube](#)

[Justorum Animae - Stanford - YouTube](#)

[The Twelve \(Walton\) — Choir of Wells Cathedral - YouTube](#)

Also [Hymn of St. James \(after Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence\) - YouTube](#)

Don't forget...



*You are invited to*

# Coffee and Cake



**Priory Church Hall**  
**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**  
from 10am till 12.  
*See you there!*

 Priory Church, Deeping St James

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# DEEPING ST NICHOLAS CHURCH FUN DOG SHOW SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

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Bring the family, various stalls, charities, WI serving  
delicious cakes and drinks, burger van and ice cream van,  
games for the children. See you there.....



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Blessings and love

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