



baptist union
of scotland

Canopy

PROGRAMME

1 - 3 OCTOBER 2021



FRIDAY



PRAYER GATHERING 7:30 - 8:30PM

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE TOGETHER

Awakening to God's love and worshipping Him

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Sharing stories and praying for churches and local communities across Scotland

PRAYING FOR THE MOST MARGINALISED

Joining with our friends from BMS World Mission

YIELDING TO GOD

Pausing to offer ourselves to God afresh



YOUTH PROGRAMME

There will be various activities and sessions for young people across the weekend. More information will be available on our website soon!

SATURDAY



FAMILY PROGRAMME 9:00 - 9:30AM

A fun filled programme for families with primary aged children and younger to use, including downloadable resources and activities.



MAIN SESSIONS 10:00AM - 12:30PM

FRUITFUL LIVING 10:00 - 11:00AM

Considering how we can be fruitful for God, including:

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

With Simon Dennis, Minister of Sheddocksley Baptist, Aberdeen

WHAT DOES FRUITFULNESS LOOK LIKE IN YOUR CONTEXT?

Conversations on how we can be fruitful in our communities

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

What does fruitfulness look like in World Mission?

FRUITFUL FUTURE 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Looking to the future, including:

BEING FRUITFUL IN CREATION CARE

Hearing stories of our churches responding to the climate crisis

KEYNOTE MESSAGE - CLIMATE CHANGE

With Dr Ruth Valerio, currently the Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund

OUR RESPONSE

An opportunity to respond as individuals and as churches together



SEMINARS 1:30 - 4:00PM

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CHANGING CLIMATE, CHANGING WORLD 1: How do we face the facts?

Martyn Link will be exploring climate change, energy and how churches can engage with this.

RE:CONNECTING 1: What sort of community do we want to become?

Andy Harding will be considering how we might change our priorities in order to better connect as a community.

DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT 1: Where is the church when people Google the big questions?

Andrew Flynn will be thinking about what fruitful mission could look like in the online environment.

SEMINARS 3:00 - 4:00PM

CHANGING CLIMATE, CHANGING WORLD 2: How does a climate crisis impact our discipleship?

Laura Young, COP26 Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator for Tearfund Scotland, will be giving a practical guide about environmental lifestyle choices and why COP26 matters.

RE:CONNECTING 3: How can churches live and witness at the heart of our communities?

Ali Boulton will be exploring why local communities have become more significant recently; how do we build on this for mission in the next season?

RE:CONNECTING 2: After two years of disruption, how will our children grow in their faith?

Rachel Turner will explore how we can equip and nourish spirituality in our homes (youth and family focused).

DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT 2: Can churches make authentic community online?

Jonas Kurlberg will be considering how we optimise our use of the digital in order to build deeper connection online.



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GATHERING UNDER GOD'S CANOPY 10:30 - 11:30AM

A WORSHIP CELEBRATION

For Baptist churches across Scotland, with music, prayers, Scripture and voices from around the country.

BEARING FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

With Yinka Oyekan, Senior Pastor, The Gate Church, Reading and former President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

We will bring Canopy to a close with worship, hopefully a live baptism from one of our churches and blessing one another as we serve Jesus across the land.

SPEAKERS



SIMON DENNIS

Simon has been part of the Sheddocksley church family since moving to Aberdeen in 1996. Having worked in the oil industry for 14 years, Simon responded to God's call to full time pastoral ministry in 2010.



YINKA OYEKAN

Yinka is the senior pastor of The Gate Church in Reading. He has a long history in equipping and training individuals in evangelism and mission and has also been involved in the pioneering of churches with his wife Fiona.



DR RUTH VALERIO

Ruth is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund. She enjoys living sustainably - practising what she preaches and inspiring others as she does so - in the South of England with her family.



ALI BOULTON

Ali is a practitioner, consultant and researcher in New Housing Engagement. She has been a pioneer Baptist minister living on a new housing estate for over 10 years, loving and blessing residents and birthing a community church.



LAURA YOUNG

Laura is an environmental activist, passionate about intersectional climate justice issues. Her work looks to educate, challenge, and inspire people to think more about the system in which we live.



JONAS KURLBERG

Jonas is a Tutor in Theology at Spurgeon's College where he also manages the MA in Digital Theology. Over the last few years he has been researching the implication of digital technology for Christian faith and practice.



ANDY HARDING

Andy and his family love serving Jesus at Central Church in Edinburgh. Andy has a real heart to see the church increasingly become the beautiful bride Jesus calls us to be as we simply grow in our love for God and one another.



MARTYN LINK

Martyn works for the UK's largest engineering and technical services company. He and 3 others, launched the Business Connection charity, which seeks to equip, encourage and empower the corporate sector in Aberdeen.



ANDREW FLYNN

Andrew is the Data Analytics Manager at Christian Vision (CV), helping CV make sense of the digital landscape and the opportunities it provides for evangelism.



RACHEL TURNER

Rachel is the Parenting for Faith pioneer at BRF. God gave her the vision for Parenting for Faith in 2005 in response to a need in her local church, and it has grown from there.



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