

Baptist Union Council, Tuesday 21 - Wednesday 22 October 2025

The Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Yarnfield, Stone

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 21 October 2025

10.30 Coffee available

11.00 Welcome Peter King

11.05 Opening Worship and Communion Lynn Green

11.30 Council Matters Peter King

Approval of previous Council Minutes Peter King

Membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain
(Council Reports page 1) **(FOR AFFIRMATION AND INFORMATION)** Diane Watts

Colleges (FOR AFFIRMATION AND INFORMATION) Diane Watts

Non-Payers of Subscriptions
(Council Reports pages 2-3) **(FOR AFFIRMATION AND INFORMATION)** Diane Watts

11.45 Trustee Board, including updates from the Core Leadership Team
(Council Reports pages 4-5) **(FOR INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY)** Peter King/
Lynn Green

12.00 Baptists Together Key Roles Nominations Team
(Council Reports pages 6-9) **(FOR DECISION)** Barbara Carpenter

12.30 Formation Eco-System Update
(Council Reports pages 10-11) **(FOR DISCUSSION)** Tim Fergusson

13.00 LUNCH

14.15 Spurgeon's College Closure (FOR REFLECTION) Tim Fergusson

15.00 Baptist Identity
(Council Reports pages 12-29) **(FOR DISCUSSION AND DISCERNMENT)** Diane Watts

16.00 TEA

16.30 Project Violet Accountability Report
(Council Reports pages 30-43) **(FOR ACCOUNTABILITY)** Tim Fergusson/
Samantha Bowring

17.45 Assembly Update (FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION) Diane Watts

18.00 FREE TIME

18.30 DINNER

20.00 Speaking and Praying for Peace Steve Tinning

21.00 End of Council for today

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08.00 BREAKFAST and check out of bedrooms

09.15 Praying together

Lynn Green

**09.30 The rise of the Far Right and local witness
(FOR REFLECTION AND DISCERNMENT)**

Diane Watts

10.45 COFFEE

**11.15 Finance, Pension and Financial Model Review Update
(Council Reports pages 44-45) (FOR INFORMATION)**

Chris Jones/
Mohan Pandian

**11.45 SENT Report and 18-35s future plans
(Council Reports pages 46-50) (FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION)**

Jonny Hirst

12.30 Closing Worship

Zac Adeleye

**12.45 Farewells and thanks, including farewell to Seidel Abel Boanerges
as Moderator of Council**

Peter King

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 End of Council