



The Society of the Holy Cross

***International Synod
October 2020
LONDON UK***



'Look for Jesus'

Information & Booking Details

***12-14th October 2020
London UK***



**Welcome and Introduction to the Synod
from the Master General - Fr Nicolas Spicer SSC**

Dear Brother

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That we should have the opportunity to meet together for an International Synod in October 2020 under the banner of "Christ's Cross for God's World" is a very good thing and I am sure will be a time of great blessing for each of us as individuals and our Society.

2020 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of our founder Fr Charles Lowder SSC. It was Fr Lowder's experience of the Church in the world and in his parish that caused him to call together like-minded priests to be of encouragement and support to each other. Making promises to keep a common rule, similar to our Rule today, after the teachings of S Vincent de Paul, our early brothers were able to be faithful to the Catholic faith in their church and world.

Isn't that our calling to? It is a very different world and church that we live and minister in, but as brothers of the Society of the Holy Cross we too, living by the Rule, as Anglicans, are able to be faithful to the Catholic faith and so present Christ crucified to our church and world.

Already many of you have indicated that you intend to be present in London for the Synod and I hope that all of you will prayerfully consider joining me and the General Council for this time together, please do book early as numbers are restricted at times. From those of you who are unable to attend, I look forward to receiving a request for dispensation.

Please hold the organisers, each other and myself in your prayers as we approach this opportunity to grow in faith and practice boldly proclaiming "Christ's Cross for God's world".

Thank you.

Yours in Our Lord

Nicolas

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Conference Themes

**2020 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of our Founder Fr Charles Lowder SSC
Centenary of the 1920 Anglo-Catholic Conference.
Lambeth Conference 2020**

Synod Programme

Here's what's happening.

Monday 12th October 2020

*Opening Synod Mass at St Alban's Holborn 5.00pm
Synod Dinner 7.30 pm at The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane London
- Places limited book early to be sure of a place.*

Tuesday 13th October*

*in the Assembly Hall of Church House, Westminster London
Registration and Coffee from 9.00 am
Synod Day begins with Low Mass at 10.00 am
International Synod Business
Keynote Address
Sandwich Lunch
Keynote Address 2
Bible / Art Reflection
Evensong in Westminster Abbey Time TBC Feast of S Edward the Confessor*

Wednesday 14th October

Various Optional Activities around London and surroundings - details to follow or a rest day.

Thursday 15th October

*Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham - Return Coach Journey available from London
Talk
Lunch together
Closing Synod Mass*

Following Weekend 17-18th October

Opportunities to form links in English Parish and Hospitality/Pulpit invitations

** Of obligation to Society Members. The other activities are optional. Dispensation from your Provincial Master should be sought in advance for the Society Synod day.*

Our Synod Venues

We hope that you will enjoy being together with other SSC Brethren in some 'iconic' SSC and Church Venues here are some details of some of them...



St Alban the Martyr Holborn **For our Opening Mass**

Construction occurred between 1861 and 1862 in yellow and red stock bricks with stone dressings and tiled roofs. In 1862 Fr Alexander Mackonochie SSC (Former Master of SSC) became its first perpetual curate. He introduced a daily Eucharist, which featured Gregorian chant and significant ritual elements (e.g. the lighting of altar candles and the cleansing of eucharistic vessels at the altar). St Alban's was the first Anglican church to hold the three-hour devotion on Good Friday (1864) and one of the first to celebrate a Harvest Festival. Mackonochie also openly heard confessions. Mackonochie's pastoral ministry was typical of the 19th-century ritualist "slum priest" with his two curates, Arthur Stanton SSC (who remained at the church until his death in 1913) and Fr Edward Russell. At the kind invitation of Fr C. Smith SSC



Church House **Assembly Hall Westminster** **For our main Synod Day**

Built-in 1939 our stunning Grade II Assembly Hall was designed by world-renowned architect Sir Herbert Baker. Natural light streams through the 15 arched windows onto the gallery level. The polished English oak panelling and emblems sit beneath the room's architectural focal point - a striking glass dome



The Law Society 113 Chancery Lane London **Synod Dinner in the Common Room with Drinks** **Reception in the Reading Room beforehand.**

This Grade II listed building offers both traditional and contemporary backdrops for conferences and dinners – as well as for some very special occasions. 113 Chancery Lane offers versatility and style for events that leave a lasting impression.



Westminster Abbey London **For Evensong after the Synod**

- formally titled the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter at Westminster, is a large, mainly Gothic abbey church in the City of Westminster, London, England, just to the west of the Palace of Westminster. It is one of the United Kingdom's most notable religious buildings and the traditional place of coronation and burial site for English and, later, British monarchs. The building itself was a Benedictine monastic church until the monastery was dissolved in 1539. Between 1540 and 1556, the abbey had the status of a cathedral. Since 1560, it is no longer an abbey nor a cathedral, having instead the status of a Church of England "Royal Peculiar"—responsible directly to the sovereign.

Synod Accommodation

This time we will not be block booking accommodation for a number of reasons, not least that we all have different tastes and requirements, hardly any hotels in central London offer discounts for block booking and because of demand most will only hold a certain number of rooms.

BOOKING HOTELS IS ENTIRELY DOWN TO EACH INDIVIDUAL.

Take advantage of early booking, and if you can, non-flexible rates to get the best prices. Booking early in London is always advisable.

We can, however, offer you some suggestions, comments, and links to nearby hotels...

We also would encourage you to maybe make a link to a UK Parish and SSC Members in this country who may be able to offer hospitality for your stay or part of it. See below for further info.

Premier Inn Hub

Close to Church House and Underground

<https://www.premierinn.com/> Search 'St James Park' - A vivid blend of old and new in London's political quarter, close to parks, palaces, and historic watering holes. This is the closest hotel to Church House and is very conveniently located to other tourist venues. The price is in the Low-Medium range for London £140-160/nt



Sanctuary House Hotel

Close to Church House and Underground but more expensive

<https://www.sanctuaryhousehotel.co.uk>

London's best attractions are less than a 10-minute walk away, including Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the London Eye, Palace of Westminster, St James's Park and Buckingham Palace. Built-in the 19th century, this historic building provides the perfect base from which to explore all the attractions London has to offer. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Our prices will always beat other booking agents. Book direct for our best price guarantee! The price is in the High range for London £200-250/nt



London County Hall Premier Inn

Bit further to Church House and Underground (across Westminster bridge - .5mile) but cheapest and clean.

<https://www.premierinn.com/> Search 'London County Hall' - Just minutes away from the London Eye, in sight of some of London's most famous landmarks and in the same building as the Shrek Adventure, Premier Inn London County Hall puts you at the heart of the city. - located in the historic County Hall building, our spacious rooms and extra-cosy beds will make sure you get a great night's sleep. The price is in the Low range for London £110-120/nt



Travelodge Waterloo

A bit further from Church House but walkable over Westminster Bridge (.8mile)

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/> Search 'London Waterloo' - You can't beat the location at our London Central Waterloo hotel, it's the perfect place to stay in London. Located near London's South Bank, you're only a 5-minute walk from Waterloo train and tube station. From here, and all within a 15-minute walk. The price is in the Medium range for London £125-175/nt



Publicity

All members will be mailed a booking form and two posters advertising the Synod and asking our Parishes to pray for us as we prepare to meet together in London. We hope that you will display the poster and encourage God's people to pray. Further synod details and prayer cards will be printed in due course.

Registration

Everyone needs to Register for the International Synod see the enclosed booking form. You can register online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/wg9ysbl>

Full instructions are on the form.

You only need to complete the booking form once!

Please do not just turn up on the day! You won't have been catered for!

Please also note that numbers for the Dinner are restricted and a 'first come first served' with a waiting list operated after. Entrance strictly by a ticket! - so don't miss out.

Register as soon as possible!

Creating a Parish link

We thought this time around we would give the brethren the option to make a link between parishes overseas and in England. This might be for the mutual prayerful support of each other, or more formal parish links and support, joint pilgrimages and locum swaps! The list could go on and it would be down to you once linked to make of it what you will. But it could be that hospitality might be offered the following weekend and opportunity to share in parish life and preaching/concelebration might be arranged locally. (Hosts - Do check your local diocesan safeguarding arrangements in advance of invitation.)

As many of our brethren are now retired there is also the option for retired clergy to be in contact with each other across the world. The same could go for Curates and those serving titles.

If you would be interested in this? we would encourage you to complete the online form and the organisers will put brethren in contact.

This is open to all members regardless of whether you are attending the synod. Click this link to apply...

<https://tinyurl.com/srqa6ot>

Booking Form

This Synod is being organised as three packages. Brethren are strongly encouraged to attend for the Monday and the Tuesday at least. Obligation will be met by attending on Tuesday.

For some brethren it will be appropriate to return on Tuesday evening, but they are encouraged to come to Walsingham under their own arrangements on the Thursday.

Brethren are encouraged to ask their parishes to pay the fee, and also to consider paying it for those who are retired. If financial assistance is required, please contact the Master.

In all cases, these packages are being substantially subsidised by the Society. Please note travel, transfer, meals (unless stated) and accommodation are not included in these prices.

The dinner at the Law Society is limited to 200. Please book early to guarantee a place. A waiting list will be operated if needed. Entrance to the dinner will be strictly by ticket only.

*Dispensation **must be sought** from the Master General, no later than the 15th August 2020.*

Package 1 - £125

Ideal for overseas brethren and those who want to enjoy the Synod and its fellowship.

October 12th – 15th

This will include:

October 12th Opening Synod Mass at St Alban's Holborn followed by gala dinner and speaker at the Law Society.

October 13th Synod at Church House, including Lunch, and Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

October 14th activities available on at both S. Peter's London Docks, including Mass and a tour of the parish or a trip to Canterbury Cathedral. Benediction and reception in the Evening.

October 15th a day pilgrimage to Walsingham (transfer provided and lunch).

Weekend partnerships with Churches can be provided to overseas brethren.

Package 2 - £100

Ideal for English and Welsh brethren who have limited time.

This will include:

October 12th Opening Synod Mass at St Alban's Holborn followed by gala dinner and speaker at the Law Society.

October 13th Synod at Church House, including Lunch, and Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

Package 3 - £30

Ideal for retired brethren of limited means and those who have genuine other commitments.

October 13th Synod at Church House, including Lunch, and Evensong at Westminster Abbey.



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Please give details of any allergies:

Please provide Next of Kin details if possible:

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Please return with cheque made payable to 'The Society of the Holy Cross'

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NB: Your booking isn't secured until full payment is received. You will then receive a Booking Confirmation. If you don't hear within 30 days, please contact Fr Robin Jones SSC as above.