

Aston University's Centre for Critical Inquiry into Society and Culture invite you to a free interdisciplinary symposium 'Researching the Church of England', to be held on Tuesday 25th July at Aston University, Birmingham, 12 noon - 5pm.

Marking the award of an honorary doctorate by Aston to the Bishop of Birmingham, The Right Reverend David Urquhart, the event provides an opportunity to hear about a range of research on issues relating to the Church of England. This will include [Dr Sarah-Jane Page's](#) (Aston University) work on gender and motherhood in the clergy; a collaborative project between [Dr Demelza Jones](#) (Aston University) and Canon Dr Andrew Smith (Director of Interfaith Relations for the Bishop of Birmingham and Honorary Fellow at the University of Birmingham) on migrant and minority-ethnic congregations' use of Anglican church spaces; and contributions from two Aston doctoral students - Celine Benoit on the role of the Church in schools, and George Amakor on the Church in Nigeria.

We are also pleased to announce two guest speakers: [Dr Susanna Snyder](#) (Assistant Director of Catherine of Siena College and Tutor in Theology at University of Roehampton; Research Associate at the Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture, Regent Park's College, Oxford; and Associate Member of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford), who will discuss her research on refugees, arts and the Church of England; and The Right Reverend [Dr Nigel Peyton](#) (Bishop of Brechin and Honorary Fellow at Lancaster University) who will talk about his research into clergy's lives.

The event will also include a round-table session, giving attendees and speakers an opportunity to discuss future directions and priorities in research on the Church and related issues, and to make connections.

The symposium is open to academics, students and practitioners (including clergy, Church officers and other interested parties). It is free to attend and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited - please contact Dr Demelza Jones (d.jones4@aston.ac.uk) to reserve your place. Please also share this invitation with your contacts - thank you.