



Keynote Speaker:

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Made in God's Image: exploring gender and discipleship

A day to learn and question, explore perception and share stories, support and challenge

Workshops on: Domestic abuse, Gender justice, Gender and the local church, Expectations in maleness, Trans and the Church

Be My Guest: Cumbria Church Leaders in conversation

Saturday 7 October 2017; 10am—4pm: St Mary's Church and Ambleside Church Centre, LA22 9DH

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Looking at discipleship through a gender justice lens

Jesus said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened' (Luke 13:20-21).

As Christians we have a vision of a world renewed and restored where everybody, women and men, girls and boys are free from fear, exclusion and prejudice. Yet gender injustice persists as the most pervasive, most engrained injustice in the world.

It is a tough one to challenge and change because the empowerment of women and the empowerment of men to live and work in just relationship requires nothing less than a transformation of individuals and a transformation of cultures and communities. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ is all about transformation!

Terrie will explore the calling and role of the Church in ensuring that our being gendered is experienced as gift rather than danger, a source of life and hope rather than oppression or fear, as something to be received gratefully from God and celebrated, rather than experienced as a source of strife.

The Revd Terrie Robinson is Director for Women in Church & Society at the Anglican Communion Office in London, which is the secretariat for the world-wide Anglican Communion. Terrie works with women and men around the Communion to promote the full inclusion of women's gifts, voices and concerns in the structures and decision-making processes of the Anglican Communion, its member churches, and other bodies. This involves encouraging awareness, theological reflection and responses to issues of gender justice within the Communion and beyond.

Terrie's work also involves participating in wider conversations and activities, for example, with the World Council of Churches, ecumenical and inter-faith coalitions such as the international Side by Side faith movement for gender justice, and UN and governmental bodies, concerned with gender equality.

Workshops

Domestic abuse: Rev Eleanor Hancock

Domestic abuse is alarmingly prevalent. 1 in 4 women suffer it at some point in their lives. It happens in our churches too and how we respond is crucial to whether the church helps or hinders victims. We will explore the facts, the issues and the theology of gender that we need to understand in order to respond appropriately to victims and survivors.

Gender justice: still an issue?: Rev Terrie Robinson

In this workshop we will have an opportunity to think broadly and honestly around the issues of just relationships between women and men and how prevailing attitudes have been formed; gain a fresh sense that gender justice is still an issue for our churches and for ourselves, and that there is something we can do as an integral part of our discipleship, however small and potentially joining with others, to transform the status quo.

Gender and the local church: Ms Irene McKay

Through worship, theological reflection, case studies and discussion, we explore how to use the gender toolkit prepared by the Methodist Church as a practical resource for local churches to raise awareness, understanding and insights into the issues and challenges affecting gender equality in the life of the Christian Church.

Irene McKay is a member of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Methodist Church in Britain.

Expectations in maleness - what happens when your personality doesn't quite fit the bill: Rev Richard Goodfellow

This workshop will examine people's perceptions of what it is to be a male in the church, and the variations in these perceptions across the age-ranges. It will also focus on what happens when our own personalities and character types clash with those expectations; how others respond and how it makes us feel.

Trans and the Church: Details to be confirmed