

# ***Living God's Future Now***

The Diocese of Kansas is pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells for the 2024 Tocher Lecture on **May 15-16 at St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, Kansas (6630 Nall Avenue)**. The Lecture will be a rich and engaging experience with the St. Martin's Voices choral ensemble joining from Vicar Sam's parish, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London under the leadership of Dr. Andrew Earis.

Funded through the generosity of the Diocese of Kansas' Tocher Fund for Clergy Education and the St. Michael and All Angels Foundation, this is a formation event for the clergy, musicians, and other lay leaders of parishes and institutions in the six *Bishop Kemper School for Ministry* partner dioceses: Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, West Missouri, Missouri, and Iowa.

Focusing on themes of evangelism, community and parish development, and the Church's role in God's future, Sam Wells and his musicians will gather participants for seminars and worship. Music directors are especially invited as several seminars will focus on the role of musicians in the parish-neighborhood relationship. This will be an exciting formation endeavor for the BKSM dioceses outside the classes and programs offered directly by the School.

For more information including an invitation to a special preparatory book study, visit the event webpage: [episcopal-ks.org/2024-tocher/](https://episcopal-ks.org/2024-tocher/)



## **Organize a Parish Team!**

**Parish Team of up to 4: \$100**

**Individual: \$50**

**Student (*Youth, Young Adult, BKSM*): \$30**

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*Full-event registration includes all seminars, tickets to the Wednesday, May 15 Concert "In Ev'ry Corner Sing," and lunch on Thursday.*

*Individual Tickets to the Wednesday, May 15 Concert "In Ev'ry Corner Sing" will become available after full-event participants have registered.*

# Event Agenda

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**12:00pm Check-in Open**

**1:00pm Great Sacred Music: *Walk Softly***

A 35-minute lunchtime sequence of words and music exploring through song and readings the great classical music of our religious heritage. Led by the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells and St. Martin's Voices Emerging Artists.

**2:00 – 5:30pm Musician Seminar**

*Designed for church musicians, seminar will include lecture, small group and Q&A time.*

***Expanding Horizons***

An afternoon seminar for all those involved in music ministry, exploring how to find new and creative ways to use music in a church context. The event will focus on two areas – exploring new and innovative ways to use music in church, through different ways of creating musical worship, and to share a 'toolkit' of church music from across the world – congregational, choral and instrumental – with the aim of opening up new possibilities for music in services. Also discussed will be how to choose music which can helpfully respond to the issues and challenges in our world today, for justice, peace and healing.

**5:30pm Dinner on your own**

Participants depart St. Michael and All Angels as musicians prepare for evening concert.

**7:00pm Evening Concert: *In Ev'ry Corner Sing***

A choral concert of music from across the world, led by St Martin's Voices Emerging Artists, directed by Olivia Tait and introduced by Rev. Dr. Sam Wells. Including works by Johann Sebastian Bach, John Rutter and Sally Albrecht. (*individual tickets will be made available in April*)

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**8:30 – 12:00pm Sam Wells Seminar**

*Seminar will include lecture, small group and Q&A time.*

- ***Beyond Atonement: Reconceiving the Identity of Christ***  
Sam Wells explores conventional ways of thinking about salvation, and demonstrates how his notion of God being with us out-narrates each one of them.
- ***Living God's Future Now: The Calling of Christians Today***  
A shorter session considering the shape of discipleship, ministry and mission for the contemporary church.

**12:00pm Lunch at St. Michael and All Angels**

Hosted by St. Michael's Kitchen Angels

**1:00pm Closing Act of Worship: *Eucharist***

Including music from across the world, including some used in the Musicians Seminar

**2:30pm BKSM Dioceses' Panel and Reflection**

Panel and small group reflection on learning and next steps