

## **Affirming Catholicism launches the Agora.**

The Agora will be consultation meetings, designed to encourage and enable participants to explore, share and shape progressive Catholic views on central questions facing the Church of England.

The first will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 2 February at St George the Martyr, Southwark. The theme will be "A Catholic Perspective on *Setting God's People Free*."

Going forward, Agora will take place on  
Saturday 22 June 2019 to discuss living together in diversity,  
Saturday 9 November 2019 to consider issues around the House of Bishops Teaching Document, *Living in Love and Faith*.  
Saturday 1 February 2020 to explore the Seal of the Confessional.

Each Agora will begin with mass at 12:00, followed by a sandwich lunch. From 1:00 p.m. there will be short input followed discussion. The day will close with a short act of worship to end at 4:00 p.m.

As well as discussion on the theme, there will be a chance to discuss issues to be discussed at the agenda of the forthcoming General Synod.

From each Agora, it is intended to produce a statement; discussions will also form the basis for a briefing paper for General Synod. We hope that other initiatives will also arise as our discussions deepen and ideas emerge.