

Conference Programme

Wednesday 30th April

10.00 Arrival and Registration

11.00 Keynote 1 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Nathan Benger
Title: Find Freedom - Leading In
The Unforced Rhythms Of Grace

12.30 Lunch – Dining Room

13.30 Stream Plenary Sessions
– Various Venues

14.45 Refreshments – Bar Area
(Bedrooms available at 3pm)

16.30 Stream Co Labs
– Various Venues

18.00 Dinner – Dining Room

19.30 Celebration 1 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Anders Olsson
Title: Grace That Unlocks Miracles
In Your Ministry

Information

ALL keynotes and celebrations take place in the Sports Hall, refreshments are served in the bar area, a creche is available in the kinder room.

For more information please
download our conference app!



Wednesday Streams

NEXT GEN

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 13:30

*** Leading Yourself // Nathan Benger // Main Conference Hall**

In this session, we will explore the importance of self-leadership and how it serves as the foundation for leading others effectively. Through scripture and thought-provoking reflection questions, we'll uncover key principles such as self-discipline, accountability, humility, and personal growth—empowering you to take responsibility for your leadership journey and align it with God's purpose.

STREAM CO LAB AT 16:30

*** Leading Within Another's Vision // Ben Lloyd // Main Conference Hall**

As young leaders, it's common to find ourselves leading and serving under another leader's vision, whether that's a ministry in the Church, or a service team. We can be effective leaders even when we are not the senior leader, and this session aims to equip you with wisdom and practical steps to help you serve your leader(s) as well as the people you have been entrusted to lead. There will also be opportunity to work together and learn from one another with insightful questions, as we seek to grow as leaders in God's Church.

*** Communication: The Underappreciated Key to Impactful Leadership // Nathan Blood // Butterley 2**

Though it is central to almost every aspect of leadership, great communication can often be overlooked and undervalued in our personal development. In this Co Lab we'll consider how to be more effective at communicating with our teams, how to harness communication as a tool to inspire those we lead, and why communication may be the solution to many of the issues that arise when leading within a church or organisation.

CREATING HEALTHY CHURCHES

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 13:30

*** The Anatomy of a Healthy Church // Paul Benger // Sports Hall**

Identifying the 3 essential components of Church Health.

STREAM CO LAB AT 16:30

*** Developing a Leadership Pipeline // Paul Benger & Mac Lake // Sports Hall**

Jumpstart your leadership development. Mac's work with pastors, leaders and churches over the past 30 years has shown him that the best investment you can make in your church is the development of new and existing leaders. If you are ready to kickstart your leadership development efforts this Co Lab will give you the tools and framework to get started and through discussion questions and exercises you will get the help you need to be more intentional about leadership development.

KINGDOM ADVANCE

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 13:30

*** Advancing the Kingdom Through the Church Mobilised and Sent // Joy Blundell with Louis Kotze and Ken Benjamin // Chapel**

Creating a church cultural architecture that makes disciples who advance the kingdom in every sphere of life.

STREAM CO LAB AT 16:30

*** Vital Signs // Ken Benjamin // Chapel**

This will be an interactive workshop exploring the 20 vital signs of a church that is making whole life disciples who advance the kingdom everywhere.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 13:30

*** Relating to the Bible in a Whole-Brained Manner: The Alignment of Head, Heart & Gut // Dr Perrienne Brownback // Derbyshire**

What if true spiritual transformation isn't just about what we think, but how we integrate? In this thought-provoking plenary, Perrienne Brownback, senior pastor and scientist, explores the profound relationship between whole-brained faith, the vagus nerve, and embodied spirituality. We often approach God either through intellect or experience, structure or spontaneity—but what if faith was never meant to be an either-or? What if wholeness is found in the integration of all that we are—head, heart, and gut? Expect a deep, reflective, and practical session that will challenge how you engage with faith—not just in your head, but in your whole being.

STREAM CO LAB AT 16:30

*** A Scientist, A Therapist and A Doctor Walk into a Bar... join us for a conversation on the Vagus Nerve // Dr Perrienne Brownback, Jo Hargreaves & Dr Lanre Saidu // Derbyshire**

Join us for an application-based conversation as we explore the incredible power of your vagus nerve. This Co Lab will focus on how this essential nerve regulates stress, promotes healing, and supports overall well-being. Through the combined perspectives of therapy and Christian theology, we'll discover how the vagus nerve is a gift from God, playing a crucial role in our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Together, we'll explore practical ways to care for this God-given part of our body—learn techniques to activate it for mental peace, strengthen your connection with God, and experience the abundant life Christ promised.

*** A Lectio Divina Exploration of Psalm 139 // Dr Paul Brownback // Butterley 1**

Join us for a sacred journey through Psalm 139 as we engage in the ancient practice of Lectio Divina—divine reading. This seminar invites you to immerse yourself in the rich, personal message of the psalm, allowing the words to speak to your heart in a deep and transformative way. Together, we'll reflect on the truths of God's intimate knowledge of us, His presence in every moment, and His relentless love. Through prayer, meditation, and contemplation, we'll explore how this powerful psalm can deepen our understanding of God's care for us and guide us into a closer, more meaningful relationship with Him.

Conference Programme

Thursday 1st May

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| 7.00 | Prayer Room – Butterley 1 |
| 9.30 | Keynote 2 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Camilla Olsson
Title: Find Grace in His Presence |
| 10.45 | Refreshments – Bar Area |
| 11.15 | Stream Plenary Sessions – Various Venues |
| 12.30 | Lunch – Dining Room |
| 13.30 | Stream Co Labs – Various Venues |
| 14.45 | Refreshments and Free Time – Bar Area |
| 15.15 | Team Leader Cohorts – Various Venues |
| 18.00 | Dinner – Dining Room |
| 19.30 | Celebration 2 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Paul Benger
Title: Water to Wine: Reigniting the Apostolic Genome |

Friday 2nd May

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| 7.00 | Prayer Room – Butterley 1 |
| 9.15 | Keynote 3 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Helen King
Title: The Rhythm of Grace |
| 10.15 | Refreshments – Bar Area |
| 10.45 | Celebration 3 – Sports Hall
Speaker: Stuart Bell
Title: After the Fire |

Thursday Streams

NEXT GEN

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 11:15

* What Leadership Lessons I Would Tell My 21 Year Old Self // Dan Hargreaves // Main Conference Hall

It's so encouraging hearing and seeing the hunger and passion of the generation coming through in their pursuit of God. There is a desire to learn from the generations above, we want to facilitate conversations on lessons we learnt and what we would have wanted to know in our leadership journey to make us the most effective in building the Kingdom.

STREAM CO LAB AT 13:30

* Leading Others // Nathan Benger // Main Conference Hall

In this interactive co-lab, we will explore leading others as a leadership skill. Through discussion, reflection, and real-life application, you'll learn how to offer sincere, specific, and strength-focused encouragement that shapes others in meaningful ways. Come prepared to share your experiences as we engage in practical exercises and group discussions to refine our ability to uplift and inspire those around us.

CREATING HEALTHY CHURCHES

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 11:15

* 30 Years of Building Growing Churches // Anders and Camilla Olsson // Sports Hall

In this session Anders and Camilla will share from their wealth of experience in building church, looking at:
How to create a foundation of growth // Growth barriers // The challenge of a pioneer // The challenge of transitioning a traditional church

STREAM CO LAB AT 13:30

* Can a Church be both Growing and Healthy? // Anders & Camilla Olsson // Sports Hall

In this Co Lab Anders and Camilla will explore the practicalities of building a healthy church, looking at:
Team building // How to be passionate but not burnt out // Personal health // The challenge and joy of church growth

* Unified Leadership: The Integration of Senior Leaders, Boards, and Ministry Teams for Lasting Impact // Howard Williams // Butterley 2

Exploring effective strategies for strengthening the connection and collaboration between a church's Senior Leadership Team, Trustee Board, and Ministry Team. Through examining the unique roles and responsibilities of each group, we will uncover practical ways to enhance relational dynamics, improve communication, and ensure that all teams are working in harmony to support the overall health and growth of the church. You will leave with actionable steps to fostering a unified leadership structure that moves the church's mission forward.

KINGDOM ADVANCE

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 11:15

* Grace Enterprise and Totem Consulting // Matt Parfitt & Helen Frewin // Chapel

Matt (entrepreneur and pioneer of multiple church based businesses) and Helen (business and organisational psychologist and coach) will take us on a journey through the growth and development of Grace Enterprises and Totem Consulting. Through engaging communication and story telling, they will share how their faith in Jesus and drive for kingdom impact has enabled them to both make a profit and an impact in society.

STREAM CO LAB AT 13:30

* Incubating Kingdom People & Initiatives // Joy Blundell & Panel – Helen Frewin, Lois Delong, Dave Wilkins & John-Henry Lonie // Chapel

A panel conversation sharing stories and impact from their journey in leadership in the workplace

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

STREAM PLENARY SESSION AT 11:15

* Bless Your Body // Paul Blundell with opening spoken word // Derbyshire

Let's explore the powerful connection between prayer and physical wellbeing. Drawing from personal testimony, Paul shares how a daily practice of blessing his body through prayer—combined with intentional dietary changes including a life-changing gut reset—led to significant healing. Rooted in the spiritual principle that life and death are in the power of the tongue, this Co Lab will inspire you to steward your God-given body through both prayerful declaration and practical lifestyle adjustments.

STREAM CO LAB AT 13:30

* Going Deeper With The Godly Gut Reset // Paul Blundell & Jo Hargreaves // Derbyshire

Including recipes, prayers and tools from the intersection of neuroscience and scripture.

* Our Words Matter Because Our Words Affect Matter // Grace Ola-Said // Butterley 1

Discover the power of Biblical declaration, blessing your body and the impact of speaking God's Word over your life. Learn how aligning your words with Scripture can shape your body, soul, and spirit. We are formed by His Word — let's speak it with faith and intention.

TEAM LEADER COHORTS // THURSDAY // 15.15

COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION	//	COMMITTEE ROOM
ADMIN	//	BUTTERLEY 1
YOUTH	//	READING ROOM
KIDS	//	WRITING ROOM
WORSHIP	//	UPPER LOUNGE

Our Cohorts are groupings of team leaders from across the Family of Churches who wish to connect with each other for mutual encouragement, support and resourcing. Some of our cohorts use the conference as a time to get together and if you are involved in one of these areas feel free to come along!