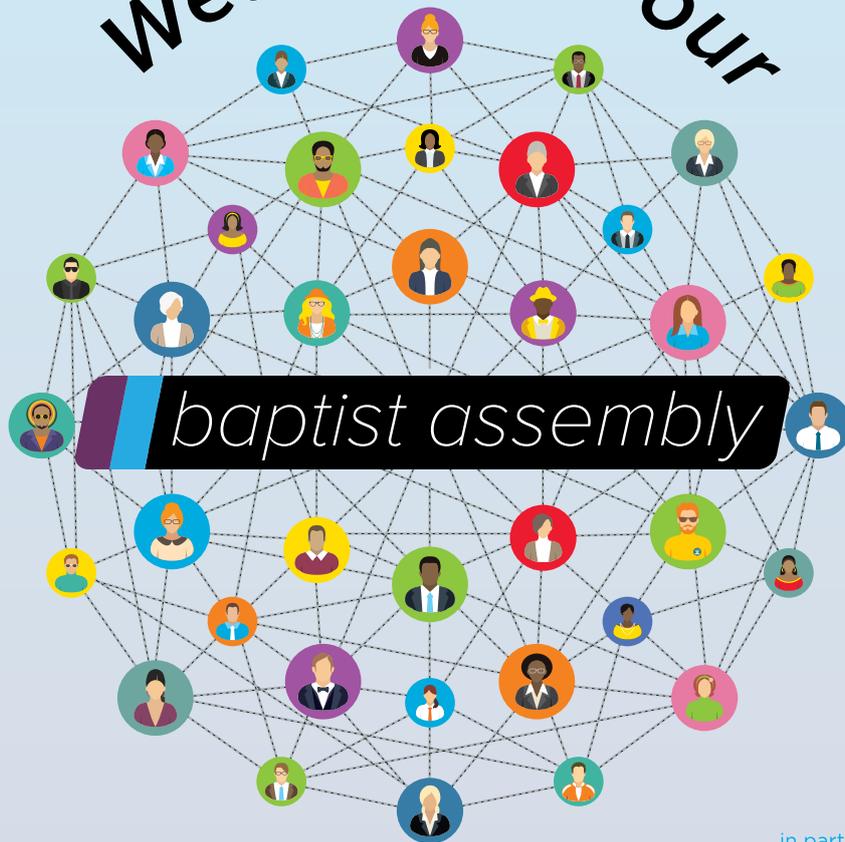


Welcome to our



LANYARDS

Please make sure that you have placed your badge inside your lanyard, which must be worn and be visible at all times during the event. Anyone not wearing an Assembly lanyard will not be allowed into the event. So that we can reuse the lanyards, please deposit them in the buckets at the door when you leave at the end of the day.

REFRESHMENTS AND CATERING

Refreshment breaks

Upon arrival and during the breaks, refreshments will be available to purchase from the catering points in Hall D. You are also welcome to bring your own. Water stations are situated around the building for your use. Please note that no food is allowed in the Main Auditorium.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Please note, all children and young people are the responsibility of their parents at all times other than when they are in their relevant programmes. All of our Children and Young People's teams work under our Safeguarding policy.

TREASURE SEEKERS: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME Reception – Year 6 King's Suite

The children's programme will run from 10:30-12:00 and then again from 13:30-17:15. Children need to have been pre-registered to attend this programme. Children will need to be signed in and out outside the King's Suite Room at the beginning and end of each session. Please collect your children promptly after both sessions.



IGNITE: YOUTH PROGRAMME Year 7 – Year 13 King's Suite

The Youth programme will run from 10:30-12:00 and then again from 13:30-17:15. Young people need to be pre-registered to attend this programme.



Welcome to Harrogate and to Baptist Assembly

Below is a programme for the day. If you have any questions at all, please do pop along to the **Information Desk in the foyer** where our staff will be happy to help.

PROGRAMME

09:30	Refreshments & Gathering	Hall D
09:45-10:15	BUGB & BMS Informal Q&A sessions on Incorporation	Queen's Suite
10:30 Doors open 10:10	Opening Celebration This session will include: Welcome to Harrogate, President Welcome	Auditorium
10:30-12:00 Doors open 10:15	Children and Youth programmes Led by team from Skipton Baptist Church <i>Treasure Seekers Children's Programme</i> will explore Bible stories to discover that being with God is like finding treasure, and also that we are God's treasure. <i>Ignite Youth Programme</i> will explore the role of young people living out God's plan in their lives, by looking at three different themes: Ignite our passion, Ignite our potential, Ignite our plan. <i>Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session</i>	King's Suite
11:30	BMS AGM This session will include: BMS strategy 2016 -2020, finance report and vote on proposed new Constitution	Auditorium
12:00	Lunch	Hall D
13:30	Baptists Together – Beacons of Hope This session will include: Key priorities for 2017 and updates on Baptists Together initiatives. It will also include our AGM where we will hear an update on finance and pensions, appoint our Treasurer and vote on proposals for changing the legal status of BUGB.	Auditorium
13:30-17:15 Doors open 13:15	Children and Youth programmes <i>Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session</i>	King's Suite
14:15-15:15	Seminars Session 1	Queen's Suite, Level 5 and Auditorium
15:30-16:30	Seminars Session 2	Queen's Suite, Level 5 and Auditorium
16:45	Prayer and In Memoriam Led by Geoff Colmer	Auditorium
17:15	Break for Dinner	
19:00 (Doors open 18:30)	Evening Celebration This session will include: Commissioning for those recently transferred as Fully Accredited Ministers, Pastors, Preachers and Mission Personnel. Speaker: Ben Francis, Associate Team Leader with oversight of BMS work in Kolkata. Retiring Offering	Auditorium
20:30	Close	

General Information

FIRST AID

First aid for the event is provided by Platinum Medical. If you require assistance, please make yourself known to a Steward or one of the team on the Information Desk.

BUGB and BMS AGMs

Voting Delegates have not been issued with voting cards this year but will be asked to vote with a show of hands. Those eligible to vote include Ministers and appointed church delegates.

PEOPLE with DISABILITIES

People with limited mobility

The Harrogate Convention Centre is fully accessible on the ground floor. If you are a wheelchair user, please ask the Stewards for directions to designated seating locations.

Deaf and the hard of hearing

Guide dogs and hearing dogs are welcome. If you wish to take your dog with you, please ask the Stewards for directions to suitable seats on the aisle. British Sign Language interpreters from Signs of God will be present at all plenary sessions. A TA loop system is in operation within the Auditorium.

People who are visually impaired

There is a limited number of extra-large print versions of the worship material, which, if required, can be obtained from the Stewards or the Information Desk.

WORSHIP MATERIAL

Worship material will be projected onto large screens. A small number of large print words will be available from Stewards or the Information Desk for those with limited vision. If you have difficulty in seeing the screen we would also suggest that you sit towards the centre and front of the Auditorium.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

In line with our safeguarding policy for the event, we ask you to adhere to the No Photography policy at Baptist Assembly. There are official Assembly photographers who will take photos to be used in internal or promotional material for future Baptists Together/BMS events. If you do not wish your photo to be taken, please do make the photographers aware.

BAPTISTS TOGETHER and BMS STANDS

Please do come and visit the BMS and Baptists Together stands in Hall D where you will be able to sign up for the latest resources from BMS and meet members of the Baptists Together specialist teams who will be happy to talk to you about issues such as Safeguarding, Finance, HR and communication.

We hope that the above information will help to make your time at the Baptist Assembly more enjoyable. If you have any questions during the day, please do ask a Steward or one of the team on the Information Desk who will be happy to help.

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in Peterborough
on Saturday
12 May

Sunday Morning

If you are staying in Harrogate overnight, do stay and join us at **10:00** for a **Communion service at Harrogate Convention Centre** led by Lynn Green. David Kerrigan will be speaking on the theme *No longer the stranger*

You are also welcome to join **Harrogate Baptist Church at 10:30**. Hosted by Roy Searle and Ann Chesworth, this service will be an opportunity to worship, share and listen to Roy in conversation with Ann.



BAPTIST INSURANCE

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If you have time during lunch or during the seminar sessions, why not meet with some other of our friends and partners who will be gathering around tables in **Hall D**.

BAPTIST COLLEGES

Come and meet some of the tutors from the different Baptist colleges and find out more about the variety of opportunities to learn and the courses available. Whether you sense a call to ordained ministry, are looking for something that will help your on-going development in ministry, or would like to develop your learning and skills to help with the way you already serve God, the Baptist colleges have something for you.

OPERATION AGRI

Operation Agri supports rural and urban development projects in three continents, attacking the basic causes of poverty amongst some of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

PARISH NURSING MINISTRIES UK

Parish Nursing Ministries UK is a Christian charity which helps churches appoint nurses, who in turn support individuals and communities towards whole person health care - complementing the services provided by the NHS. Parish Nurses work with people of all faiths and none promoting the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and backgrounds.

INTER FAITH NETWORK

How can you love your neighbour, uphold religious liberty and witness to the way of Jesus Christ? The Inter Faith Network has a number of resources to help you do this and would love to share these with you. Come over for a chat, to share stories and to collect your free set of the *12 Myths of Inter Faith Engagement* resource.

ASSEMBLY OFFERING

A retiring offering will be taken at the end of the evening celebration. This will be split equally between Baptists Together and BMS and used to support church planting and pioneering projects. You can give by **cash or cheque into the buckets** at the end of the session. Special Offering envelopes allowing you to **gift aid your donation** are available throughout the day from the Information Desk and Stewards. You can also **give online with a debit or credit card** by scanning the QR code or going direct to www.baptist.org.uk/baoffering and clicking on the Donate Now button. To scan the QR code you will need to download a QR reader to your phone or tablet. This can be done through the Apple App store or through the Android Play Store.



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Seminar programme

SESSION 1: 14:15 - 15:15

Mission in a secular world Mark Ord	Secularism pervades western society and has shaped our assumptions and imaginations - including those of Christians. What are the implications for mission in Europe?	Main Auditorium
Evangelism and discipleship Lynn Green	How can we anticipate God's Kingdom in our local communities? Come to this seminar prepared to interact creatively with stories and ideas about what is working in localities in the UK.	Queen's Suite 1
Lessons from the East Benjamin Francis & friends	Reflections on a church planting model from Asia and its relevance to the UK.	Queen's Suite 2
Engaging with millennials Mike Lowe	A conversation discussing the challenges and opportunities we face reaching the millennial generation with the gospel of Christ. It will reflect on our hopes and vision for how we might together equip, inspire and resource this to happen in the future.	Queen's Suite 3
Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) This is the time Phil Jump	The recent announcement of a General Election surprised just about everyone, not least the Assembly team! The JPIT Brexit Conversations resource is on hold until after June. So, 'This is the time...' How can we keep the things we believe to be important on the political agenda? How can we speak well on issues which are important to us? Who should we be listening to and whose voices are being drowned out? This is a time for God's people to make our voices heard.	Level 5

SESSION 2: 15:30 - 16:30

A Baptist people David Kerrigan	Baptists around the world have been, and remain, overwhelmingly evangelical. But is there a way of being a Baptist Evangelical that is consistent with our history and principles, that can enrich the wider church, and make us better able to face today's complex challenges.	Main Auditorium
Fruitfulness in mission BMS Team	How do we evaluate fruitfulness in our mission engagement? Reflections on the BMS approach to measuring fruitfulness in mission engagement.	Queen's Suite 1
As in heaven Dianne Tidball	We often pray: 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heaven'. In this session we will explore together: What it means for God's Kingdom to come as in heaven. What it means for God's will to be done amongst Baptists as in heaven, and how we can be communities which offer a taste of heaven wherever God has placed us. Come to this session prepared to listen, discuss, be creative and leave ready to respond to God's call to be heaven on earth.	Queen's Suite 2
Whom shall I send? Simon Goddard and Roy Searle	Come and hear a vision to reach the 94% of people in the UK who aren't currently connecting with church, and explore what your response to this might be.	Queen's Suite 3
Pentecost people Wale Hudson-Roberts and Richard Kidd	As people the world over become more and more obsessed with their own national identity, and less and less open to deep and creative relationships with people from other parts of the world, 'Pentecost People' has a prophetic word for our times. This seminar provides a taster for a new resource designed to help local Baptist churches foster a world-aware spirit, modelling ways to welcome and affirm people of every tongue and culture and enabling us to become more fully global in our local worshipping communities.	Level 5

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