

Christian Leadership for the Common Good

In a divided society, how can churches act
for the common good?



Wednesday 15 January - Thursday 16 January 2020

A two-day training workshop in association
with Together for the Common Good

For ordained and lay people in Christian
Leadership from all denominations and
church traditions



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This two-day workshop explores what 'the common good' means

- biblically
- theologically
- in a society with severe divisions
- in practice in our cities, towns and villages

This two-day event enables Christian leaders to retreat and reflect. It gives opportunity to address: how can we enhance ministry in our localities at a time of polarisation and social fragmentation?

The workshop aims to build the capacity of church leaders and congregations to strengthen civil society and to bring the common good alive where we are.

It is designed for people in church leadership, ordained or lay, across the Christian denominations and traditions – e.g. priests, pastors, vicars, lay leaders, chaplains. From whatever Christian background and context you come, you will be welcome.

Developed by Together for the Common Good, the workshop aims to refresh ministry and mission by 'common good thinking and practice'.

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In more detail, the workshop will look at:

- the Christian vision of the common good
- causes of social division and how the practice of the common good acts as an antidote to the culture of individualism
- 'common good principles' and how to apply them in practice
- how our churches can be, not just for the poor, but of the poor
- how a theology of relationship and the common good can refresh mission
- how understanding the 'vocational responsibilities' of the local church alongside other bodies in the community can:
 - ▶ foster local leadership
 - ▶ build social trust
 - ▶ strengthen civil society



Why is it called Here: Now: Us?

Here : because we are all rooted in particular places

Now : because at a critical time in our country's history the churches can have a vital role in addressing the challenges

Us : because we, as Christians of different traditions, are to work together to fulfil our vocational responsibilities.

The workshop was designed by Together for the Common Good and will be led by **Jill Hopkinson** and **Nick Townsend**.

Jenny Sinclair, founder-director of Together for the Common Good, is a speaker and **Jonathan Plows**, priest-in-charge of Wyllye and Till Valley, will act as 'local host' for the workshop.



Participants
at a previous
Here: Now: Us
Christian
Leadership
workshop

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Wednesday 15 January 2020, 11.00am – Thursday 16 January 2020, 4.00pm

Tutors

Jill Hopkinson is Tutor in Rural Ministry in Sarum College's Centre for Formation in Ministry. She was previously the National Rural Officer for the Church of England.

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Location Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE

Price and Payment Non-residential £140; residential £200. Payments can be made by debit or credit card, BACS transfer, cash or cheque.

To book your place: contact Jill Hopkinson at jhopkinson@sarum.ac.uk

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