

THE 'MAIN THREE' FOR 2017'S 'HOMESPUN' HOLIDAY FORUM CERTAINLY AREN'T STRANGERS TO THE PLACE!

The Theme Leader is Rev Alistair Smeaton,

who is a minister in the URC's West Cumbria Network and a regular attendee at Forum with his extended family.

Alistair will lead on the theme of *Follow my Leader*
- following, learning and leading in the life of the Kingdom

During the week there will be an opportunity to explore various aspects of being a disciple including: being called to faith, being called to follow, being called to learn, being called to work together and being called to take the lead. (Alistair also hopes to share something of what is happening in the Ecumenical County of Cumbria where work is ongoing across traditional boundaries in ecumenical mission communities with all sorts of people taking a range of leadership roles.)

The Worship Leader is Rev Tony Lee,

a recently retired Minister who served mainly in the West Yorkshire area, and a regular attendee at Forum with his wife, daughter and son.

The Music Leader is Cathryn Rogers

who has attended Holiday Forum for a long time - even though she's still young - right through her formative years of childhood and beyond!

Each day there is all-age worship, a theme talk and workshops (discussion, Bible study, needlework, films and others). There are Children's groups for the under 15s. Afternoons are for free time or optional activities. There are also table tennis scrabble and boules competitions running throughout the week.

Each evening there is some form of entertainment, like Songs of Praise, quiz etc. There are various services of worship too - early morning prayers and evening meditations, communion, daily morning worship. There is ample opportunity for free time, relaxed conversation, renewing of old friendships and making new... from around the country.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are generous meals. Morning coffee and afternoon tea are included and there is a well-stocked gift shop and bar.

The Hayes Conference Centre, located at Swanwick in Derbyshire, and set in beautiful grounds, is run by a Christian organisation, The Conference Centre is easy to reach via the M1 (junction 28) or by rail to Alfreton or Derby. The Hayes

offers bedrooms in the Main House (single, double and family rooms), in Lakeside (single or double rooms) and in Alan Booth Centre (twin rooms). All rooms in Lakeside and the Alan Booth Centre are en-suite and most in the Main House. Rooms designed for the disabled are available in the Alan Booth Centre and Lakeside. Covered walkways link all buildings. There is also has a games room (table tennis, pool), free wireless internet access covering most of the site and a children's play area. The Hayes is close to many local attractions including the Peak District National Park, Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Matlock, Matlock Bath, Bakewell and the Crich Tramway Museum.

The cost for the week, **per person**, is dependent on the type of accommodation required (**all full board**):

Standard rooms	£370
En-suite rooms	£470

Subsidised Prices

All subsidised prices are expressed as percentages of the full prices above:

Age	Standard Room	En-suite and Family Rooms
5 years and under	£37	£47
6 – 10	£111	£141
11 – 15	£241	£306
Students/unemployed	£278	N/A

If you wish to pay by **standing order**, please ask. If you find it a struggle to meet the cost of Holiday Forum, there is a **Bursary Fund** which may be able to offer assistance (conditions apply). Donations are always appreciated.

In order to assist families to come to Holiday Forum, the Steering Group has agreed that the overall price for a family be discounted based on the numbers of children in that family attending, by the following percentages:

- one child: 5%
- two children: 10%
- three or more children: 15%

A non-returnable deposit of £30 per person or £65 per family is required to secure your booking. Full payment is due by 13 July 2017.

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