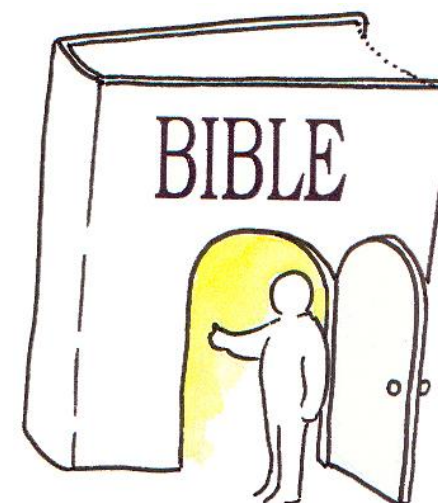


## URC HOLIDAY FORUM 2019 Saturday 17 to Friday 23 August 2019

*A story waiting to be told*



### FUN, FAITH and FELLOWSHIP

A Christian holiday for all ages at  
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

**Theme Leader** – Rev Richard Becher  
**Worship Leaders**

Rev Iain McLaren and Steven Neville  
**Music Leader** – Marion Turner (and friends)

Look online: [www.urcholidayforum.org.uk](http://www.urcholidayforum.org.uk)

and on Facebook and Twitter

Contact [chair@urcholidayforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@urcholidayforum.org.uk) for further information

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 for Family Discounts - where applicable – shown in bottom table)	Full Rate	5% Family Discount	10% Family Discount	15% Family Discount
Standard single room	£390	£370	£351	£331
En-suite room	£495	£470	£445	£421

### Subsidised Prices

Age (Rates shown for Family Discounts where applicable)	Standard Rooms (single rooms only available)				En-suite & Family Rooms			
	Full	5%	10%	15%	Full	5%	10%	15%
5 years & under					£50	£46	£43	£41
6 – 10					£152	£138	£130	£123
11 – 15	£260	£247	£234	£221	£330	£314	£297	£280
Students & unemployed	£300				£400			

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 12 July 2019.**

**Richard Becher** will be leading the theme in 2019. Richard is a minister in the United Reformed Church who has just 'retired from retirement' and moved to the Broadway pastorate in the Cotswolds. Before being ordained Richard was a journalist, worked with Vietnamese Boat People, managed a children's home in Kenya and a hostel for homeless young people in Birmingham.

He's just written the script for a film, *Longing to Belong*, which was launched in June 2018 to help celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Windrush Generation. His first attempt at a film script – *When Truth is Blind* - was produced by the United Reformed Church to raise awareness of issues concerning asylum seekers. (That film was shown at Holiday Forum in 2016 as part of Michael Jagessar's Theme presentation.)

Richard's grandfather was a famous German poet and author, Johannes R Becher, who also became Minister for Culture in the former DDR. Richard is influenced by the untold story of his grandfather, which he still hopes to discover!

#### **The Worship Leaders are Rev Iain McLaren and Steven Neville**

**Iain McLaren** has been part of the URC all his life. He has served the church as a Junior Church teacher, Lay Preacher, Elder, Church Secretary and, since 2010, as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Iain first attended Forum in 2007 and has previously led Morning Prayers and evening meditations, and was one of the six Worship Leaders who shared leading worship at Forum 2018.

**Steven Neville** is a Children's Worker, serving an Anglican church in West London. He is an ordained Elder in URC and has been a locally recognised Lay Preacher. He lives in Buckhurst Hill in Epping Forest, Essex. Steven first attended Forum in 1999 and has led the Film Group and Treasure Hunt over the years as well as serving for four years as Forum Treasurer.

**Music Leader Marion Turner** is a long standing Forum regular who will co-ordinate a happy band of musician friends to lead us all in 'making a joyful noise to the Lord' throughout the week!

**Each day** there's all-age worship, a theme talk and workshops (discussion, Bible study, choir, needlework, films and others), and children's groups from crèche to secondary school ages

There are other services of worship too - early morning prayers and evening meditations, communion and 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, Cromford Mill, Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Matlock, Matlock Bath, Bakewell and the Crich Tramway Museum.