



Invitation to the Annual Assembly Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May 2025 Nottingham Trent University

Dear All,

I would like to invite you to this year's May Assembly, a time when we can come together face to face and enjoy fellowship as the Congregational Federation! I am delighted that the East Midlands Area will be hosting us this year in Nottingham. All the events will be in Nottingham city centre, in Castle Gate and Nottingham Trent University's City Campus. We will as always be streaming the Assembly live so if you are unable to make it in person you can still be part of the day.

Our weekend starts with an event on Friday afternoon and finishes with worship on Sunday morning.

The main event of course is on Saturday when doors open at 9.30am with refreshments and we will start at 10am with live worship till formal proceedings start at 10.30am. The Assembly will be held in a large lecture theatre in the Newton building, a magnificent example of mid-20th Century architecture, it is one of the tallest buildings in Nottingham and boasts a striking art-deco style. Caroline Stott will be inducted as President, presenting her theme "Diversity". There is no onsite parking, the nearest car park is Trinity Square (NG1 4BT) a very short walk away. It is 10 minutes by taxi from Nottingham train station and Park and Ride stations outside the city centre allow you to park and catch the tram to the Nottingham Trent University tram stop.

Luzia Watt our Church Support Worker will also host a Children and Youth Assembly so please encourage any children and young people to attend.

We are also delighted to have Rev Gabriel Simplicio from the Congregational Church in Brazil with us all weekend.

In this document is all the information you need but please contact me if you have any questions

I look forward to seeing you there.

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Friday 9th May 2pm – 4pm, CF Conference Centre, 6 Castle Gate, NG1 7AS

A Gathering for those interested in Mission



Rev Gabriel Simplicio from the Congregational church in Brazil will share with us about Mission and we will explore some of our new resources including the Being Congregational course. This is a time of fellowship for all but especially those in ministries or church leadership role.

Friday 9th May 7pm – 9pm, CF Conference Centre, 6 Castle Gate, NG1 7AS

Fringe event, A walking tour of Nottingham



Ezekial Bone specialises in educational entertainment and character-led heritage tours that capture the spirit of Nottingham, city and shire, past and present. This will start and finish at Castle Gate and refreshments will be served. The walk will be fully accessible for all and suitable for adults and children.

Saturday 10th May – Nottingham Trent University

City Campus, Newton Building, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, NG1 4BU

9.30am – 10.25am – Tea and Coffee and biscuits will be served.

10am – Open worship will start the day.

10.30am Formal proceedings will begin.

1pm – 2pm - Lunch time with tea and coffee available.

4pm - Tea and Coffee will be served.

There is a full hour for lunch to chat and catch up with friends old and new. You can pre-order a packed lunch bag for £11 or bring your own lunch. All dietary needs will be catered for if you pre-order and state on the form enclosed. There will also be a range of information stands to browse around including a Christian bookshop this year.



Directions.

Visit the website for more details <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/about-us/visit-us/maps-and-locations>

By rail – the nearest station is Nottingham and is 10 minutes in a taxi.

By car – we recommend using the city's park and ride services and continuing your journey by tram or bus. We recommend that you use one of the following sites and board any tram serving Toton Lane or Clifton South:

The Forest (NG7 6AQ)

Phoenix Park (NG8 6AS)

Toton Lane (NG9 7JA)

Make sure you buy a ticket before boarding the tram to avoid penalty fares and alight at the Nottingham Trent University stop. Visit <https://www.thetram.net/> for more information.

Visit the <https://www.nctx.co.uk/parkride> for more information on the bus park and ride services.

Lunch is £11.00 which includes a sandwich, bottle of water, crisps, sweet snack and fruit - Please see attached order form and state any dietary requirements.

Children's work and Youth work - Please pre-register, if possible, for numbers and safeguarding.

Live Streaming – Run by Crystal Productions.

Photography – Rydal Photography will take photos during the day but if you do not want to be included in any photography, please let the welcome desk know when you arrive.

Saturday evening 6-9.30pm

Hosted by St. Nic's, 79 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6AE

We invite you to a fun and social evening including a live Ceilidh band.

Doors open at 6pm

Starting with a hot meal at 6.30pm, dancing at 8pm till 9.30pm.

Please complete numbers and dietary requirements on the booking form.



Sunday 11th May

Please note for most of these churches it is on street parking so please be considerate

10.00am - Blaby (South)

10.45am - Belper (West from Nottingham)

10.30am - South Wigston (South) Past President, Elisabeth Sweeney Smith is preaching
car park near by

10.30am - Ashby (South West) President, Caroline Stott will be preaching

10.30am - Clarendon Park Leicester (South) easier for those travelling on a train

11.00am - Newark (East) easier for those travelling on a train

3pm – Tutbury (West) President is preaching



Nottingham Hotels

Staff and Guests are staying in: -

Lace Market Hotel, 29 - 31 High Pavement, Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1HE

Other Hotels include: -

Premier Inn Nottingham City Centre, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LT 3 star

Ibis Nottingham Centre, 16 Fletcher Gate, Nottingham NG1 2FZ, 2 star

Mercure Hotel Nottingham City Centre, 2 George St, Nottingham NG1 3BP 4 star

Crowne Plaza Nottingham, Wollaton Street, Nottingham, NG1 5RH 4 star