

## FRIDAY

The day started with a brief meeting so that we could say farewell to those who had to leave early, to thank Fredrik Ulseth for all his hard work in arranging the conference, and to pray together.



Two of our number, Charlotte Hudd and Wim Kuiper, read lessons very well, while Karl Przywala, Bishop Jana, Bishop Tor, Joanna Udal and Fredrik Ulseth assisted with the distribution of communion. The service ended with the hymn 'The Church's One Foundation' with verses in English and Norwegian.



When the service was over we could meet the Preces and Bishops informally outside the West End of the cathedral. Then we were all invited by the Preces to a lunch and reception in his office in the courtyard of the Archbishop's Palace.

He spoke very warmly of our visit and of the importance of our ecumenical endeavours, and was genuinely pleased that the Society had chosen Trondheim for its conference. Dick Lewis thanked

him both for his generosity in making time to attend the opening of the conference and for inviting us to lunch with him. He also asked the Preces to express our appreciation for all that his staff in the Church of Norway had done to facilitate the conference.



The conference was now formally ended, and those staying on for Saturday's journey to Stiklestad had a free afternoon and evening. Some of them filled it by taking a short boat trip to Munkholmen, a small island off the coast of Trondheim which was once a monastery, then a penitentiary, a defensive site in the Nazi occupation and now a museum and place of recreation for Trondheim's population. Some of them even paddled in the fjord which was not cold but very refreshing.



Everyone seems agreed that this conference has been a joy and delight for all kinds of reasons: being able to meet after the COVID restrictions, tackling a topic of importance in our own times, experiencing the hospitality of both the Anglican and Lutheran congregations, and having two newly ordained and three student members attending as well as Sandy Goldbeck-Wood who is to be ordained on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July by Bishop Tor in Bodø Cathedral.

We look forward to the next conference in September 2024 in Edinburgh, Scotland.