

UNITED IN MISSION

global insight, local impact

16-17
May
2025

Welcome to Baptist Assembly 2025

It is wonderful to welcome you!

We are so pleased that you are part of our Assembly this year.

This year's national gathering is taking a lead on mission, evangelism and discipleship. The first part of our weekend is therefore a mission conference in which BMS World Mission is taking a lead as we find out how global insight can have a local impact. This will provide teaching and resourcing for mission which can make a difference in our local communities.

Baptists Together General Secretary Lynn Green and BMS General Director Kang-San Tan both agree, 'We want to see lives and communities changed by the Good News that is Jesus!'

'United in Mission is taking a lead on mission, evangelism and discipleship and will inspire and catalyse conversation and action across our movement. We have a beautiful and dynamic distinctiveness that God has given us, and it is our hope we use this for his glory and Kingdom locally and globally.'

Please see details of the programme and a layout of the Bethel Convention Centre overleaf.

Catering Arrangements

Coffee and other refreshments will be available to purchase from the Coffee Shop area near the main entrance and will be available throughout Assembly. The in-house coffee shop will be run by members of the Baptist Union Specialist Teams in order to offer best value. All hot drinks offered are supplied by Kingdom Coffee, who promote Fairtrade and fairness. Coffee will be either filtered or instant and a range of tea options will be available. A range of light snacks will also be available together with soft drinks, juices and water - including gluten and dairy free options. Card payments and cash accepted.

During break times, additional stations for purchasing tea, coffee and snacks will be available in the restaurant area on the 1st floor and in the Alexander Suite on the ground floor.

All meals will be served from the Restaurant on the 1st floor. Seating is available to eat your meal in the Restaurant, Coffee Shop (Friday only), Alexander Suite and Herman D Suite. You should have received a ticket when you collected your lanyard that reminds you of your meal choice. Please note that this cannot now be changed.

'Grab bags' will be available for collection on Saturday evening at 19:00. Order forms will be available at the Registration Desk and they need to be returned and paid for at the Coffee Shop on the ground floor by 11:30 on Saturday morning.

Welcome to West Bromwich and to Baptist Assembly

Below is a programme for the weekend. If you have any questions at all, please do pop along to the **Registration Desk** where our team will be happy to help.

Friday

MISSION CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

12:00	Doors open	
12:00 - 19:00	Sponsor Zone open	Foyer
12:00 - 19:00	Coffee Shop open	Coffee Shop
14:00 - 14:30	Welcome and opening worship	Auditorium
14:30 - 16:00	'Anybody can do this': Making disciples from Kolkata to Toxteth	Auditorium
16:00 - 16:30	Break - refreshments available	Coffee shop, Restaurant and Alexander Suite
16:30 - 18:30	'Welcoming the stranger': when global mission goes local	Auditorium
18:30 - 20:00	Dinner break	Restaurant
20:00 - 20:30	Feedback session	Auditorium
20:30 - 21:00	Reflective evening prayer	Auditorium

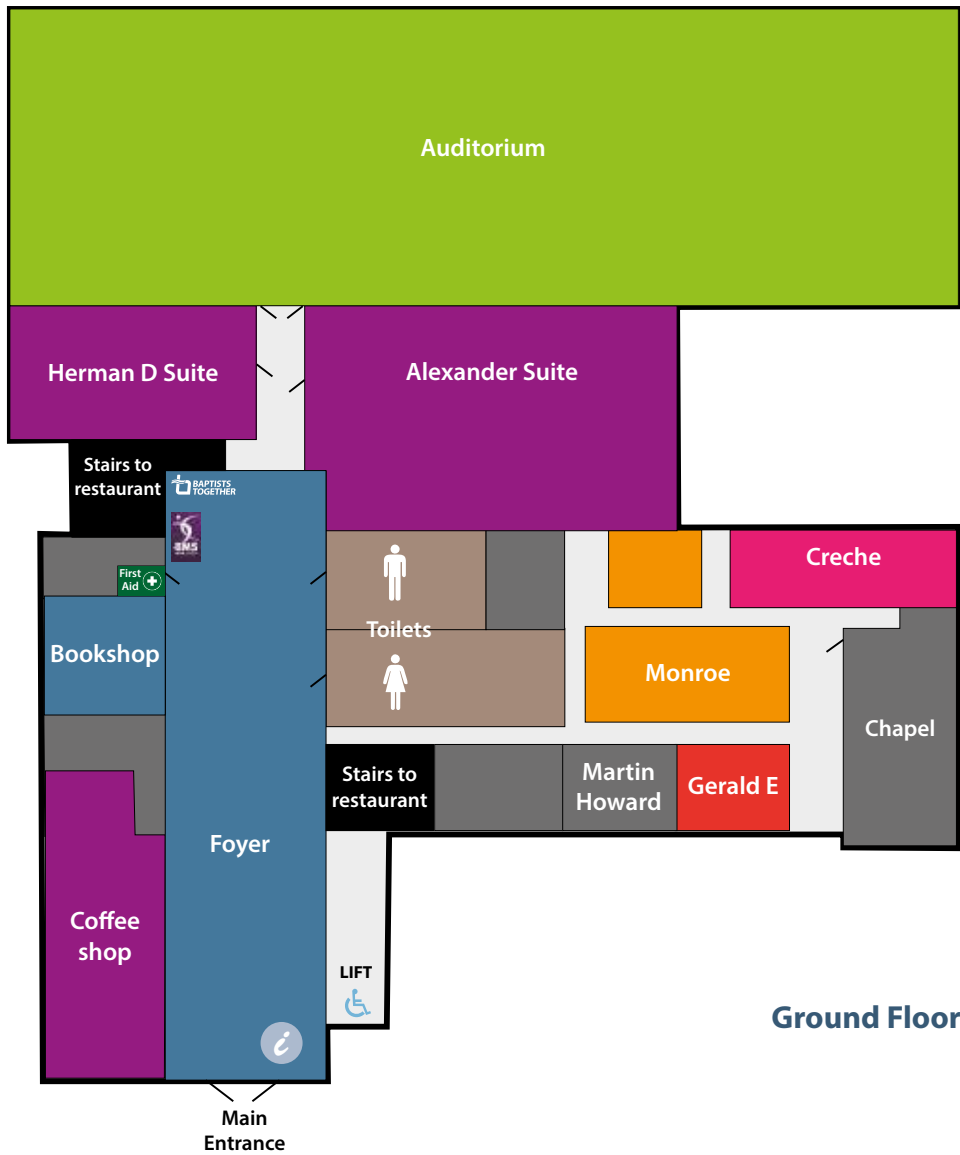
Saturday

08:30	Doors open	
08:30 - 19:30	Sponsor Zone open	Foyer
08:30 - 19:00	Coffee Shop open	Coffee Shop
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome and opening worship	Auditorium
09:30 - 10:30	Bible Study based on the Parable of the Lost Sheep: Luke 15: 1-7 with Kwame Adzam, Saba Riazi, Annet Ttendo-Miller and Savannah Bell	Auditorium
10:30 - 11:00	What is God saying to your local church? - with Aniu Kethoser	Auditorium
11:00 - 11:30	Break - refreshments available	Coffee shop, Restaurant and Alexander Suite
11:30 - 12:30	Worship and Communion	Auditorium
12:30 - 14:15	Lunch break	Restaurant

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME

14:15 - 16:15	Welcome to Baptist Assembly To include gathering and sharing, an update on Project Violet, the Meeting of the Assembly, reflections from our outgoing President, Steve Finamore, and an introduction to a time of discernment	Auditorium
16:15 - 17:00	Break - refreshments available	Coffee shop, Restaurant and Alexander Suite
17:00 - 19:00	Celebrating the Present and Committing to the Future Including worship, In Memoriam, the recognition of Ministers and Pastors, and an address by Lynn Green	Auditorium
19:00	Close of Assembly	

Bethel Convention Centre Floor Plan



CHILDREN and YOUTH

**Children's Area
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Please go to the Registration Desk 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 and youth teams work under our Safeguarding policy.

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

Monroe Room

Reception - Year 6

09:00 - 11:00	Session 1
11:30 - 12:30	Children will join in the all-together Communion
14:00 - 16:15	Session 2
17:00 - 19:00	Session 3

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

SATURDAY YOUTH PROGRAMME

Gerald E Room

Year 7 - Year 13

09:00 - 11:00	Session 1
11:30 - 12:30	Young people will join in the all-together Communion
14:00 - 16:15	Session 2
17:00 - 19:00	Session 3

Youth aged 11-15 (and any without a permission slip) will need to be signed in and out of Gerald E 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.

There is no programme for pre-school children this year. If your younger children become restless in the main session, please feel welcome to spend time with them in Creche Room.

Sponsor Zone

This year we are pleased to welcome Sponsors to our Assembly and you will be able to meet them in the Foyer. It is a great opportunity for informal conversations with representatives and gives you the chance to learn more about what they can offer you and your church to support your mission and ministry.

The Sponsor Zone will be open from 12:00 on Friday 16 May to 19:30 on Saturday 17 May.

This year, we are pleased to welcome the following Sponsors:

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The Boys' Brigade
The Light College and Collective
Utility Aid
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The Sponsor Zone in the Foyer is also the place to find the **BMS World Mission and Baptists Together stands**, along with representatives of our **regional Associations** and other **Colleges** and our **Assembly Bookshop**, provided by Oasis Christian Bookshop.

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General Information

FIRST AID

First Aid for the event is provided by Bethel Convention Centre. The First Aid room is next to the Assembly Bookshop in the Foyer. If you require assistance, please make yourself known to a Steward or one of the team on the Registration Desk by the entrance.

BUGB SESSION

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.

ACCESSIBILITY

People with limited mobility

Bethel Conference Centre is fully accessible, with a lift available to the first floor. If you are a wheelchair user, please ask the Stewards for directions to designated seating locations.

Deaf and the hard of hearing

Hearing dogs are welcome - if you wish to take your dog with you, please ask the Stewards for directions to suitable seats on the aisle. British Sign Language interpreters will be present at all plenary sessions. Bethel Conference Centre has hearing loops in a designated area in the main plenary space. Please ask Stewards to help direct you to this area. If you require any help throughout the day, please speak to one of the team at the Registration Desk.

Visually impaired

Guide dogs are welcome - if you wish to take your dog with you, please ask the Stewards for directions to suitable seats on the aisle. There is a limited number of extra-large print versions of the worship material which, if required, can be obtained from the Stewards or the Registration Desk.

Neurodiverse

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 Alexander Suite or Herman D Suite on the ground floor. These rooms are available except during our mealtimes.

WORSHIP MATERIAL

Worship material will be projected onto large screens. A small number of large print words will be available from Stewards or the Registration Desk for those with limited vision. If you have difficulty in seeing the screen we would also suggest that you sit to one side and front of the Auditorium.

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 for future Baptists Together/BMS events. If you do not wish your photo to be taken, or to be videoed, please make the photographers aware.

PRAYER

Whilst there isn't a specific prayer space at Assembly this year, our Association teams will be available to pray with you. Please go to the Association table in the Sponsor Zone or Registration Desk if you would like someone to pray with you.

BUGB SPECIALIST TEAMS and BMS STANDS

Please do come and visit the BMS and Specialist Teams stands in the Foyer. 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, HR and ministry.

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. You'll be helping make Jesus' name truly known in the world. Please use the following ways to give what you can today:

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If you have any questions during the day, please ask a Steward or one of the team at the Registration Desk.