

Worship at our Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA)



Times of worship are central to our gathering together as the URC General Assembly.

Each **morning** will start with an act of **worship** which will include a Bible reflection from our guest Bible study leader – **Revd. Richard Byass** who is the Superintendent Minister – Nottingham North East Circuit.

Richard was born in West Africa and spent much of his early life there. After secondary school back in the UK he thought he was going to go into architectural design, but God had other designs (pun intended) and as a result of responding to a distinct call on his life, he began preaching at aged 17. He then did his undergraduate degree at Cliff College. This was followed by being in training at Manchester before entering circuit ministry in 2004 in Cheshire. He then moved to North Herts, in 2009. He more recently completed a Masters in Theology at the University of Aberdeen. Now in his third appointment, Richard brings 20 years of experience in local church ministry and 7 in Superintendency. He is engaged in some committee work for the Methodist Church nationally and remains committed to emphasising hospitality, justice and well-being in church life; as well as seeking to enable people to grow together as faithful disciples, individually and as a community. Richard has two children and a black Labrador called Ossie!

At General Assembly Richard will be reflecting for us on Paul's letter to the Philippians looking at the following:

'Growing glory' Philippians 1: 2-11 (NIVUK)

'Growing love' Philippians 2: 1-13 (NIVUK)

'Growing joy' Philippians 3: 7-21 (NIVUK)

'Growing grace' Philippians 4: 4-13 & 23 (NIVUK)

Friday and Saturday evening worship we will be using St. Ignatius Daily Examen. The Examen involves reflecting on the past day to recognize God's blessings and acknowledge difficulties or mistakes. We give thanks for positive moments and seek forgiveness for struggles. Looking ahead, we consider possible challenges and opportunities, ask for the necessary graces—such as patience or wisdom—and trust in God's support for the day to come.

Sunday morning worship will include the last of Richard's reflections and an opportunity to share together in the Lord's Supper.

If you would be willing to read or would be willing to help with communion preparations on Sunday please let us know.

EGA Playlist:

I thought it might be helpful for people to know which songs we will be singing so folk can familiarise themselves with any that are not known to them.

The Splendour of the king Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash) -leading into the chorus ... 'then sings my soul'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ut5LBsi-YGE>

Living Hope Phil Wickham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdmEzuv6jrk>

The Lord's my shepherd Stuart Townend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

Amazing Grace (My chains are gone) Chris Tomlin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBRwoqJP2sk&list=RDQBRwoqJP2sk&start_radio=1

I speak Jesus Charity Gayle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV4sYN173HY>

May the fragrance Jesus Graham Kendrick *(but we will sing antiphonally by colour of lanyards rather than men and women.)*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYpYofs8Xp4&list=RDYpYofs8Xp4&start_radio=1

Here is bread. Here is wine Graham Kendrick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgysV3EZKas>

To God be the glory, great things he has done Fanny Crosby (R&S 289)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkXT29dYPWo>

I look forward to helping to lead our worship in November

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