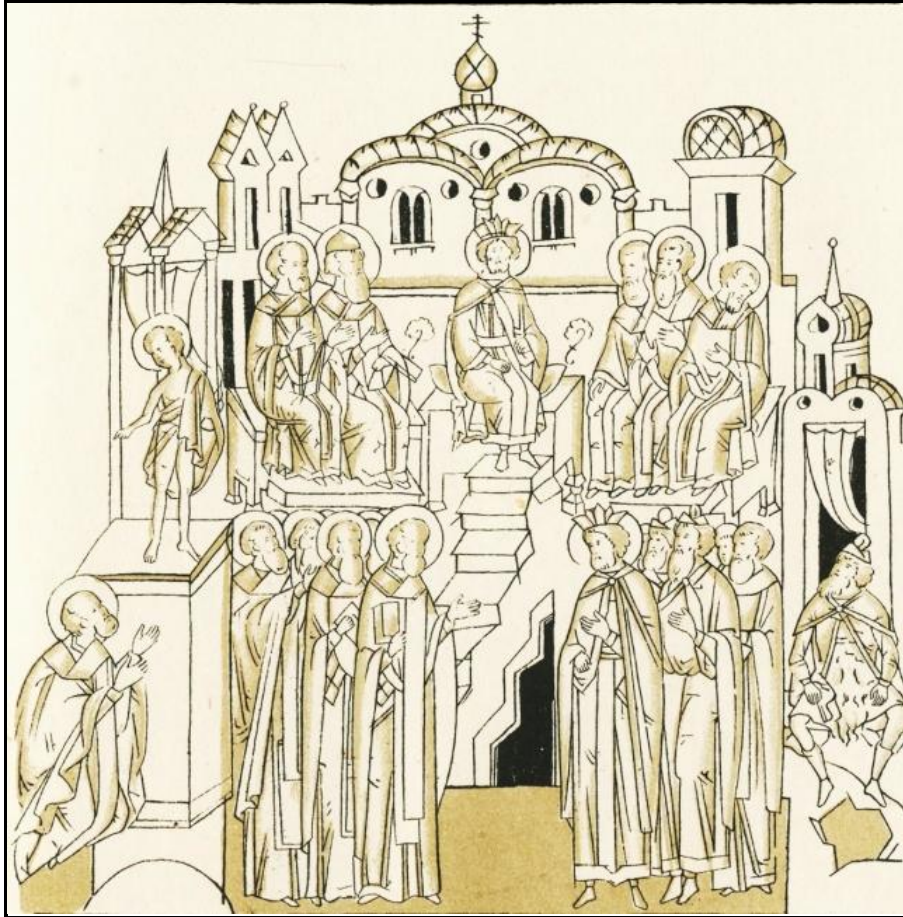


FELLOWSHIP OF ST ALBAN AND ST SERGIUS

Annual Conference

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Sobornost - then and now

20th-22nd August 2025

Ripon College

Cuddesdon

The Slavonic word *sobornost* – соборность – is well known to members of the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius as the title of the Fellowship’s journal. As a theological and philosophical term, *sobornost* has been subject to various interpretations and emphases, but may broadly speaking be said to define the catholicity and oneness of the Church which reflects the unity in diversity of the Holy Trinity. It is a term which has great significance in considering the unity, conciliarity and synodality of the Church, not least in the context of relations and understanding between Eastern and Western Christians.

In this 1700th anniversary year of the First Council of Nicaea, which laid the foundations for the credal and theological unity of a diverse Church, our conference will consider the role of *sobornost* in the history and contemporary life of the Church – and of our Fellowship – and the importance of a renewed understanding of *sobornost* in the quest for Christian unity.

Programme

Wednesday 20th August

- 3.30 p.m. Tea and Registration
- 4.00 p.m. **LECTURE: Revd Dr Callan Slipper-** *Living Communion: Ecumenical Possibilities Suggested by Focolare Spirituality and Receptive Learning*
- 5.30 p.m. **Roman Catholic Mass**
- 6.30 p.m. Dinner
- 8.00 p.m. **ROUND TABLE:** *Sobornost* then and now

Thursday 21st August

- 7.30 a.m. **Orthodox Liturgy**
- 8.45 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.45 a.m. **Scripture Meditation**
- 10.00 a.m. **LECTURE: Dr Tiffany Butler:**
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee
- 11.30 am. **LECTURE: Fr Andrew Louth -** *Sobornost and Sanctorum communio*
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch, followed by free time
- 3.30 p.m. Tea
- 4.00 p.m. **LECTURE: Fr Jonathan Goodall** *tbc*
- 5.30 p.m. **Anglican Evening Prayer**
- 6.30 p.m. Dinner
- 8.00 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Friday 22nd August

- 8.00 a.m. Orthodox Morning Prayers and *Litya* (short memorial service)
for departed members and friends
- 8.30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.30 a.m. **Scripture Meditation**
- 9.45 a.m. **LECTURE: Canon Gregory Platten *tbc***
- 10.45 a.m. Coffee
- 11.15 a.m. **LECTURE:tbc**
- 12.15 p.m. **Anglican Eucharist**
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch, followed by departure

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