

*From the Church Leaders of
Churches Together in Lancashire*



Dear Friends in Christ

Reformation 500! Blackburn Cathedral Thursday 19th October 2.00pm

The Presidents of Churches Together in England encourage all churches in England to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 with sensitivity as we acknowledge our unity in Christ. We have learnt over the past century that unity is achieved by walking together, and we have grown in communion, friendship, reconciliation and healing. During this anniversary we want to be able to listen to the truth that is in each other, to hear our different stories, and build bridges of deeper understanding and respect.

The Church Leaders of Churches Together in Lancashire invite you to gather as part of the whole Christian community on Thursday 19th October 2.00pm in Blackburn Cathedral for a "Commemoration of the Reformation". Speaking side by side at this event will be the National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops Conference in England & Wales, Fr John O'Toole and the Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England Pastor George Samiec. They will be joined by the Church Leaders for Lancashire with reflections given by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District and the Moderator for United Reformed Church North West Synod. Also represented will be the North West Baptist Association, Lancashire Quakers and representatives from independent free churches in the County.

This will be the largest ecumenical gathering in Lancashire for many years and will be a time to celebrate our distinctive Christian traditions that have been shaped through times of both conflict and renewal. The service will be a time of word and prayer, hymns and songs that are dear to each Christian tradition.

You are invited to come and stand in visible unity as part of the whole Christian witness to the Gospel in Lancashire.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Michael Campbell
Diocese of Lancaster
+John Arnold
Diocese of Salford
+Tom Williams
Archdiocese of Liverpool
+Julian Henderson
Diocese of Blackburn
+Philip North
Diocese of Blackburn

The Revd Paul Davies
Lancaster Methodist District
The Revd Andrew Mills
Moderator NW Synod
Revd Brian Drury
NW Baptist Association
Pat Golding
Lancashire Society of Friends Rep
Pastor Ron Farrington
Independent Free Churches Rep

Places may be booked in the followings ways:

- 1 By Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.com/e/reformation-500-tickets-36683227521
- 2 By email to the Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Lancashire
antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk
- 3 By letter or phone to The Revd Anton Müller, County Ecumenical Officer,
The Vicarage, Snowhill Lane, Scorton, PR3 1AY, 07919 438 413

*The service will be followed by refreshments in the Crypt at 3.30pm
and a brief report from Churches Together in Lancashire.*

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