

# A Day with Lord Curry

## Contemporary Agriculture and the Future of Rural Communities

*A Contextual Practice Workshop*

**We are delighted to invite clergy and laity from the rural parts of our diocese to a day in conversation with Lord Curry.**



Donald Curry chaired the Policy Commission on the Future of Farming & Food and speaks on agriculture and countryside issues in the House of Lords. He recently became President of Community Action Northumberland and therefore has a wide influence over all our rural contexts.

Lord Curry will help us to reflect on the contemporary issues confronting agricultural communities across the diocese, especially in the light of forthcoming Brexit. He will also help us engage in a conversation about the future of rural communities themselves in our diocese. Alongside Lord Curry's input, the Rev'd Jonathan Mason, the Bishop's Adviser for Rural Ministry, will be helping us reflect theologically on our local context and its implications for the rural strand of the diocesan strategy *growing church bringing hope*.

The workshop will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at Slaley Commemoration Hall, NE47 0BQ

11.30am: Gather for coffee

12.00pm to 1.15pm: First session on agriculture

1.15pm to 2.00pm: Lunch and networking

2.00pm to 5.00pm (including a break for tea): Second session, concluding agriculture and moving on to the future of rural communities. This will also include a theological reflection towards the end of the afternoon, from Jonathan. We will be finished by 5.00pm.

There is a small charge of £10 per person to help us defray costs which includes coffee and bacon sandwiches on arrival and a simple, cooked lunch.

Payment, by cash or cheque is to be made on the day. Further information will be sent out a week before the workshop.

**For more information please contact the Revd Dr Helen Savage (01434 676852)**

**And to book a place please contact: [k.govier@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:k.govier@newcastle.anglican.org) or telephone (01670) 503810.**

