

2018 IS SOMETHING OF AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR FOR FORUM AND THE MAIN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN FORUM IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

The Theme Leader is Lawrence Moore. Lawrence was born and brought up in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) during the Independence War. After serving as a Special Branch detective in political and military intelligence, he moved to South Africa to teach in a Baptist school, then to the UK in 1984 to read Theology in Durham, and then to Cambridge to pursue doctoral studies, where he became deeply involved in the anti-Apartheid struggle. In 1997 he was appointed as the Training and Development Officer for URC's Eastern Synod, and in 2002 moved to the Windermere Centre, where he was the Director until September 2016. He is now working on a Pay What You Can basis as a church Mission and Discipleship consultant. He describes himself as passionate about following Jesus, all things Apple, and the music of Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and Bruce Springsteen.

Lawrence writes this about the theme: After 2100 years of Christian history, Jesus has lost none of his chic or credibility. The church that claims his name, by contrast, is viewed actively as Bad News. Churches would be overflowing and among the most widely respected and valued institutions in our society if they were recognisably like Jesus. Instead, they're hovering on the edge of extinction, because people are aware of the contradiction and aren't prepared to be part of the whole church project. When you stop and think about it, it's strange that we don't define churches as 'communities of people that act like Jesus', isn't it? If people looked at Jesus and saw what God was like, it should surely be the case that people look at churches and individual Christians to see what Jesus is like? Something went badly wrong somewhere in Christian history. If we're going to be faithful disciples of Jesus, making a Jesus-shaped difference to our communities and being part of the Good News we proclaim, we need to start following Jesus more closely and more faithfully. That means letting go of our obsession with survival and success, and rediscovering what discipleship and mission are all about instead. Jesus called it, 'denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following - losing our lives in order to find them!' It's risky and it's scary, but it is also being where Jesus is, and there is no other way to find life in all its fullness! **Are you up for the journey?**

There are six Worship Leaders (as detailed on the front cover) who will share in leading worship throughout the week.

The Music Leader is Cathryn Rogers.

Each day there's all-age worship, a theme talk and workshops (discussion, Bible study, choir, needlework, films and others), and children's groups for the under 15s. There are other services of worship too - early morning prayers and evening meditations, communion, well-being service. **Each afternoon** there are optional activities. There are competitions in table tennis, Scrabble and boules throughout the week, and **each evening** there's entertainment – also optional. There's 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 also included and there's a well-stocked gift shop and bar.

The Hayes Conference Centre, at Swanwick in Derbyshire, is set in beautiful grounds, and run by the Christian Conference Trust. It's easy to reach via the M1 (Junction 28) or by train to Alfreton or Derby. The Hayes offers bedrooms in the Main House (single/double/family), in Lakeside (single/double rooms) and in the Alan Booth Centre (twin). All rooms in Lakeside and the Alan Booth Centre are en-suite with the exception of a few in the Main House. Rooms for the disabled are available in the Alan Booth Centre and Lakeside. Covered walkways link all buildings. There's 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.

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%

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

(Rates shown for Family Discount where applicable – see below)	Full Rate	5% Family Discount	10% Family Discount	15% Family Discount
Standard room	£380	£361	£342	£323
En-suite room	£480	£456	£432	£408

Subsidised Prices -

Age (Rates shown for Family Discount where applicable – see below)	Standard Room				En-suite and Family Rooms			
	Full	5%	10%	15%	Full	5%	10%	15%
5 years and under	£38	£36	£34	£32	£48	£46	£43	£41
6 – 10	£114	£108	£103	£97	£145	£138	£130	£123
11 – 15	£247	£235	£222	£210	£314	£298	£283	£267
Students/unemployed	£285				N/A			

Payment by **standing order is possible** - please ask. If you're struggling to meet the cost, there is a **Bursary Fund** which may be able assist with up to 50% (conditions apply). (**Donations** to this Fund are always appreciated.)

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 2018.