



BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

UNITED IN MISSION

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HARROGATE 2026
programme

WELCOME TO HARROGATE & BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

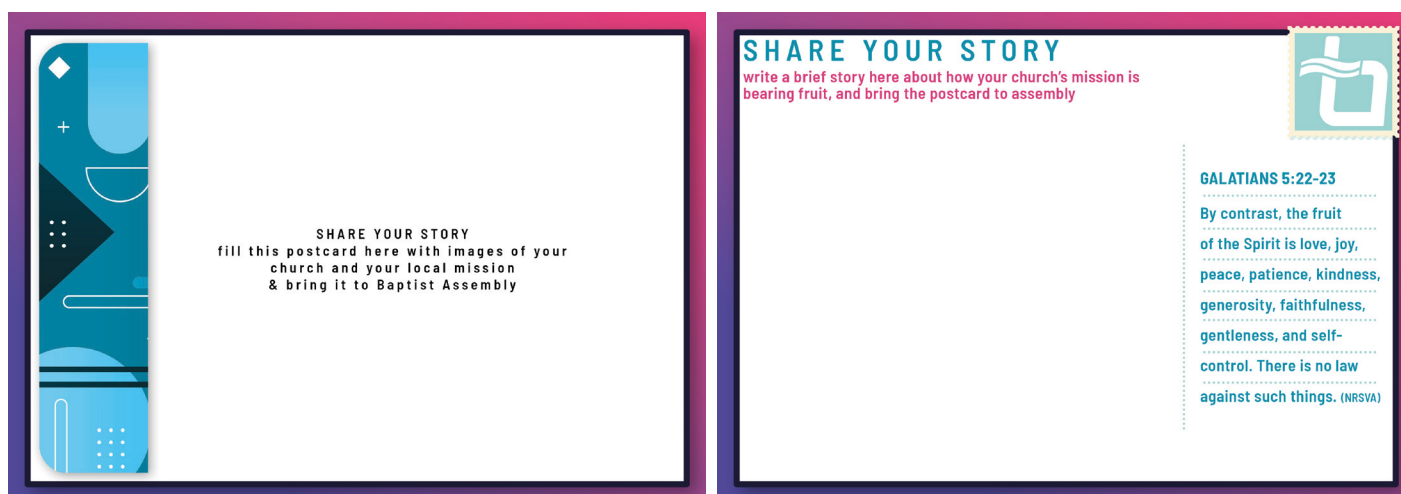
The theme of Baptist Assembly 2026 is:

UNITED IN MISSION: GATHERING AND SHARING

A key element will be to continue our two-year process of discernment, dialogue, and engagement following the introduction of a proposed Mission Resolution at Assembly 2025. This proposed resolution, introduced by members of the Baptists Together Mission Forum, is designed to build a shared understanding of mission across the movement, with the goal of adopting the resolution at the 2027 Baptist Assembly.

The Mission Forum postcard - included with the latest magazine, and available at the reception desk is for you to decorate, fill and share your story of local mission. **Hall D** will house a map of the UK to display your postcards so we can see how God is moving in all our local areas.

We ask you to share your story of your church's local mission.



Don't forget to pick up your **free Harrogate discount card** for great deals and money off at places in Harrogate.

Please see the main Convention Centre desk for information.



ROOM ALLOCATION MAP

AUDITORIUM

LEVEL 5

HALL D

QUEEN SUITE - ROOM 1

QUEEN SUITE - ROOM 2

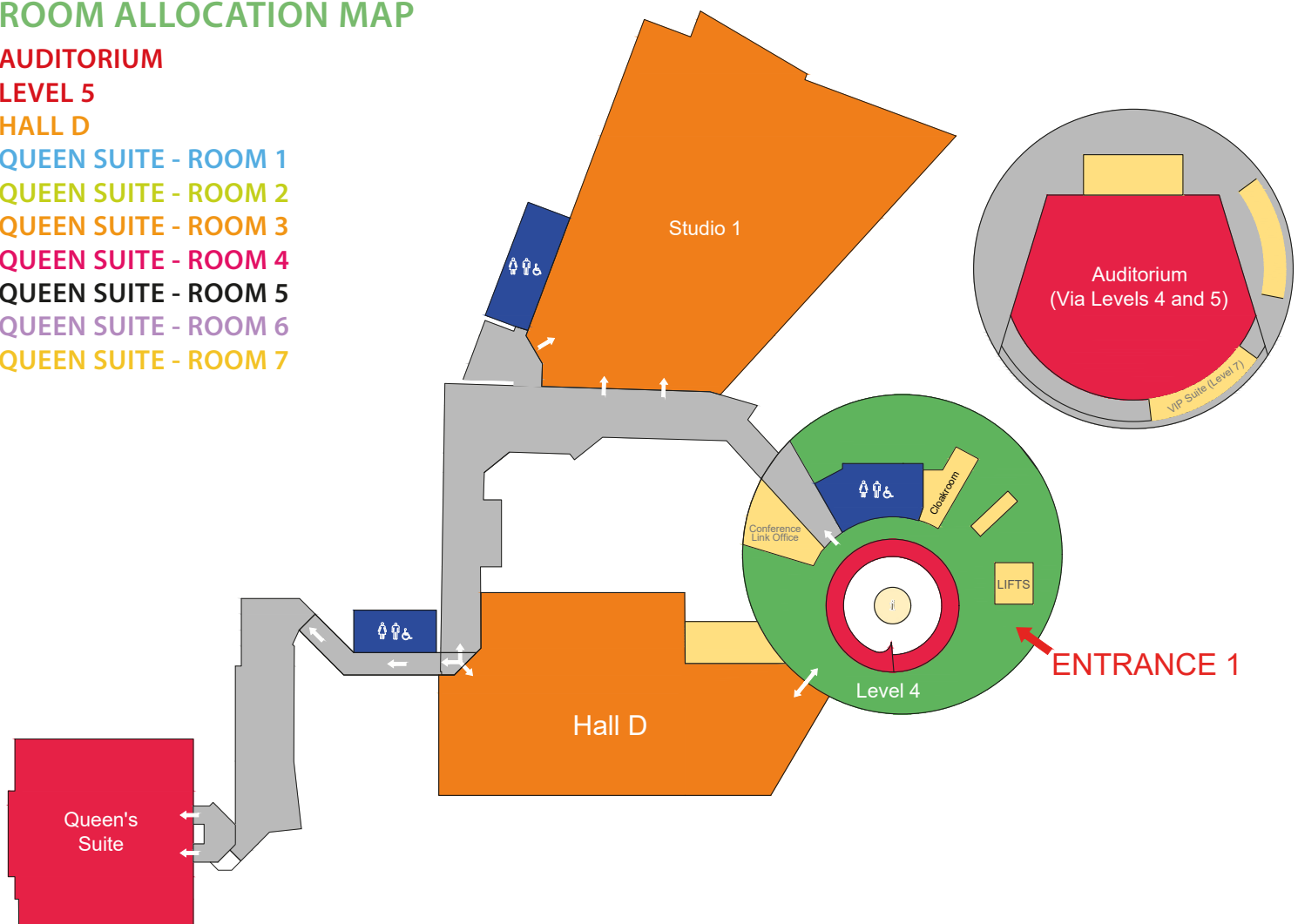
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EXHIBITION ZONE

STUDIO ONE

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| 1. RBMHO | 15. Boys Brigade | 30. HUBB Digital |
| 2. Roots for Churches | 16 & 21. Baptist Insurance | 31. Right Now Media |
| 3. Difference | 17. SAT 7 UK | 32. StretchWide |
| 4. Unity Trust Bank | 18. Open Doors UK and Ireland | 33. Pioneers UK and Ireland |
| 5. New Eden Coffee Roasters | 19. Benefact Trust | 34. Small Church Connexion |
| 6. Thrive Worldwide | 20. Release International | 35. Thrive Baptist Spouses |
| 7. BUEN - Baptist Union
Environment Network | 22. CSW - Christian Solidarity
Worldwide | 36. Baptist Pioneer Ambassadors |
| 8. 4Front Theatre | 23. Faith in Later Life | 37. Agape UK |
| 9. Baptist Building CIO | 24. Friends International | 38. Holy Socks |
| 10. Grace and Light | 25. Mission Aviation Fellowship | 39. Life for Bangladesh |
| 11. Operation Agri | 26. Rural Missions | 40. Jenerous |
| 12. Lifewords | 27. Destiny Rescue UK | 41. Fresh Streams |
| 13. I Know Church | 28. Spurgeon's Children | 42. Kingsway CLC Bookshop |
| 14. Utility Aid | 29. Anthony Collins | |

Catering Area Opening Times:

Friday - 13:00 to 19:30

Saturday - 08:00 to 20:30

Sunday - 08:30 to 10:30



QUEEN'S SUITE, LEVEL 5 & HALL D



MINISTRIES ZONE ON LEVEL 5

Level 5 up the spiral ramp from the main entrance will be hosting the Ministries Zone.

Come and meet members of the **Ministries Team**, our **Baptist Colleges** and some of our **Baptist Chaplains**.

WHAT'S IN HALL D?

BUGB, BMS & JPIT Stands

Please do come and visit the **BMS World Mission** and **Specialist Teams** stands. You will be able to sign up for the latest resources from BMS and meet members of the Baptists Together Specialist Teams who will be happy to talk to you about issues such as safeguarding, finance and HR.

Our colleagues in the **Joint Public Issues Team** will also be there to help resource your thinking about public issues and social justice.

Mission Forum - The Mission Forum Postcards will be laid on a huge map of the country. Showing what missional stories are happening across our Baptist family that are bearing fruit.

Assembly Crazy Golf - Have a go on our Assembly Crazy Golf course in Hall D.

Available between 09:00 and 14:00 on Saturday (*closed during Bible Study*). Provided by Tee-Party Mini Golf.

Prayer Board - Sharing in Prayer Together

Visit the Prayer Board in Hall D - an opportunity to participate in our Assembly rhythm of prayer.

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

See page 9 for more details on Assembly programme sessions

FRIDAY 15 MAY

- 13:00 Registration opens
- 14:00 **Welcome to Assembly**
We begin Baptist Assembly by worshipping together
- 14:30 **CHOICE OF STREAMS 1:**
Discovering Ministry (Level 5) - with the Ministries Team, Colleges, Associations, and interns
(This will be all afternoon)
Safeguarding Training (QS 3) - for ministers, Designated Persons for Safeguarding and church leaders
(This will be all afternoon)
Support Services (QS 2) - Building God's Kingdom brick by brick
Everyone Everywhere (Auditorium) - Exploring how our rich diversity strengthens our collective mission
Israel & Palestine (QS 1) - Listening & reflecting together with BUGB's Public Issues Enabler & BMS
BMS World Mission (Hall D) - What does a youth led global mission movement look like?
Fresh Streams (QS 4) - Equipping you to be prophetic
- 15:30 Refreshment break
- 16:00 **CHOICE OF STREAMS 2:**
Discovering Ministry (Level 5) - with the Ministries Team, Colleges, Associations, and interns
(continued from stream 1)
Safeguarding Training (QS 3) - for ministers, Designated Persons for Safeguarding and church leaders
(continued from stream 1)
Support Services (QS 2) - Case study on church building development
Everyone Everywhere (Auditorium) - Exploring how our rich diversity strengthens our collective mission
Joint Public Issues Team (QS 1) - Acts of compassion and voices for justice
BMS World Mission (Hall D) - What does a youth led global mission movement look like?
Fresh Streams (QS 4) - Equipping you to be prophetic
- 17:00 Short break
- 17:15 **The Meeting of the Assembly**
Formal business, financial report, Financial Model Review (FMR) update
- 17:45 Dinner break
- 19:30 **Evening Gathering**
With storytelling and reflection to help us be inspired by what God is doing in our Baptist family
- 21:00 Reflective worship
- 21:15 Close of formal activities
- 21:30 Informal worship and prayer time

WEEKEND TIMETABLE



SATURDAY 16 MAY

- 08:00 Registration opens
- 09:00 **Welcome, worship and prayer, leading to Bible studies based on Colossians 1: 15-23**
led by members of:
Our Baptist Chaplains (QS 4)
Pioneer Round Table (QS 1)
BMS World Mission (Hall D)
Everyone Everywhere (Auditorium)
Local Churches (QS 2)
Young Adults Round Table (Level 5)
- 11:00 Refreshment break
- 11:30 **Global mission learnings for UK Churches** led by BMS World Mission
- 12:30 Lunch
Sponsor Zone sessions in the Queen's Suite
- 14:00 **A Shared Understanding of Mission**
- 15:30 Refreshment break
- 16:00 **Ministry Celebration**
Centred around a celebration of ministry in all its breadth. Including induction of our new President; In Memoriam; the presentation of ministers and pastors. Keynote address from **Helen Paynter**
- 18:00 Dinner break
- 20:00 Evening Networking Session
- 21:30 Close of formal activities

SUNDAY 17 MAY

- 08:30 Registration opens
- 09:00 Sharing in prayer together (Hall D)
- 10:00 Refreshment break
- 10:30 **Worship and Communion Service**
With preacher **Leoné Martin**
- 12:30 Close of Assembly

CHILDREN & YOUTH TIMETABLE

PLEASE GO TO THE REGISTRATION DESK ON LEVEL 4 IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR CHILD

Please note, all children and young people are always the responsibility of their parents/guardians, other than when they are in their relevant programmes. All young people need to have been pre-registered to attend these programmes. The children's and youth teams work under our Safeguarding policy.

There is a creche room available in Queen's Suite room 5 throughout Baptist Assembly for preschool children. This will be unstaffed and is for parents and carers to stay with their children.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

QUEEN'S SUITE ROOM 6

LEAD BY HANNAH FIELD - DIDCOT BAPTIST CHURCH & ECHO ENGAGE

Reception - Year 6

Times of sessions

Saturday	Sunday
08:45 - 12:45 13:45-18:15	10:15-12:45

'**Lost and Found Detectives**' - a mission to explore Jesus' mission, and what this means for our lives. Through games, challenges, music, and art, we'll be digging into God's Word, and making lots of discoveries! Exploring Luke 10 and 15, we'll be looking to 'gather, grow, go' - discovering more about Jesus, and following Him.

Children will need to be signed in and out of Queen's Suite at the beginning and end of each session. Please collect your children promptly after their sessions.

YOUTH PROGRAMME

QUEEN'S SUITE ROOM 7

LEAD BY CLARE HOOPER - CYF & CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Year 7 - Year 13

Times of sessions

Saturday	Sunday
08:45 - 12:45 13:45-18:15	10:15-12:45

The youth programme will be a space to connect, explore and have fun together. We'll be unpacking the Baptist Union Mission Resolution in ways that feel real and relevant, alongside interactive workshops, time outdoors with games, and opportunities to reflect. There will also be space to talk honestly about what it's like being part of a Baptist family - especially when your parent is involved in Baptists Together or BMS - creating a relaxed environment where young people can share, question and belong.

Youth aged 11-15 (and any without a permission slip) will need to be signed in and out of Queen's Suite at the beginning and end of each session. 16-18 year olds may opt to attend the main programme, but must always have their permission slip with them.

FURTHER INFORMATION



DISCOVERING MINISTRY:

An opportunity for anyone wondering about a calling to Baptist ministry to find out more. Representatives of our Colleges, Regional Associations and Ministries Team will be in one place on **Level 5**, providing a chance to hear about the different ways women and men exercise ministry, and about our pathways into recognised and accredited Baptist ministry.

GLOBAL MISSION LEARNINGS FOR UK CHURCHES:

The Church is called to bring light into the darkest of situations, walking with people in the community, welcoming people into a new life with Jesus, and seeing the church and local community thrive and flourish. The Church and Community Transformation process takes churches on a journey to discover what this call means for you. Be inspired by stories of transformation led by local churches globally and locally, and leave empowered with a tool to support your church to engage in mission locally.

SPONSORSHIP ZONE SESSIONS:

Some of our Sponsors will be running lunchtime sessions in the Queen's Suite on Saturday to help you engage in more depth with them. For details of sessions please ask at the Registration Desk, or visit the Assembly website.

A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF MISSION:

Hear how God is motivating and empowering Baptist churches in evangelism, in acts of compassion, in the pursuit of justice and in care for creation - not just as separate works but as integrated mission. Through conversation, real-life stories, and shared prayer, we'll reflect on the Mission Resolution and continue to discern together how God is calling us all to live out the whole gospel today.

EVENING NETWORKING SESSION:

A time to gather and reflect on the day with spaces available for:

College Reunions (Level 5) - Join with current and past staff and college alumni in an informal setting where all five Baptist Colleges plus Spurgeon's College have a space to gather people together

BMS (Hall D) - An informal drop in allowing time for people to ask questions about BMS and what mission looks like now

Pioneers (QS 1) - A chance to gather with others ministering as pioneers or in a pioneering situation

18-35s (QS 4) - Join with and meet other young adults (18-35s) who are at Assembly, with space to chat, connect, and play some games

Chaplains (Level 5) - A chance to meet and talk informally with other Baptist chaplains

Space to Reflect (QS2) - A space to reflect and process hosted by members of the Northumbrian Community

GENERAL INFORMATION

REFRESHMENTS

Water points are located and signed throughout Harrogate Convention Centre.

Studio 1 houses a Catering Area where hot and cold food and drinks can be purchased.

Opening times are listed on page 4. Please note that only food purchased from the Catering Area may be eaten on the premises.

FIRST AID

There are two First Aid rooms available if you require assistance – in the **Queen's Suite**, and outside the **Auditorium**. If you require assistance please make yourself known to the Convention Centre staff, the Registration Desk staff or head straight to one of the First Aid rooms.

BUGB SESSION - MEETING OF ASSEMBLY

Voting Delegates have not been issued with voting cards this year but will be asked to vote with a show of hands. Those eligible to vote include Ministers and appointed church delegates.

WORSHIP MATERIAL

Worship material will be projected onto large screens. If you have difficulty in seeing the screen we would suggest that you sit to one side and front of the Auditorium.

PRAYER

A prayer board can be found in **Hall D**. If you require prayer, find a team member or ask to be pointed to a Regional Team Leader who will be happy to pray with you.

ACCESSIBILITY

People with limited mobility

Harrogate Convention Centre is fully accessible, with designated seating and accessible toilets throughout the venue. If you are a wheelchair user, please ask a member of staff for directions.

Deaf and the hard of hearing

Hearing dogs are welcome - if you wish to take your dog with you, please ask the staff for directions to suitable seats on the aisle. British Sign Language interpreters will be present at all plenary sessions. Harrogate Convention Centre has a fixed-loop in the main Auditorium.

Visually impaired

Guide dogs are welcome - if you wish to take your dog with you, please ask a member of staff to find you suitable seats on the aisle.

Quiet space

If you are feeling overwhelmed at any point and would like to take some time in a quiet room, there is seating available in the **Conference Link Room**. Please be courteous of others using this room.

If you require any help throughout the day,
please speak to one of the team at the Registration Desk on **Level 4**

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO POLICY

In line with our safeguarding policy for the event, we ask you to adhere to the no photography policy at Baptist Assembly. There are official Assembly photographers who will take photos and videos to be used in internal or promotional material by Baptists Together or BMS World Mission.

If you do not wish your photo to be taken, or to be videoed, please make the photographers and registration staff aware as soon as possible.

OFFERING

We invite you to help share the gospel all over the world with a financial donation. Your gifts today will go to support both mission projects in the UK through Home Mission, and mission projects overseas through BMS World Mission. You'll be helping make Jesus' name truly known in the world. Please use the following ways to give what you can today:

Give online at: baptist.org.uk/assemblyoffering



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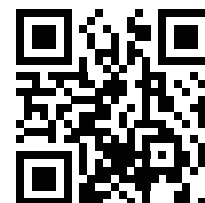
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