

# Mission in a Strange New World

Saturday 17th May 2025, 09:30 to 16:30, Trinity College Bristol



## Speakers & Workshop Leaders



**Paul Bradbury** is a pioneer, founder of Poole Missional Communities, researcher and author of *In the Fullness of Time*.

Paul is our Closing Speaker, talking about the church as the creation of the mission of God, exploring where he sees the Spirit at work in forming the church in novel ways, that might be a sign of the future, and what it means for us to join in with the Holy Spirit in mission, without running ourselves into the ground!



**Jacqui Kean** is a Vicar in the Southville and Bedminster areas of Bristol & loves Jesus, family, gardening, food, the arts.

Jacqui's workshop, *Mission looks like Community Collaboration*, will look at how mission thrives through relationships, shared purpose, and recognising the strengths already present in our communities. Drawing on experience working across faith and community organisations, we will explore how partnership—not just projects—makes the difference.



**Alan Chandran** was a church leader in Kent when he decided to give it all up 14 years ago to go and live in faith, to 'be amongst the people', sharing life with them (go out into their context and stay within their context rather than inviting them into mine or an organisation.)

Alan's workshop, *Mission looks like Street Ministry*, will discuss how Micro-Communities emerge through creating conversational hubs to begin discussing the person Jesus, enabling Christian communities to grow with their own expression and then doing it all over again.



**Simon Halls** leads ShinePinehurst - a 'youth-full' missional community working with the wider community on an Estate where I have lived for the last 30+ years.

Simon's workshop, *Mission looks like Estate Ministry*, will explore themes of how 'working-class' church might be different? 'How does a church respond to the needs of the community around it?' 'How do we empower young local leaders?' Come prepared with questions as we reflect on the joys, challenges and privileges of Estates ministry.



**Clare and Greg Thompson** are leaders of LoveBristol church and charity, co-lead a network of Christian community houses. They have lived in community for 21 years with their five children, and believe the 24/7 life in Christian Community helps grow authentic resilient disciples of Jesus.

Clare and Greg's workshop, *Mission looks like Community Housing*, will share what life is like living in community, some of the challenges and joys, and some top tips for running community houses.



**Alison Webster** is a progressive practical theologian who is currently General Secretary of Modern Church, and also Mission Theologian in Residence for Citizens UK.

Alison's workshop, *Mission looks like Community Organising*, will explore how and why this is proving itself to be a powerful methodology for integrating evangelism, social action, a passion for challenging injustice, and tying all that together with a growth in personal discipleship, and theological reflection on vocation.



**Ed Sauven** is a Pioneer Minister who co-leads the Stroud Grace Network at Brimscombe Mill, Stroud, a social enterprise hub wrestling with what it means to be a modern-day monastery. Exploring what it means to pursue justice, hospitality prayer and presence in our locality.

Ed's workshop, *Mission looks like Enterprise/New Monasticism*, will share some of their experiences from the adventure so far. Exploring themes of justice, economics and new monasticism.



**Mark Robinson** is part of the national Fresh Expressions team, leading on communications. Exploring how faith, story, and community weave together, especially among those who've felt disconnected from traditional church.

Mark's workshop, *Mission looks like Fresh Expressions*, will explore innovation and contextual mission through the lens of the Fresh Expressions journey — sharing stories and creating space to ask big, open questions — about church, culture, and calling.



**John White** is lead minister of the Hazelnut Community in Bristol.

John's workshop, *Mission looks like Eco-Communities in an Age of Great Change*, explores how churches can remain rooted and faithful amidst ecological breakdown, shifting power structures, and growing instability. In these uncertain times, we ask what it means to be a resilient Church—nurturing collaboration, courage, and hope.



**Niall Briggs** has been exploring pioneering spaces and community engagement around the margins of church for the last 20 years. He is a Methodist local preacher and lay Community Pioneer.

Niall's workshop, *Mission looks like Pioneering Experiments*, explores the Flourish Framework in Bristol - developed as a way of connecting together pioneering people, activities and conversations. We will look at examples (from Flourish and the room) of the why and how of being experimental and how to make sense of what you are seeing.

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