

PRIORITY AREAS

**THE BIG
CONVERSATION:
PRIORITY AREAS 360°**

**24TH AND 25TH
NOVEMBER 2021**

ONLINE EVENT

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DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.00am

Welcome, Programme and Concept - Opening Greetings from the Moderator

11.15am

Worship: John 4: 4-26 Jesus and The Samaritan Woman at the Well

11.30am

Session 1 - What does it look like in our church and community when we make the poorest our priority?

In this session, participants will hear from our American Volunteers currently on placement in Dundee congregations, about an initiative they are involved in. In conversation with the Priority Areas Team, we'll explore this and open it up to others to share their experience and practice, offering a space for us to learn more. It will give us the opportunity to view ourselves through other's eyes.

12.35pm

Lunch Break

2.00pm

Session 2 - What does it mean to be a congregation that makes poverty a priority within the Church's Faith Action Programme?

In this session, Scott Shackleton Head of Faith Action Programme will present on the Programme to date and Dave Kendall, Chief Officer will offer some outline thinking on finances and resources. We'll get a chance to break into smaller groups and engage with these vital areas, help increase the understanding of the Church and ensure your experience is heard.

3.15pm

Worship: Luke 21:1-4 Jesus and the lesson of the Widow's Mite



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DAY TWO - THURSDAY 25TH

11.00am

Welcome, Programme and Concept

11.15am

Worship: Mark 5: 25-34 Jesus and the Bleeding Woman

11.30am

Session 3 - What does it mean to be part of a Priority Areas network? Tell it how it is!

In this session we will open up a conversation and then go into four simultaneous sessions facilitated by the Priority Areas team. How do we go on a journey together? What are we looking for from each other? How do we reset and capture needs post pandemic? What's the message for presbyteries?

12.35pm

Lunch Break

2.00pm

Session 4 - How do we respond to and influence change in society?

This session will open with input on Basic Income from Jamie Cooke, Head of The Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce Scotland. We'll then hear from Russell Gunson, Director of the Institute of Public Policy Research on Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG). Russell is co-chair alongside Social Justice Secretary Shona Robison of the Scottish Government steering group established to deliver MIG. Then we will move into four simultaneous sessions facilitated by the Priority Areas team.

3.15pm

Closing Words and Worship: John 7:53-8:11 Jesus and the Adulterous Woman



Our Team works towards the strategic plan for Priority Areas, which forms part of the Faith Action Programme for the Church of Scotland. We are located within Faith Nurture and are supported by the Priority Areas Implementation Group.

"Priority for the poorest and the most marginalised is the gospel imperative facing the whole Church - not just the Church in the poorest places."

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