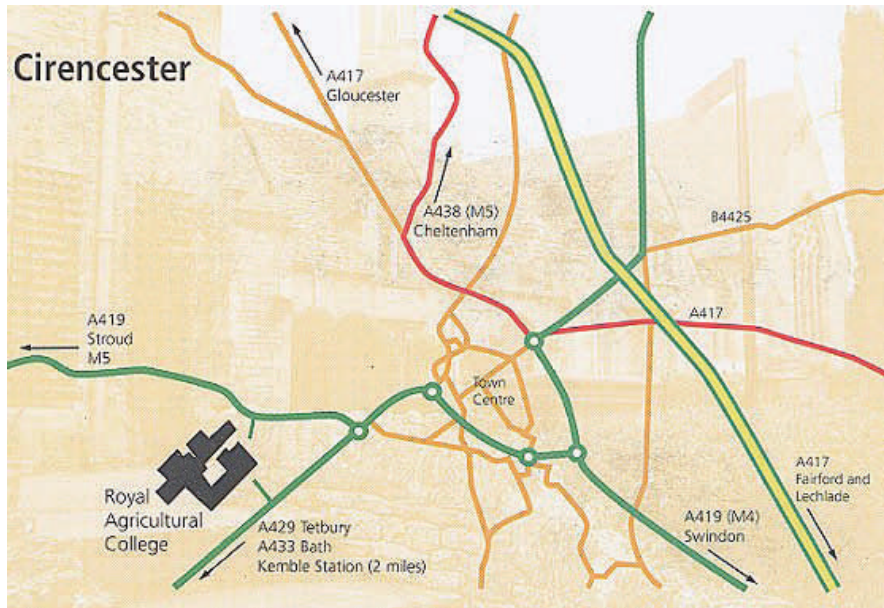


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Multi Parish Benefice Conference is hosted by
the Children & Young People's Department of
the Diocese of Gloucester.

The art of the possible

Children and young people
in rural multi-parishes

9.30am - 4.15pm

8th January 2009

Royal Agricultural College
Cirencester

ABOUT THE DAY

Children matter. Young people matter. Families matter. They matter in our society and they matter to the church, but it's not always easy finding ways of reaching and keeping them in the complexities of rural life.

"The art of the possible" is a day conference that looks at these issues, concentrating on what can be achieved, hearing stories and discovering new ideas. This is the fourth year that the dioceses of Oxford, Gloucester and Coventry have held a day for those serving the church in multi-parish benefices.

Key note speaker: Canon Professor Martyn Percy

Martyn Percy is Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon and the Oxford Ministry Course. His current research is concerned with different models of church and the relationship between context, theology and praxis: how it becomes possible to live out faith in small or large situations, without using a 'one size fits all' model. In rural multi-parish benefices this translates into realistic models for clergy and leaders to find effective ways of working.

He is also Honorary Professor of Theological Education at King's College London, and Canon Theologian of Sheffield Cathedral. He has interests in media and consumer ethics, and has served as a Director and Council member of the Advertising Standards Authority. He is currently a member of the Independent Complaints Panel for the Portman Group, the self-regulating body for the alcoholic drinks industry, and a Commissioner for the Direct Marketing Authority. He is a regular contributor to *The Guardian*, Radio 4, the World Service and other media. His recent books include *Clergy: The Origin of Species* (2006) and *Engaging Contemporary Culture: Christianity and the Concrete Church* (2005).

Martyn lives in a village outside Oxford with his wife, two sons and a dog called Pippa—one at least of these will be joining him at the conference!

PROGRAMME

09.30	Arrival, registration and coffee
10.00	Keynote address
10.50	Coffee
11.15 -11.45	Share - your chance to hear from children, young people and from local church situations
11.50-12.50pm	Workshop 1
12.50-2.20	Lunch with time for Resources, clinic, and reflective prayer stations
2.25 - 3.25	Workshop 2
3.30 - 3.50	Review and Reflection
3.50-4.10	Worship
4.15	Finish

BOOKING

The cost of the day conference is £40 (including an excellent lunch). Licensed Clergy, Readers / LLMs should fill in the form headed 'Minister' and the cost will be charged to their diocesan CME / Development budget. Volunteers and youth/children workers are welcome and should use the alternative form, sending payment as indicated.

Download copies of this brochure and the booking forms at:

[www. Glosdioc.org.uk/resources](http://www.Glosdioc.org.uk/resources)

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