

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, 80th General Meeting,
Durham, 28 July – 1 August 2026

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We (the local organising committee) look forward to welcoming to Durham members/associate members of the SNTS, their guests, and accompanying persons. Durham is a small city in the north-east of England, celebrated especially for its Norman cathedral, spectacularly sited within a bend in the River Wear, its world-class University, and its historic links to the great figures of early medieval Northumbria such as St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede.

Travel

Durham is located on the main East Coast railway line, and the journey from London King's Cross takes around 3 hours. King's Cross is situated next to St Pancras station, the terminus of Eurostar trains from Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam, with indirect connections from cities such as Cologne (Köln), Düsseldorf and Zürich.

For most air travellers, the most convenient airport is likely to be Newcastle, with Durham an hour away or less by metro and main-line train or by taxi. There are connections to Newcastle Airport from major hubs such as London Heathrow and Gatwick, Amsterdam Schiphol, and Paris CDG. From some locations, flights to Manchester or Edinburgh followed by a longer train journey may be worth considering.

Venues and Accommodation

The main conference venue will be the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) on the University Science Site (South Rd, Durham, DH1 3LS). This is a relatively new building opened in 2020 with two large lecture halls, 10 seminar rooms, space for publishers' displays, and general social space. Other seminars will be located in the nearby Confluence Building. Buffet lunches will be served in the TLC.

The TLC is a 10 minute walk from Collingwood and Grey Colleges, where affordable single en suite rooms are available. PLEASE NOTE that early booking is recommended, as we cannot guarantee that the available rooms will be sufficient to meet the demand. These rooms are not suitable for couples, and members or guests with an accompanying person are advised to book a hotel room or Airbnb. The hotels closest to the TLC are the Marriott Royal County and Hotel Indigo, again a 10 minute walk away; slightly further away, there is cheaper but acceptable accommodation available at the

Premier Inn (Durham City Centre). Information about a range of other options can be found online, many within walking distance of the TLC.

Evening meals for all delegates will be served at Grey and Collingwood Colleges (Tuesday – Thursday), and at University College (“Castle”) and Hatfield College for the conference banquet on the Friday, following a short organ recital in the nearby Cathedral.

Outline Schedule

Except where otherwise specified, all events listed below will take place in the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC).

Monday 27 July

Pre-conference: South American/Caribbean Liaison Committee (Bernardo Estrada)

Pre-conference: The Latin Bible (Annette Weissenrieder)

Tuesday 28 July

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9.00 – 15.15 Committee Meeting 1

9.00 – 18.00 Registration

16.30 – 17.15 Reception

17.30 – 18.30 Business Meeting 1

19.00 Dinner (Grey and Collingwood)

20.30 – 21.30 Meeting for new members/associate members

Wednesday 29 July

8.00-8.30 Morning prayer: St Oswald’s Church, Church St, Durham DH1 3DQ

9.00 – 10.15 Presidential Address

10.15 – 10.45 Conference photo

11.30 – 13.00 Seminar Session 1

13.00 – 14.00 Buffet lunch

14.00 – 15.15 Main paper 1

16.00 – 17.15 Main paper 2

17.30 – 18.15 Simultaneous short paper Session 1

17.30 – 19.00 Editorial Board meeting

19.30 Dinner (Grey and Collingwood)

Thursday 30 July

8.00-8.30 Morning prayer: St Oswald’s Church

9.00 – 10.15 Main paper 3

11.00 – 12.30 Seminar Session 2
12.30 – 14.00 Buffet lunch
12.30 – 14.00 Female delegates lunch
14.00 – 15.15 Main paper 4
16.00 – 16.45 Simultaneous short paper Session 2
19.30 Dinner (Grey and Collingwood)

Friday 31 July

8.00-8.30 Morning prayer: St Oswald's Church
9.00 – 10.15 Main paper 5
11.00 – 12.30 Seminar Session 3
12.30 – 15.15 Committee Meeting 2
12.30 – 14.00 Buffet lunch
14.00 – 14.45 Simultaneous short paper Session 3
15.30 – 16.45 Main paper 6
17.00 – 18.00 Business Meeting 2
18.30 – 19.00 Organ recital (Cathedral)
19.30 Conference Banquet (University College and Hatfield College)

Saturday Excursions

For those who wish to join an excursion on 1 August, there are two options:

1. Hadrian's Wall: Housesteads ([Housesteads Roman Fort - Hadrian's Wall | English Heritage](#)); Vindolanda ([Roman Vindolanda Fort & Museum | The Vindolanda Trust](#)). A packed lunch will be provided, as there are no adequate café facilities at these remote locations. Cost: **£95**.

2. Shildon Railway Museum ([Home | Locomotion](#)); Bishop Auckland Spanish Art Gallery and Castle ([Things To Do in Bishop Auckland | The Auckland Project](#)). Lunch in Bishop Auckland. Cost: **£70**.

Accompanying Persons Programme

Excursions for accompanying persons will be led by Dr Stephen Chappell ([Northern England Tours - Historic Tours UK Ltd](#)).

Wednesday, 29 July Durham Cathedral and Castle ([Welcome to Durham Cathedral - Durham Cathedral](#)); Crook Hall ([Crook Hall Gardens | North East | National Trust](#));

Redhills ([Home](#) | [Redhills Durham](#) | [Empowering Durham Coalfield Communities](#)).

Lunch at Crook Hall.

Thursday, 30 July Raby Castle ([Raby Castle, Park & Gardens](#) | [County Durham](#)); Bowes Museum ([The Bowes Museum - County Durham Art Gallery](#)). Lunch at the Bowes Museum.

Friday, 31 July Hexham Abbey ([Home - Hexham Abbey](#)); Cragside ([Cragside](#) | [Northumberland](#) | [National Trust](#)).

Costs

(1) The registration fee is **£410** for members/associate members of the Society and for accompanying persons; **£450** for guests nominated by members and approved by the Society; and **£450** for members registering on or after **15 June**.

(2) The cost of single en suite college accommodation is **£280** (Tues-Sat, 4 nights), or **£350** (Tues-Sun, 5 nights), and an additional **£70** per night for those attending a pre-conference event (Sun/Mon-Tues). Please note that college accommodation is limited and may no longer be available for those who register late. Those who do not require college accommodation should book directly with hotels.

Queries

Queries about local and non-academic arrangements for the meeting may be addressed to Thomas Ludlow at conferenceadministration.service@durham.ac.uk

Local Organising Committee

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