The Council of Nicaea 1700th Anniversary

Honest Disagreement in Love
Nicaea Then and Now

12 - 14th September 2025

blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

About the
Conference

Blackburn Cathedral, in partnership with Churches Together, is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

The event brings together theologians, ecumenical leaders and local participants to engage in meaningful conversations about unity, respectful disagreement and how faith communities can respond to conflict in the world today.

The conference will explore how the principles of honest disagreement and loving engagement can help address the challenges we face - with both passion and compassion - and reflect on the enduring legacy of Nicaea.

Conference
Schedule

Friday 12th September

6.30pm	Doors Open
7pm	Welcome Drinks & Canapés
7.30pm	Keynote Address: **Professor Rachel Muers** *'Nicaea Then and Now'*
8pm	Interval & Refreshments
8.20pm	Address Responses and Q&A
9pm	Finish

Saturday 13th September

9am	Doors Open
9.20am	Welcome & Morning Prayer
9.45am	Seminars: Session One
10.30am	Interval & Refreshments
11.15am	Seminars: Session Two
12pm	Lunch
1pm	Eccumenical Service (1hr)
4pm	Evening Prayer (optional)

blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

Speakers
& Seminars

Professor
Rachel Muers
University of Edinburgh

Rt Revd
Paul Hendrix
Auxillary Bishop of the
Kent Area of Southwark

Dr
Victoria Turner
Scottish Episcopal Institute

Rt Revd
Philip North
Bishop of Blackburn

Revd Dr
Peter Colwell
Deputy General Secretary
of Churches Together

Revd Dr
Jeremy Morris
National Adviser for
Ecumenical Relations,
Church of England

Plus

- Revd Tim Norwood
- Revd Dr Christopher Landau
- Fr Andrew Louth
- Revd Steven Cooper
- Major Ian Mountford

- Sr Margaret Atkins
- Revd Anton Müller
- Revd Canon James Lawrence
- Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden
- Revd Canon Dr Philip Hobday

Seminar topics

Philip North & Victoria Turner	Spirituality, Doctrine and Gen Z
Anton Muller, Tim Norwood & Stephen Cooper	Nuts and Bolts of Churches Together
Christopher Landau & James Lawrence	Honest Disagreement and LLF
Philip Hobday & Michael Leyden	The Anglican Settlement - What Holds Us Together?
Rachel Muers & Jeremy Morris	History and Impact of Nicaea
Andrew Louth & Margaret Atkins	The Filioque Clause "The 'F' Word"

Conference Packages

Attendee options

Full Conference Package £30

BEST VALUE

This discounted, all-inclusive full package ticket covers entry to every session, all refreshments and a pre-paid lunch on Saturday.

Friday Evening Only	£22
Saturday Only: Pre-Paid Lunch	£12
Saturday Only: Without Lunch	£0

Please note that booking fees may apply.

Booking Information

How to book

Irrespective of which day(s) you attend and which package you select, all attendees must register in advance - including for free Saturday tickets.

To secure your place, please visit:
blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

or simply scan the code and select your chosen package.

Venue Details

Blackburn Cathedral is two minutes from the bus interchange and railway station. Please note that there is no onsite parking however there are a number of public car parks close by.

Although there are some old, uneven surfaces and care should be taken, the Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. There is level access into and around the building.

Call: **01254 277430**
Email: **info@blackburncathedral.com**
Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA

blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL