



Southern Synod
Autumn Synod Together Meeting, Saturday 19th October 2024

To: All Ministers in a pastorate, Church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, Synod Staff, Co-opted members, Retired Ministers, Students and Observers.

Dear Friend,

2024 Autumn Synod Together Meeting

Saturday 19th October 2024. 10.30 am to 3.00 pm

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Watling Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2UA

Grace, mercy and peace to you.

It gives me great joy to invite you to attend, in person, the meeting of Synod Together on Saturday 19th October 2024 at St Andrew's, Canterbury.

We are extremely grateful to the team at St Andrew's for making this meeting possible.

When you arrive at the venue, you will be directed to the registration points which will be done alphabetically by surname.

Voting cards will be given to eligible voters at the registration desk. All Ministers in active service, church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators and Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, and co-opted members are voting members. Others, including Retired Ministers, Students and Observers, are welcome and will be able to address the meeting but are not allowed to participate in decision-making.

Please let us know if you will not be able to attend by sending your apologies as soon as possible, indicating clearly whether you are a minister, church representative etc. and your church to Lauren King modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk or 0208 668 3730. If you are a Synod Representative and will be sending an alternate in your place please let Lauren know their name and email address.

Limited parking will be reserved at the church for those who have mobility issues. If you require one of these parking spaces please email your name and car registration number to Lauren King (modpa@urcsouthern.org.uk) by Wednesday 16th October. Further information on parking and getting to Canterbury is enclosed.

Please remember to bring your own lunch. Soup, tea, and coffee will be provided.

A bookstall selling selection of books and merchandise from the URC bookshop will be running on the day.

As you will see from the agenda, the theme for our meeting is 'Renew, Reimagine, Reorder'. Please read all the reports and papers before attending the meeting as well as taking note of information to report back on to your various areas, committees and local congregations. If you have any detailed questions about any of the reports or paperwork, please can I urge you to address specific questions to those responsible for producing the reports prior to the meeting.



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Above all please pray and encourage your church to pray, especially on Sunday 13th for all that the LORD has done and will do through all the churches, ministries, committees and Councils in Southern Synod.

I look forward to being with you all.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hayward', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Revd. Martin Hayward

Synod Clerk

7th October 2024

Getting to St Andrew's, Canterbury by train

St Andrew's United Reformed Church is a 6-minute (0.2 miles) walk from Canterbury East train station or a 16-minute walk (0.7 miles) from Canterbury West train station

Getting to St Andrew's, Canterbury by car

Parking at the Church

There is limited car parking spaces available at the church which can only be used by essential personal and people with mobility issues. Please contact Lauren King to reserve a space if you require one of these spaces.

Parking near the church

The closest parking is a large public car park at [Watling Street](#) (next to St Andrew's) or the [Whitefriars multi-story](#) car park (across from St Andrew's), both are £3.70 per hour. The pedestrian exit to the Whitefriars multistory car park is on Gravel Walk in the shopping centre. The cheapest public parking within the City Walls is at the [Castle Street multi-story car park](#), which charges £1.90 per hour. [Holman's meadow](#) is also near to St Andrew's and the charges are the same.

Park and Ride – This is the recommended parking option

There are three Park and Rides in Canterbury, which cost £4 per day, per vehicle, for up to six passengers. Dedicated Park and Ride buses are included in the price and run every ten minutes during the day. These take around 10-15 minutes to get into Canterbury. If you are coming from the direction of London, Dover or Folkestone choose the [New Dover Road Park and Ride](#), from the direction of Ashford choose the [Wincheap Park and Ride](#) and from the direction of Thanet choose [Sturry Road Park and Ride](#).

The bus station where the Park and Ride buses terminate is very near (3-5 min walk) to St Andrews, see this map for walking directions from the [bus station](#).