

# Leading your Church into Growth

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## BUILDING ON LAST YEAR'S AMAZING CONFERENCE!

- Do you want to learn about proven approaches to ministry to grow your parish?
- Do you want to empower your key lay leaders and strengthen your team?
- Do you want to grow in your own leadership skills and find real encouragement in ministry?

Then the 'Leading your Church into Growth' Conference is for you! Each Parish is invited to send a team of 6 people (or one or two – whatever you can manage) to this year's conference at St Christopher's, Avonhead.

This conference will help you lead your church so that people have a genuine encounter with God in worship, newcomers are welcomed warmly, parishioners grow in discipleship and we provide contexts where people can engage with the message and love of Jesus.

The conference begins at 6pm on Thursday 12 October, and runs all day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. It is fully catered, inspiring and heaps of fun!

Our speakers are Rev Harry Steel and Ven Rhiannon King both from the Church of England. Harry is from the Anglo-Catholic tradition and Rhiannon is from the charismatic-Evangelical tradition. They're both down-to-earth, very entertaining, and experienced church planters and leaders.

More information will follow but please begin shoulder tapping your team now and plan to be at this important conference. If you went to LyCiG last year, come again and reinforce the learnings. If you didn't attend last year, come for the first time, and find out for yourself what the buzz was all about!

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID LAST TIME

*"So much is common sense, but so well put together making it manageable. The presenters were fantastic, very realistic, practical and grounded. Thanks for a very valuable session!"*

*"Leading your church into Growth has ignited my heart for investing more deeply and intentionally in praying for God to bring growth to our community of faith and those yet to find Jesus. A great tool for the church to live and grow and change to flourish in his likeness."*

*"This was amazing and so timely. After COVID and a number of deaths in our Parish, it was so refreshing to focus on looking forward, being positive and being instructed and encouraged by Harry and Rhiannon who brought fresh stories and ideas with them. I feel blessed. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen."*

## WHAT ARE BISHOPS SAYING?

*"In a church culture which is too easily besotted and beguiled by all that is shiny and new Leading your Church into Growth concentrates on the tried and tested putting parish and people, evangelism and service front and center. This is extraordinary help for ordinary churches."*

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, The Most Reverend the Lord Archbishop of York

*"For years Leading your Church into Growth has been and remains the best single piece of training that any local church can undertake if it wants to learn more about sharing the great news of Jesus Christ."*

Rt Revd Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool

## PARISHES ARE INVITED TO SEND A CLERGY & LAY TEAM

- WHEN?** From 6pm on Thursday 12 October and then all day Friday and Saturday. A detailed programme will be available soon.
- WHERE?** The venue will be St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Rd, Christchurch. The conference will be non-residential. Those requiring a billet please email Veronica Cross on [bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz).
- TOPICS?** Topics covered will include creating a prayerful culture of growth, fruitful evangelism, engaging worship, becoming an inviting and welcoming church, and making a pathway for seekers to become disciples.
- COST?** The course is \$130 per person – we hope parishes will pay this on behalf of their respective teams. Funding is available from the Lay Training Fund or the Clergy Development Fund. Lunches and refreshments will be supplied as part of the cost.

## REGISTER ON THE DIO WEBSITE, SCAN QR CODE ABOVE OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW

Although this conference is not compulsory for clergy, you are urged to attend along with up to six of your lay leaders – they may be Wardens or other key leaders. If possible ensure that some of your team are younger leaders.

<https://bit.ly/LyCiG>

## BIOS OF OUR PRESENTERS

### VEN. RIANNON KING



Rhiannon King has been the Archdeacon of Ipswich (Suffolk) in the Church of England for the last three years. Rhiannon is also the Director of 'Inspiring Ipswich,' an initiative to help 7,500 explore the Christian faith, 1,500 to be nurtured in their new-found faith and to start 25 new worshipping communities. The project is three years into its seven-year term. Rhiannon works with an amazing team and enjoys learning from both the successes and failures of the project.

Before Ipswich, Rhiannon was the Director of Mission for the Diocese of Birmingham where she helped to set up a 'Growing Younger' project and a momentum to plant churches (large and small) throughout the diocese. She enjoyed living in an inner-city community during this time. Before this, Rhiannon was the Vicar of a group of semi-rural churches outside Cambridge. Throughout these posts her burning passion is to see people come to faith, live it out in their communities and to see churches flourish and grow.

### REV. HARRY STEELE



Harry Steele is a priest in the Church of England who has served most, but not quite all, of his 13 years of ordained ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield. He is married to Zoey with two boys. He loves reading novels, cycling, walking, basketball (watching, not playing) and listening to country music. He is also a collector of tattoos and fountain pens.

Harry is currently chaplain to the Bishop of Sheffield. In this role he supports Bishop Pete and the rest of the senior staff team of the diocese as they seek to revitalize the Diocese of Sheffield. Prior to that Harry was half-time Associate Director of Leading your Church into Growth, and a half-time Church Growth Officer in the Diocese of St Albans in the South of England. At that point of his life, in his spare time Harry was also the House for Duty Rector of two very rural, picturesque parishes about 15 miles south of Cambridge. Before that Harry has experience of inner city estate parishes of a variety of theological traditions when he served as an interim minister.