

DAY THREE

It has been a very full day. After breakfast we made our way to the conference venue. The weather was rather threatening and it rained quite a lot. But that didn't matter because we were indoors most of the time.



Our first presentation was given by Sally Barnes and Eliza Zikmane. They described their experiences of the Church as being under 'The Tyranny of the Normal'.

Sally (*right*) is a long-time campaigner for 'Inclusive Church' and sought to raise our awareness of ways in which congregations can become a focus for 'people just like us'.

Eliza is a priest of the Latvian Church Abroad and described how painful it has been for women who have been denied the opportunity to test a vocation to ordained ministry in Latvia.

You can read what they told us by following the link on the home page of the website.



We then went to the Cathedral where our Anglican Moderator, Bishop Michael Igrave, had been invited to preach.

You can read find a link to the text of his sermon on the home page.

It was a wonderful service with some special organ music.

Afterwards we all enjoyed some free time to buy some lunch and to explore the medieval city. There is so much to see and while the hardier among us walked round the walls in the rain, others sought shelter in the restaurants or visited the fine museum of the arts.



At 3 o'clock we all returned to the conference room where Perran Gay (*left*) introduced Johan Dalman who gave a spirited account of his interaction with the Porvoo Agreement process and how he personally has benefitted from it. He also shared some thoughts about personal spirituality. There is a link to his own summary of his presentation on the index page.

After a break for tea and cakes Anna Norman-Walker (*right*) spoke about 'Worship as Mission' and her work in Exeter, UK, with 'Millenials', that group of adults who were born around the year 2000. It was a very lively presentation which provoked many questions and much discussion, both during and after the

session. You can engage with it yourself by following the link on the home page.



After a splendid evening meal in a local restaurant we ended the day back in the cathedral for a reflective and multi-sensory service in which we were all Jonah in the belly of the big fish.