

POWER AND CHURCH PLANTING

Church Planting Theology Conference 2026
St John's College 6-8th July 2026



THE BEDE CENTRE
for church planting theology

MONDAY 6TH JULY

11.30am	Arrivals, Tea and Coffee	Reception/ Haughton Dining Room	
12.00pm	Lunch	Haughton Dining Room	
1.00pm	<i>Welcome</i>	LRC Lecture Room	Nick Moore , Warden of Cranmer Hall Josh Cockayne , Director, Bede Centre
2.00pm	Mini Break		
2.15pm	Practitioner Stories: The Haven	LRC Lecture Room	Jess Monopoli
	Plenary Session 1: "We are family? Issues of power, expectation and risk of harm resulting from the use of family language in missional churches"		Kate Middleton
3.30pm	Tea	Haughton Dining Room	



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4.00pm	Parallel Sessions 1	LRC Lecture Room	Power and Anglican Church Planting Jack Shepherd John Cottey
		Allchurches	Power, Vulnerability and Leadership Nina Kurlberg Genevieve Langdon
		LRC Study Room	Power, & Church Planting: Historical Perspectives Gavin Wakefield Christian Selvaratnam
5.30pm	Dinner	Various locations in Durham	
7.30pm	Plenary Session 2: 'Power & Perspective taking; Locating affluence and agency in Church Planting.'	LRC Lecture Room	Sanjee Perera



TUESDAY 7TH JULY

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel of St Mary the Less	
9.00am-6.00pm	Carrying the Weight		Creative engagements with power
9.00am	Bible Reflection 1: Power in the Joseph Cycle: To Use, Lose, Abuse, or Choose?	LRC Lecture Room	Lizzie Hare
9.30am	Practitioner Stories: Community Organising at St Fridewides		Ayo Audu and Catherine Butt
	Plenary Session 2 'Faith, Growth and Power: the Church in a Neoliberal Culture'		Matthew Guest
11.30am	Coffee	Haughton Dining Room	
12.00pm	Parallel Sessions 2	LRC Lecture Room	Intercultural Mission and Power Sarah Gill Barry Hutchinson



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		Allchurches	Leadership, Power, and Culture David Clayton Stephen Squirrell
1.00pm	Lunch	Houghton Dining Room	
2.00pm	Parallel Session 3	LRC Lecture Room	Power, Agency, and Pioneering Paul Bradbury Tina Hodgett
		Allchurches	Power: Funding and Finance Andy Wier Andy Hood
3.45pm	Tea	Houghton Dining Room	
4.30pm	Plenary Session 5: 'Church planting in an era of polarisation'	LRC Lecture Room	Centre for Theology and Community Angus Ritchie Charnelle Barclay Rhiannon Winstanley-Sharples Ana França-Ferreira
6.00pm	Dinner	Various locations in Durham	
7.30pm	Research Launch CCX: 'Rural Church Planting'	LRC Lecture Room	Sally Gaze



WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel of St Mary the Less	
9.00am-12.00pm	Carrying the Weight		Creative Engagements with Power
9.00am	Bible Reflection 2: Power in the Joseph Cycle: To Use, Lose, Abuse, or Choose?	LRC Lecture Room	Lizzie Hare
9.30am	Practitioner Stories: TBC		TBC
	Plenary Session 6: TBC		Harvey Kwiyani
11.00am	Coffee	Haughton Dining Room	
11.30am	Closing Remarks	Chapel of St Mary the Less	Joshua Cockayne
12.00pm	Carrying the Weight: Creative Reflections on Power		Beth Honey Lindsey Morgan-Lundle



12.30pm	Lunch	Houghton Dining Room	
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