

Standing Firm in the Face of Rising Persecution!

OVERALL THEME: We are living in truly remarkable times, when the pace of change, extraordinary events occurring on the national and world stages, exponential increase in lawlessness, rapid erosion of core values, as well as countless other issues are daily challenging the very tenets of our faith, doctrine and assumptions as believers. More than ever before, God's Ecclesia needs great wisdom, courage, understanding and alertness to step up to and confront such challenges. The pressing need to build personal and corporate resilience to stand firm and withstand the increasing ferocity of escalating spiritual and natural storms is the overall theme of our two conference days. Although the two conference days are "standalone" in the themes they consider, history teaches us that war and persecution often occur in parallel and are inter-related.

"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

(1 Peter 1: 13, NKJV)

SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr Alistair Petrie of Partnership Ministries, Canada.

Alistair's full bio details are available on his website at this [link](#).

VENUE AND HOST

St Mary's Cogges, Church Lane, Witney,
Oxfordshire OX28 3LA, England

DATE

Saturday 25 April 2026

CONFERENCE THEME

Persecution, especially of those who hold firm to the core tenets of our Christian faith, doctrine and values, is all around us, both nationally and globally, and is likely to be on an upward trajectory until the return of Jesus! This conference will explore different ways in which persecution is already occurring and rising – such as legally, socially, culturally, politically, economically, technologically – and the types of challenges that it is already posing for God's Ecclesia. It will then consider how we should respond, including how to build resilience to stand firm in the days ahead.

INVITATION

We are keen for this conference to be inter-denominational, multi-generational and to draw like-minded people from across the rich tapestry of God's Ecclesia. Please share these conference details with other leaders and "significant others" within your own networks who will be "doers" of what is shared.

COST

£35 per delegate per one-day conference.

Payment details will be provided once registration has been confirmed. Since the conference fees will only contribute towards direct conference costs, an offering will also be taken on both days to honour Alistair's extraordinary sharing with us and to support the work of Partnership Ministries.

REGISTRATION

Please complete the online registration form at this [link](#).

We expect both conference days to be oversubscribed. Places are therefore limited to a maximum of two per household or organisation represented. Please consider registering both current and emerging leaders, we need to equip the next generation!

****Please do not incur any non-refundable expenses before your registration has been confirmed by the organisers.****

CONTACT DETAILS

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Please do not contact Partnership Ministries or St Mary's Cogges with conference queries, they are not the conference organisers. All conference queries should be directed to this email address or to those who invited you.

PROGRAMME

0900-0930

Registration, tea and coffee

0930-1000

Welcome and worship

1000-1015

Setting the context – a Persecuted Church perspective

1015-1130

Session 1: Setting the context: the global arena (Alistair Petrie)

1130-1200

Refreshments

1200-1330

Session 2: Key challenges that the threat and occurrence of war pose for the Ecclesia (Alistair Petrie)

1330 – 1445

Lunch break (bring your own lunch, hot drinks provided)

1445-1615

Session 3: How can the Ecclesia build increased resilience to stand firm in the face of rising persecution?

1615-1645 Closing thoughts; what's next?

PLEASE NOTE:

A pack with further conference information – such as travel advice, maps and parking arrangements – will be sent out to you once registration has been confirmed.