

Continuing the Journey 2010

Psst!... Look who's talking...



The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire

3rd – 7th May 2010

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Continuing the Journey

The **Continuing the Journey** Conference was born in the 1980s, in an era when counselling, psychotherapy, social and community work were viewed as secular disciplines, and practitioners with a Christian faith found few places where they could articulate the connections which they wanted to make between their profession and their faith. At the same time, there were those within the ministry of the church who wanted to discover how their pastoral practice could be enriched by the insights coming out of these relatively new professions.

Over the years, **Continuing the Journey** has aimed to provide a safe meeting place for those who find themselves wanting to explore the border territories and the common ground between counselling, pastoral care, therapeutic or psychological work, and also spirituality, theology and faith issues. The conference provides a place where people may genuinely 'touch' but from which we 'go' at the end of the week back into the usual contexts of our lives. This 'true but temporary' connection provides the starting point for this year's conference, reflective as it is of much of our experience in contemporary life.

Introducing 2010 Conference Psst!....Look who's talking:

'Psst!' says the voice, catching our attention. Curious, we turn to see where it's coming from, but it keeps on moving, just on the edges of our awareness. Who does the voice belong to? What would we hear if we stopped long enough to pay attention? What might unfold if we did? And what might change?

This conference invites you to stop for a week and reflect on the voices that people hear. Those that people discount, discard, dismiss or disown are central to the work of pastor, social worker, politician, counsellor, priest, spiritual director or social activist. Not all voices are easy to hear, though, and we have to give conscious attention to the quiet ones, the off-centre ones, the ones that unsettle us, the ones that we suppress – both in others and within ourselves. And then there's that still, small voice which keeps on saying 'Psst!' just when we thought we'd got everything sorted...

Speakers will tackle the theme from theological/biblical, spiritual, psychological/therapeutic and social/pastoral perspectives.

Psst!....Look who's talking? will include plenary sessions, workshops and small group work. In addition, each day will contain worship and opportunities for reflection, relaxation and sharing. Full details of speakers, workshop options and travel details will be issued early in 2010.

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As a taster though, we are delighted that the following **speakers** have agreed to join us for this conference:

Margaret Silf, is an ecumenical lay Christian, committed to working across and beyond the denominational divides. For most of her working life she was employed in the computer industry and left paid employment in 2000 to devote herself to writing and accompanying others on their spiritual journey, especially through retreats and days of reflection. She is the author of a number of books on the spiritual journey for 21st century pilgrims who may or may not identify with institutional religion, and a regular columnist with "America" magazine. She will look at how the theme relates to our spirituality.

John Bell is a native of Kilmarnock, who lives in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of voluntary work in London and Amsterdam, and engagements in student politics, he was ordained by the Church of Scotland. For ten years he worked in youth ministry with his colleague, Graham Maule, before transferring to concentrate on music and worship. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, North America, Australasia, and more recently, in Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He will take a theological look at our theme.

Isabel Clarke, is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist. She has a particular interest in the psychology of spirituality, and in her most recent book, 'Madness, Mystery and the Survival of God' (O Books, 2008), she brings together the themes of the persistence of religion and spirituality in a secular age, and the experience of otherness, whether reported by mystics or those diagnosed with psychosis. She will address the therapeutic aspects of our theme.

Bill Bazely, is a Mental Health Chaplain and an Anglican minister. Part of his work focuses on reducing stigma by enabling dialogue between and within the NHS, the Church and the Community; on challenging taboos and prejudices associated with mental health issues; on promoting respect for the spiritual needs of the person, whether 'professional' or 'patient' or both. He will address the social/pastoral implication of our theme.

Dates and Times

Conference registration is from 3pm on Monday 3rd May; tea is served at 3.45pm and the first session starts at 5pm. The conference ends at 2.00pm on Friday 7th May 2010.

Cost

The full conference fee is £440 per person. This includes full board accommodation and attendance at all sessions. There is a reduced fee of £390 for those paying in full on or before 31st October 2009. Both the full and reduced fee include a **non-returnable deposit of £50**.

Many delegates receive help with the fee from their church or sponsoring organisation. There is also a limited Bursary Fund available, primarily for people who have not benefited from the fund previously. Further details are available from the conference office.

Accommodation

The Hayes Conference Centre is set in beautiful Derbyshire countryside with easy road, rail and air links. The grounds provide a restful setting with scope for short walks and there is free time built into our programme in which you can explore further afield.

Accommodation will be in single occupancy rooms with twin or double bed and en-suite bathroom. All rooms are attractive and well furnished with telephone, tea and coffee making facilities and hairdryer; towels and soap are provided. In addition, there are rooms at the Hayes designed for disabled people, including adapted doors and space for wheelchair users, the provision of alarm pull-cords, specially designed showers and bathroom suites.

Booking

You may secure a place by sending a **non-returnable deposit of £50** with your booking form. To benefit from the reduced fee, **the balance of £340** must be paid by **31 October 2009**. Thereafter, you will incur the full fee, requiring a **balancing payment of £390**. Of course you may pay the conference cost in full when you send in your booking form (£390 before 31 October or £440 thereafter).

Please use one application form per delegate. You may photocopy this leaflet or obtain copies from the conference office.

Cancellation

Cancellations received at the conference office by 30 January 2010 will receive a refund of all fees paid **less the £50 non-returnable deposit**. Cancellations after 30 January 2010 will incur **the full cost of any fee paid/due**.

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