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## Receiving and acknowledging our local Church Leaders

Just before the start of our Service of Worship Together on Trinity Sunday 15th June 2025, we plan to include a moment for our local Church Leaders (e.g. Ministers, Presbyters, Clergy, Priests, Pastors) to enter and introduce themselves and bring a greeting from their Church, Parish, etc.

We want to take that moment, while we are together, to show our appreciation for the leadership, pastoral care and teaching our local Church Leaders give, for the building up of the Body of Christ.

This is an opportunity to do this together - a moment to say "thank you" to our local Church Leaders.

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## Worship Together

Trinity Sunday 15th June 2025  
at 3.30 p.m.

*( please be seated by 3.15 p.m. )*

at the Ecumenical Centre

adjoining Kingfisher Shopping Centre,  
across from St. Stephen's Church

*Jesus said:*

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life -  
- Do You Believe This?"*

Marking the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed



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### Why mark this 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed?

The Council of Nicaea in 325 was the very first time that representative leaders (bishops) from across the whole Church had ever gathered together – summoned by Roman Emperor Constantine who wanted Christianity to help hold his vast Empire together. Amid vigorous debate and despite differences, the bishops found a way to an initial agreement on the essentials of the Faith.

That first draft was a step towards what we know as the Nicene Creed. It represented:

- (a) a first step towards consensus about the essentials of the Faith;
- (b) a resolve to continue in fellowship to address differences; and
- (c) a basis for deciding the bounds of divergence within fellowship.

These issues are just as challenging for us today. That is why the World Council of Churches and the worldwide Catholic Church have invited Churches everywhere to think on these things **together** in 2025.

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**Redditch is honoured** that several eminent international, national and regional Church Leaders have agreed to be present together for this local occasion:

A President of the World Council of Churches:

**Revd Dr Susan Durber**, who will be our preacher, has served as Moderator of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.

The General Secretary of Churches Together in England:

**Bishop Mike Royal**, who will preside at our Service, is Bishop for the Inner Birmingham Diocese of the (High Church Pentecostal) Apostolic Pastoral Congress.

The Chair of the Birmingham Methodist District:

**Revd Novette Headley**, who will share the leadership of the Service, has served in presbyteral and superintendency ministry across Britain and also with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas.

The Moderator of the West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church:

**Revd Steve Faber**, who will share the leadership of the Service, has been Synod Moderator since 2015, having previously served in local churches in Lincolnshire and Enfield.