



THE DIOCESAN GATHERING

Saturday 27th May

St Ninian's Cathedral

'The grace of diversity'
in speech and song
led by John Bell



- Workshop with community artist Jo Love of the Wild Goose Resource Group
- Conversation and Bible Study with Bishop David
- Presentation by Stirling Citizens for Sanctuary
- A choice of two different singing session with John Bell

Prayer activities led by The Diocesan Kolkata Link, *The Bield Retreat Centre*, St Mary's Dunblane Messy Church, *The Diocesan Gender Justice Group*, All Souls Fife Prayer Ministry Team, All Saints' St Andrews Student Group, *The Diocesan Mothers' Union*, St James Dollar Drop-in Group.



shared lunch, shared worship,
time to chat, time to pray
a chance to learn
from each other

Programme

9.30 Registration and coffee

10 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer with Bishop David

10.10 John Bell, 'In the Beginning, God created Difference'

11 a.m. Prayer Activities around the Cathedral

11.30 A Choice of Workshops (see below)

12.30 Shared lunch followed by optional Prayer Activities

1.30 John Bell, 'The Multi-Dimensional Jesus'

2.30 A Choice of Workshops (see below)

3.30 The Closing Eucharist

4.30 Disperse



Many of the workshops and activities are suitable for all ages. There will also be a children's corner with activities in the main Cathedral for parents and young children to use at any time during the day. In addition, young people are offered an opportunity to work as a team with Kennedy Fraser, a lay reader involved with GRF Christian Radio, to help collect and prepare material for an audio-visual 'Taste of the Gathering' which will be later distributed to the churches of the diocese.

Useful Information

Parking and Access

Parking details in Perth can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/cityparking

Park and Ride details at Broxden and Scone can be found at www.parkandride.net/perth/index.shtml

There is disabled access with ramp at the signposted Atholl Street entrance. Contact Nerys Brown (see below) for further information.

Lunch arrangements

Please bring a contribution to a shared cold finger- buffet lunch (sandwiches, savouries, traybakes, fruit etc) and add a label showing fillings or key ingredients. If the food is gluten-free, vegetarian, etc. please note clearly on the label. If you would like containers and plates returned, please label them with your name and you can then easily pick them up at the end of the day. Drinks will be provided.

Photos and Videos

Please note that photographs and video will be taken as part of the recording and promotion of this event. A consent form will be sent to carers of children under 16. You are welcome to take your own photos and to send the best ones to Nerys (see below) to be included in the 'Taste of the Gathering' presentation.

Booking Forms

Available at church or on the diocesan website www.standrews.anglican.org

Please return booking forms with your contact details and choice of workshops to arrive by 13th May.

e-mail to gathering@warppmail.net

by post to L. MacKenzie, 7 Kellie Place, Alloa FK10 2DW

Further Information

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Nerys Brown at nerysannjones@aol.com or phone 01786 824511.

Workshops

Teaching Congregations to Sing (morning) – John Bell

John Bell is a minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group. He leads seminars and worships in liturgy, scripture and song at home and abroad. We will explore why we sing and what helps and hinders. Suitable for everyone who wants to sing a new song to God.

Singing with the Global Church (afternoon) - John Bell

A session enabling us to sample songs which are accessible to old and young, come from the global church and can enrich our worship.

A Visual Celebration of Diversity (morning and afternoon) – Jo Love

Jo Love is a deacon of the Church of Scotland who works with local congregations developing their worship life, particularly through the creative arts and rediscovering the potential in human conversation. Each of these two sessions invites us to make our mark as we create a piece of community art which we can focus on in the closing worship. User-friendly to the artistically talented and terrified alike.

Bible Study (morning) and Conversation(afternoon) with Bishop David

An opportunity to explore Paul's image of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12.12-27) or to enter into conversation with our Bishop and Primus.

Welcoming and Supporting Refugees in our Communities (morning and afternoon)

Hugh Grant from St Mary's Dunblane and colleagues from Stirling Citizens for Sanctuary will share their experience of working with refugees who have come to our communities over the last year. They will invite participants to think about the range of ways we can respond to this growing need in our communities.