



# SECTOR CONFERENCE 2021

October 20-22



LIFE ON THE EDGE – Guest speaker: Simon Manchester

## Programme

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

5pm – arrive

6pm – dinner

7pm – session 1, Simon Manchester

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30am – breakfast

9am – session 2, Simon Manchester

10:30am – morning tea

11:30am – session 3, Simon Manchester

1pm – lunch

Afternoon – free time

6pm – dinner

7pm – Taking your preaching from good to better, Simon Manchester

8pm – Bishop's session. Finish at 9pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30am – breakfast

9am – session 4, Simon Manchester

10:30am – morning tea and leave

“We have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord...bearing fruit...growing...being strengthened with all power ...so that you may have great endurance and patience...joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance...for He has rescued us...and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” Colossians 1:9-14.

[KNOWLEDGE...FORTITUDE...CHEERFULNESS.....the KFC prayer]

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## Session 1 – Looking back in order to look forward

Deut 1-4. Reading 4:1-14

Introduction

The road so far

Pick your fights

Looking ahead

God's people, a) mission, b) idols, c) privilege, d) mercy

## Group questions

1. How does Moses look back on such a tough journey with faith, hope and love?
2. Why is the perspective of 1:31 so critical for pastors and people? [See 4:31 too].
3. Is 4:5-8 (and 1 Peter 2:9-12 today) realistic? How might it work?
4. What views of God predominate today in a world/church not listening well (4:10)?
5. Reflecting on 4:37-38, are you running on full, half or empty at the moment? (Why?)

## Session 2 – Seven diamonds on the covenant ring

Deut 5-11. Reading 8: 1-20

Introduction

Rescued to respond

Welfare and dangers

Loved so decide

Trained for wisdom

Success and humility

Mercy and fear

Grace and obedience

Group questions

1. What is the 'background music' that God plays for His people? Do you hear it?
2. Does law (Deut 5) have a place in ministry today? Where?
3. Which is most dangerous – prosperity (6:10), idolatry (6:14) or adversity (6:16)?
4. Where are you finding great challenges today – in the world, the church or yourself?
5. Are you finding comfort and help that outweighs the challenges? (Where?)

Session 3 – Please get practical

Deut 12-26. Reading 12: 1-18

Introduction

Unpacking commandment one

Unpacking commandment three

Unpacking commandment six

Unpacking commandment seven



## Group questions

1. Has "obedience" become a dirty word today? How does scripture see it?
2. How does Deuteronomy 12:1-14 hold 'privilege and responsibility' together so well?
3. What marks out the very distinctive Christians that you know today? (cp Deut 14)
4. In your preaching/teaching which of the "T's" is the hardest to get right?
5. Would your listeners say that the truth you teach is liberating? Or something else?

# Evening Session 1: Taking your preaching from good to better, Simon Manchester

## Evening Session 2: Bishop's session

## Session 4: Persuading the listener

Deut 27-34. Reading 30: 11-20

Introduction

Pros and Cons

Warning and Wooing

Death and judgment

Great Hope

## Group questions

1. Have you seen people transformed lately?
2. Why do you think the ground (and work) is so hard today?
3. What comfort do we have in Moses (29:29) and Jesus (Matt 11) and Paul (2 Cor 4)?
4. How would you handle/apply 28:65-67 today to our world (!)?
5. What treasure from this book will you take home?

# **Diocesan Calendar 2022 – Draft**

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## **November 2021**

20 – Synod, Tamworth Town Hall

## **December 2021**

4 – Clergy picnic, Bishop's Court

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## **January**

7-13 – CMS summer school

17-20 – NextGen

## **February**

18 – Ordination retreat

19 – Ordinations

23 – Inservice training day

## **March**

? – Men@Glen

7 – Archdeacon's meeting

8 – Diocesan Council and Corporate Trustees meetings

? – Youth Surge

## **April**

15-18 – Easter

? – Scripture teacher training day, either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **May**

2 – Archdeacon's meeting

3 – Diocesan Council and Corporate Trustees meetings

6-7 – Next Phase Conference

19-21 – Ministry Wives Annual Conference

## **June**

4 – CEM lay evangelistic preaching training day

14-17 – Clergy Conference

## **July**

26 – Diocesan Council meeting

## **August**

## **September**

3 – New Life conference

5 – Archdeacon's meeting

6 – Diocesan Council and Corporate Trustees meetings

23-25 – Synod

## **October**

17-21 – Sector Conference

29 – Scripture teacher training day, possible two locations

## **November**

28 – Archdeacon's meeting

29 – Diocesan Council and Corporate Trustees meetings

## **December**

3 – Clergy picnic

## **TBD**

? – Indigenous ministry training day

? – CMS Mission Encounter