

An invitation for you



Leading your Church into Growth 2025 Conferences

We have sixteen **fully funded** spaces available for LyCiG's 2025 national residential conferences and we are delighted to invite you along on the journey.

Are you looking for ways to lead your church into growth and new life? Would you like to be encouraged, inspired and equipped in the process?
The LyCiG conference and accompanying support could be the catalyst you need in your context.

For further information and discussion, please see the LyCiG website or contact Rev. Clive Hicks:

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We have sixteen fully funded places available across Leading your Church into Growth's (LyCiG) two remaining national residential conferences for 2025:

- **Monday 2nd June – Wednesday 4th June** at Highgate House, Northampton (nine places across three churches)
- **Monday 13th October – Wednesday 15th October** at The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire (six places across two churches)

We would love to invite you to attend one of these fully residential conferences. For further information, please read on.

The Diocese of Coventry is continuing into its second year of a pilot programme with LyCiG. Over twenty of our churches were involved in the pilot in 2024, and we have received wonderfully encouraging reports from the conferences and seen the plans and actions that have developed in the months that followed. [You can find some of the stories here.](#)

What is LyCiG?

LyCiG is a highly regarded programme which many Dioceses prefer as a route to assist in parish development and growth; and it is now well funded by the National Church who want the impact to be felt more widely. It is relevant across the breadth of Anglican churchmanship, and prides itself on growing church congregations one by one, rather than setting unrealistic expectations. It works best where there is a Diocesan or Mission Hub accompaniment after the initial conference, which is still an aspiration in our Diocese. For more information about LyCiG, [please visit their website](#).

Why is the Diocese of Coventry working with LyCiG?

The purpose for our Diocese in 2025-26 is to equip clergy and laity in a small number of churches/benefices to **lead a programme of change**, and themselves work with their wider church leadership and PCC towards a fresh Mission Action Plan across the next twelve months. I know from colleagues in

Liverpool and Blackburn Dioceses that there is a real advantage in a group of churches from the same Diocese attending together.

What happens at the conference?

The delivery team at the conference includes inspirational and knowledgeable parish clergy – both women and men – including team members who have recently been working internationally with Dioceses in Australia. At the June 2024 conference, there was a strong presence from churches in Coventry, but also from Southwark Diocese, as well as churches in Leeds and Liverpool, and the URC. In October 2024, one of the team members who spoke was operating in more of a pioneering role. The programme is quite intense but incredibly rewarding. (As an important side note, the food and drink is very good!)

What do I need to do to join in?

Our hope is that the conference will form part of a wider journey for your church. As such, we need the following from you in order to offer you a conference space:

1. A team comprised of one clergy member and two lay leaders who are committed to working together as a team, and championing LyCiG in your locality
2. Endorsement from your PCC along with support from your Area Dean or a Mission Hub (please contact Stevey on stevey.cubitt@coventry.anglican.org if you would like information on the Mission Hubs and how to connect to one)
3. Commitment from your team to attend:
 - a. The conference itself
 - b. A briefing with me before the first conference in May 2025
 - c. Up to four Diocesan LyCiG gatherings in 2025/26 where we hope to have input from the national LyCiG team, too. These will be a mix of online/in-person with food.

What do I do next?

The deadline for expressions of interest for the June 2025 conference is **5pm on Monday 28th April 2025**. To avoid being disappointed for this round, I would suggest contacting me as soon as possible. If we are oversubscribed I will introduce a waiting list to give priority for future conferences, or try to make another arrangement locally, if there is sufficient interest.

Having seen firsthand the beneficial impact that these resources can have on the life of a church, I am immensely proud to be championing LyCiG in our Diocese. To send a team of three to the conference costs over £800, so I am delighted to be able to offer this to you free of charge.

If you would appreciate further discussion around what this could mean for your context, and what the benefits and challenges might be, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With every blessing,

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