

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH

219th Annual Meeting

Unpacking the New Church



"In the beginning was the Word the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

John 1: 1 & 14

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st July 2026

	Adults, Young People and All Age	Children
	Tuesday 28th	
14:00	Signing of the Roll , Choir Practice	
15:00	Family Worship led by Revd Brian Talbot	
15:30	Announcements	
15:40	Business and greetings Optional activity for children	
16:00	Memorial Notices Optional activity for children	
16:15	Break for tea	
16:45	Ministry Keynote Address: Revd Jack Dunion	Session 1
18:00	Break for evening meal (served at 18:30)	
20:00	Free time or choice session: • Circle Dancing led by Mrs Marion Curry • New Church Historical Society	
	Wednesday 29th - Spiritual Day	
07:45	Choir Practice	
08:00	Morning Prayer led by Revd Lynne Griffiths in the Reading Room (optional)	
08:00	Breakfast available from 8.00 am	
09:30	Holy Supper Service led by Revd Christine Bank	
10:45	Break for coffee	
11:15	Announcements	Session 2
11:25	Appearances	Session 2
12:45	Break for lunch (served at 13:00)	
14:00	Brave Spaces Group Discussions	Session 3
15:15	Break for tea	
15:45	Choice of • Capacitar Main Hall • Doctrinal Talk by Revd Brian Talbot Reading Room	Session 4
16:45	Ministry – Unpacking the New Church	
18:00	Break for evening meal (served at 18:30)	

20:00	Free time or choice sessions • Music with Mrs Ruth Friend • Ministers Panel chaired by Mrs Jan Millar	
	Thursday 30th - Business Day	
07:45	Choir Practice	
08:00	Morning Prayer led by Revd Lynne Griffiths in the Reading Room (optional)	
08:00	Breakfast available from 8am	
09:30	Variety of Worship • Worship through Dance. Revd Mary Duckworth • Taize style worship. Revd Helen Brown • Football Church. Revd Lynne Griffiths • Shared Service. Mrs Jan Millar	
10:10	Announcements, followed by Financial Reports, Report of the Council	Session 5
10:45	Break for coffee	
11:15	Report of the Council continued, Changes to Articles and Rules and distribution of ballot papers	Session 6
12:45	Break for lunch (served 13:00)	
14:00	Business continued and collection of ballot papers	Session 7
15:00	Break for tea	
15:30	Result of ballots and Brave Spaces. Including indicative vote on our use of non-church buildings	
16:30	free time	
17:00	Conference Service led by Revd Jack Dunion and Revd Becky Jarratt	
18:30	Evening meal	
20:00	All-Age Social	
21:00	Vespers (optional) led by Revd Lynne Griffiths and Mrs Jan Millar	

	Friday 31st	
08:00	Morning Prayer led by Revd Lynne Griffiths in the Reading Room (optional)	
08:00	Breakfast available from 8am followed by free time. Please vacate your room by 9.30am	
09:45	Announcements	
10:00	Safeguarding Mrs Sue Chesworth and Revd Lynne Griffiths	
10:30	“You are now entering a place of worship” Revd Becky Jarratt	
11:00	Break for coffee	
11:30	Conference Review and votes of thanks	
11:45	Chairman’s closing remarks	
12:00	Closing Family Worship led by Mr Chris Chambers	
12:30	Break for lunch (served at 13:00)	

Young people are welcome at all the events in this programme.

Please note that room keys can be collected from around 2.00 pm on Tuesday but bedrooms cannot be accessed until after 3.00 pm.

Please vacate bedrooms by 9.30 am on your day of departure.

Conference in 2027 will be at Swanwick from
Tuesday 27th July to Friday 30th July

Your thoughts and ideas about the AGM are very welcome. Please either leave a note in the box by the signing-in table at any time, or send your comments and feedback on what worked, or what you feel didn’t, to the Conference Organiser, Barry Friend, at barry.friend@generalconference.org.uk