



# ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

## **Cathedrals, Mission, and the Power of 'Place', Past, Present and Future Conference**

**Lambeth Palace, 14 November 2017**

The Church of England is seeing significantly growing numbers of visitors and pilgrims at our cathedrals. Gaining greater understanding of the reasons for this, and of the expectations and hopes of those who visit, enables cathedrals to respond much more effectively to the mission opportunities this presents and to meet the diverse needs of those who come to these holy places.

This conference on 'Cathedrals, Mission and the Power of 'Place', Past, Present and Future' is being hosted at Lambeth Palace at the conclusion of an important three-year research partnership between the Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture at the University of York and the Church of England. It is designed to bring together Chapter members, education and visitor department staff, and other stakeholders, to discuss key theological and practical issues, share best practice, and consider new mission strategies.

I strongly encourage you to attend this conference so that the conclusions of the research can be discussed and disseminated and can help to shape our planning and strategy for the future.

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