

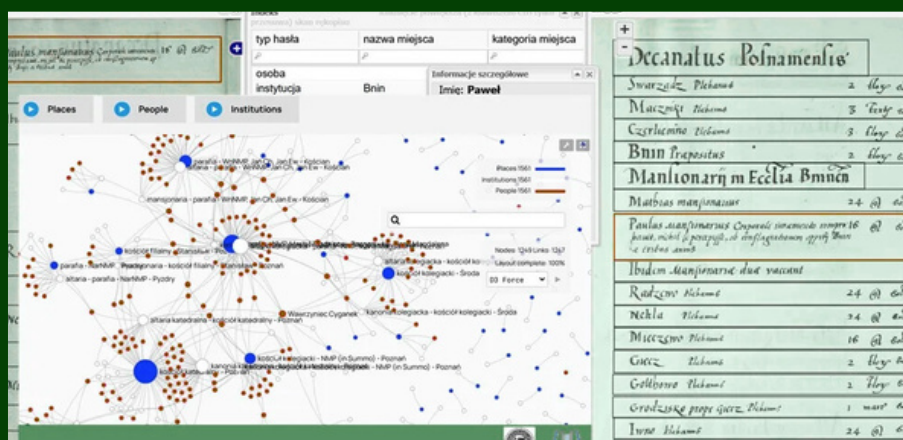
TWENTY-FOURTH WARWICK SYMPOSIUM ON PARISH RESEARCH

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Parishes belonged to one of the most developed territorial networks in medieval and modern Europe. They are documented in a range of important sources, some generated within the communities (registers of baptisms, marriages and burials; fabric / poor relief accounts; inventories), others by ecclesiastical bodies (visitation / court records; benefice registers) and secular authorities (for numerous administrative / taxation purposes).

Throughout the Continent, furthermore, church buildings were filled with material culture, some of which survives. Taken together, this rich set of evidence has the potential to yield huge amounts of data on individuals, groups / institutions, socio-economic conditions, religious life, spatial organization and cultural change. Traditional source critique, machine learning applications, visualization techniques, geostatistical analyses and Digital Humanities opportunities, to name but a few, can all be used – and perhaps combined – to enhance our understanding of both parish affairs and their wider repercussions. This brings new research possibilities as well as numerous challenges, not only technologically but also methodologically and even philosophically. The 2026 Symposium seeks to illustrate and reflect on these themes within broadly conceived chronological, regional and disciplinary frameworks.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We now invite proposals for 15-minute papers. Submissions should contain a title, abstract and brief biographical note (on max. 2 A4-pages), reaching b.kumin@warwick.ac.uk and marek.slon@kul.pl by **Friday 6 March 2026**. The Symposium has always been an inclusive forum of exchange between anyone with related research interests from whatever background or career stage. It may be possible to offer a small number of postgraduate bursaries to help with travel expenses – please let the organizers know if you would like to apply.

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An initiative of the Warwick Network for Parish Research represented by Beat Kumin (co-ordinator) and Joe Chick (webmaster) – to join us very easily and for free just contact: my-parish@warwick.ac.uk with your email address and (if applicable) affiliation / website.

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