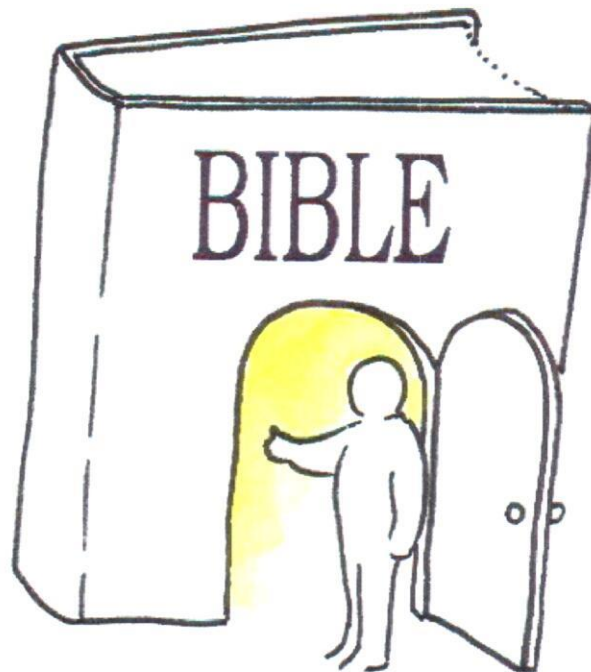




URC Holiday Forum 2019

A story waiting to be told...



Theme leader Richard Becher

Worship leaders Rev Iain McLaren and Steven Neville

Music leader Marion Turner and friends

Please read this booklet and complete the enclosed **Return Form** and return by email
chair@urcholidayforum.org.uk
or post to
URC Holiday Forum Chair, 39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ
by 31 July 2019.

General information and Steering Group members

There are a wide variety of activities over the week, most of which are explained in a little more detail in this booklet. These are all optional, so please don't feel you have to attend everything.

As usual, we will be sharing The Hayes Conference Centre with other groups. Whilst this should have minimal impact on your enjoyment of Holiday Forum, please do speak to a member of the Steering Group if you have any problems.

In case of an emergency please follow the procedure given by The Hayes and call Cathy or Cathryn on their mobile to make them aware.

Cathy Foxwell (Joint Chair): 07834 685171

Cathryn Rogers (Joint Chair): 07932 771669

Steering Group members

Sue Lee (Treasurer)

Alison Foxwell (Bookings Secretary)

Rowena Davies

Fi Heath

Sara Kierman

Rupert Killick

Young person's representatives

Tim Lee

(vacant)

Pastoral Team

This year we have a team of both ordained and lay people to provide any pastoral care that you may need throughout the week. This team will be co-ordinated by Cathryn Rogers.

From Richard Becher (Theme Leader)

A story waiting to be told is YOUR story! We can't change what has happened in history, but we can change how history is remembered by telling OUR stories. How history is remembered can then help shape a better future so don't keep everyone waiting to hear YOUR story any longer but come prepared to find it and tell it. To help us we will explore many "untold stories" from the Bible and how we can identify with them and the characters. By telling our stories we can grow to understand our faith journey better and make Jesus better known as we inspire people through our experiences and encounters.

From our experiences the stories we tell can become fiction or non-fiction, poems or songs, but can also be told through picture. So, come and tell your story through painting, photograph or words you bring with you or create on the day as we explore what it means to be church; how we can cross the boundaries of race and culture and the power of healing. If you don't feel inspired to create or tell, you can be inspired by what others create and you hear. A story waiting to be told is also waiting to be heard!

Morning Workshops (after coffee)

Throughout the week there will be a number of workshops, please indicate on your returns form which you would like to attend so that the group leaders are able to plan relevant sessions.

Discussion on Theme - Richard Becher

If you're enjoying the Theme talks and would like to explore the subject in greater depth, then this is the group to join!

Discussion group – Lawrence Moore – *Brokenness and grace in the songs of Leonard Cohen*

I used to think that Leonard Cohen wrote "music to slash your wrists to". Then I discovered his "theological music" and he became one of my favourite theological conversation partners. Cohen is Jewish, and also deeply immersed in Christianity and Zen Buddhism. His last three albums were primarily collections of prayers. His work is deeply hopeful because he is convinced that God's grace is to be found in all our brokenness.

Take these lines from "Anthem", for example: "Ring the bells that still can ring/Forget your perfect offering/there is a crack – a crack in everything/that's how the Light gets in". We will explore his songs by watching his performances and discussing the issues they raise. Subjects will include: the nature of God; grace; sin; suffering; forgiveness; politics; sex, love and desire; worship; being children of God. I hope you'll find the time spent with Cohen as encouraging and nourishing as I do!

Bible Study – Colin Ferguson

As we travel with Richard through the stories waiting to be told we will look at some of the stories that have been told. Stories of ordinary people faced with an extraordinary experience, Did Simon ever think he would be carrying the cross for Jesus, what happened to Lazarus and his family, what happened to you. How does the Bible speak to us today? How have our ordinary lives been influenced by meeting Jesus.

Choir – Colum O’Shea

Back by popular demand! The charming Colum O’Shea is leading the choir through a range of music from old to new, English to Latin. During the week we’ll learn any new hymns or songs for worship, tackle varied repertoire in a wide variety of styles and perhaps languages, but most of all have fun, sing a few songs and enjoy ourselves.

Film Group – Marion Turner and Bill Hales

Last year we were not able to finish 'Genevieve', a delightful 1952 film about the London to Brighton car rally. We will finish this film before moving on to our next film - 'Heaven Knows Mr Allison'. This is the intriguing story of a Roman Catholic nun and a hard-bitten US Marine that are stranded together on a Japanese-occupied island in the South Pacific during WWII. Our final film will be a fictional story of one of the greatest story tellers of all time. 'Shakespeare in Love' is the tale of a fictional relationship between Shakespeare and a young woman who poses as a man in order to star in one of the writer's plays. Three very different but very enjoyable films. We would love you to join us.

Photography – Fred Davies

Whether you are an experienced photographer or new to photography, this workshop could be for you. All you need is a digital camera. Throughout the week we will be taking photographs at the Hayes and hope to present an audio-visual on the final evening which will include photographs from all members of the group.

Needlework – Alison Foxwell (designed by Linda Gowland)

This is a very relaxed, friendly group where you can make the cross-stitch design relating to the theme or continue with your own stitching/knitting project or catch up with friends. I will provide fabric, threads and needles but please remember sharp scissors and your glasses (if needed).

Children’s Workshops/Groups

We are very fortunate to be able to provide workshops for all ages and it is important that we have duty of care to all at URC Holiday Forum, especially those involved in providing children’s workshops to ensure their safety and well-being.

At the family meeting on Saturday, we ask that parents/carers give consent for their child/children to attend and participate in activities of the group and acknowledge the need for them to behave responsibly and to take note of any safety instructions.

During the morning workshops, children will be under the care and supervision of an approved adult appointed by URC Holiday Forum, but during periods of free time and afternoon events/workshops it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child is supervised at all times.

Unfortunately, this year due to lack of numbers, we are unable to provide a crèche for those under school age.

For more information on our Safeguarding procedures, please speak to Richard Storer (URC Holiday Forum Safeguarding Officer) or a member of the URC Holiday Forum Steering Group. A copy of the safeguarding policy can be found on our website.

Before Coffee, while the adults are in the theme talk, the groups are divided as follows:

Indoor activities, craft, and games

Wendy and Geoff Roe

Outdoor activities, sport and games

Rupert Killick and Abi Knight

After Coffee, while the adults are in their workshops, the groups are divided as follows:

Flames – Infant and Junior School aged children

Carol and Douglas Fleming

Lasers – Secondary School aged children

Abi Howl and Tim Lee

This seems to be the most appropriate split but, as always, particularly when it comes to children who are nearing the top age of a group or are at the bottom age of a group, flexibility is a necessity as each child is different – and they are on holiday and need to be happy too! Please approach one of the Steering Group and we will do our best to accommodate their needs.

Other activities through the week – venues to be confirmed

Morning prayers and evening meditation

Morning Prayers (7:45am from Sunday) – Wendy Roe

Morning prayers will be similar to previous years, with some singing, a short reading, a reflection and a prayer.

Evening Meditation (9:45pm from Sunday (not on Wednesday)) – Various

Come and end the day in quiet meditation. Each session will be led by a different person, with words and music to create an ambience for reflections and thoughts.

Saturday

5.00pm

Welcome/New persons ramble

Jason and Jacob Foxwell

If this is your first visit to Holiday Forum – welcome! It can be a bit daunting at first, particularly if you have never been to the Hayes before or if you're coming on your own. Come and meet Jason and Jacob for a brief stroll around the site so you know where things are. They'll also answer any queries that you have about the week.

5.20pm

Musicians' Meeting

Marion Turner

If you are a musician and would like to play during worship or throughout the week, please let us know on the Returns Form so we can make sure we have suitable music available.

5.40pm

Family Meeting

Cathy Foxwell

If you are bringing children to Holiday Forum, it is very important that you attend this meeting at 5:45pm in the Main Conference Hall. Key information regarding the children's workshops will be discussed at this meeting so please do come along even if you have been coming to Holiday Forum for many years. You will need to complete consent forms at this meeting.

7.45pm **Welcome Event & Family Quiz** **Steering Group**

A chance to get to know one another and the opportunity to meet the leaders. This year we're mashing the welcome evening and pub quiz into one big evening of fun! Catch up with old friends, and make new friends over a cuppa, pint or a glass of wine and enjoy your first evening at Holiday Forum.

Sunday

2.15pm **Forum does the musicals** **Marion Turner & Cathy Foxwell**

If you are intending to perform on Tuesday evening, then this is your rehearsal spot. If not, you can 'sing along' to a musical (to be decided)

2.15pm **Technology for all** **Sue Lee & Jo Lee**

Many of us now own an amazing small device which fits in our handbag or pocket and has the potential to be not just a telephone, but an address book, a diary, a calculator, a recipe book, a Sat Nav; an atlas; a radio; a TV; a Newspaper; a journal; a pedometer; camera; photo album; TV/Radio Times; music and video collection; reading library; bible; encyclopaedia... the list goes on. They can be used to send messages and see and talk to friends and family right across the world, order food, book train tickets, pay for parking, pay for most anything else, play games, keep a list of prayer reminders and record prayers answered, be reminded when to do important stuff and a whole lot more.

The session will be extremely flexible. If you have a phone or tablet, please bring it with you and ask about anything you wish. If you'd just like to see and hear from others, come for the company. If you can't really see the point of fancy phones and wonder if they are worth it, come and take a closer look. If App, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth are all complete gobble-de-gook to you, this is the time to come and find out more. If you are more experienced and have found a great App you'd like to share with others, please come to share that too.

If there's anything specific we might need to prepare for in advance, please e-mail me at treasurer@urholidayforum.org.uk.

5.00pm **Cricket & Outdoor games** **Fi Heath & Tim Lee**

The annual cricket match will be on Sunday afternoon at 5.00pm, all ages welcome!

5.00pm **Desert Island Discs** **Bill Hales**

An hour to relax, in two separate sessions, with a selection of music to keep us company on our lonely desert island...

7.45pm **Songs of Praise/Young People's Praise** **Richard & Angela Storer**
(includes young at heart!)

Back in its Sunday evening slot this year, this is **your** service - we just put it together! **All ages are welcome**, and a number of action songs will also be part of the service. *(Please, young people, come and help us with the actions!)* Theme-related requests – *A story waiting to be told* – will be given preference – using hymns and songs of all types – ancient and modern, rousing and reflective. **Let's make this a great sing!**

PS: Please advise of title, first line (if possible) and hymn book reference.

Monday

2.15pm **Forumula 1 (part 1)** **Richard & Angela Storer**

Following the success of precious racing events with horses, boats and bicycles, this year Forum is having its very own F1 on the racing calendar! Obviously, therefore, we'll be making cars and drivers. The format otherwise is exactly the same – in two sessions on the same day.

This is for all ages to join in with. Participation isn't compulsory, but it's not too active either if you want to give it a try. We really need participation and support for both parts because if we don't build the cars, we can't have a race!

2.15pm **Longing to Belong** **Richard Becher**

A short film scripted by Richard Becher and filmed by Kevin Snyman.

Past generations can tell stories which raise many questions for future generations. The 'Windrush Generation' have many such stories with experiences from which we can learn and grow. Longing to Belong is a film that invites us to consider lessons from history, mindful that we can't change what has happened. We can, though, tell new stories that can help us build a better future together from whatever our cultural and historical heritages.

5.00pm **Storytelling & Harry Potter activities** **Sian Hancock & Kirsty Rogers**

Do you enjoy a good story? Well this is the place to be. Based upon the Harry Potter series, we hope to bring you a touch of magic. Come and enjoy a combination of retelling, movement and fun. There is also a chance to explore more facts about the actual recording studios! We look forward to seeing you there.

7.45pm **Forumula 1 (part 2)** **Richard & Angela Storer**

Tuesday

1.00pm Trip to Chatsworth and Bakewell

This year's trip will be to Chatsworth House and Bakewell.

The cost to cover the coach is £12.00 per person (Children 14 and under £5.00) and the bus will leave the Hayes at 1.00pm.

The coach will drop off at Chatsworth and in the picturesque village of Bakewell.

Chatsworth House has over 30 rooms to explore, from the magnificent Painted Hall, to the family-used chapel, regal State Rooms and beautiful Sculpture Gallery. It has 105 acres of stunning gardens, miles of footpaths, extravagant water features, outdoor art exhibitions, surprises at every turn, rose, cottage, sensory and kitchen gardens, and magnificent views of the park. Guided tours are at an additional cost.

It's great for all ages. They have a working farmyard where you can meet and learn about their friendly animals, not to mention milking demonstrations, trailer rides, a fun-packed adventure playground and free seasonal activities.

There is no reduced rate for concessions, and the group rate depends on taking 15 or more:

	Adults	Children
House & Garden	£15.90 (normal price £22.00)	£8.00 (normal price £12.50)
Garden only	£12.00 (normal price £13.00)	£6.00 (normal price £7.00)
Farmyard/playground	£4.75 (normal price £7.00)	£4.75 (normal price £7.00)

Bakewell

If Chatsworth isn't your thing, the coach will be continuing into Bakewell which is perhaps best known for its unique and delicious Pudding. Bakewell has many more tempting treats to offer - ranging from shopping and specialist markets to relaxing strolls and special events.

Idyllically situated on the banks of the river Wye, the biggest town in the Peak District National Park's mellow stone buildings, medieval five-arched stone bridge and quaint courtyards are a magnet for painters, photographers and sightseers alike.

Please indicate on your returns form if you would like us to book you a ticket for Chatsworth, tickets need to be booked within 2 weeks of the conference.

7.45pm The Forum Variety Performance

Colum O'Shea & Fi Heath

Hosted by Colum O'Shea and Fi Heath, we're going back to the classic Royal Variety Performance. We want to discover what Forum has to offer; storytelling, music, poetry, dancing, or any other weird or wonderful skills that we've never seen before. Sign up at the reception by lunchtime on Tuesday.

Wednesday

- 2.15pm Meet the Moderator Tony Lee**
- Meet the Moderator is an informal gathering with one of the current URC Moderators of General Assembly, this year it's Nigel Uden. It's an opportunity to ask questions and share information about the URC. The gathering is 'chaired'/co-ordinated by Tony Lee. Please come along and share the experience.
- 2.15pm Treasure Hunt Cathryn Rogers & Steven Neville**
- A new challenge this year with word scrambles, anagrams, puzzles and things to collect. A lively (and usually competitive!) scavenger hunt for all ages. Meet in Main Reception for a 2.15 start and an hour of fun before afternoon tea.
- 2.15pm Long Walk Richard Storer**
- 2019 sees the return of the Long Walk. Don't be put off by its title though – it's not the Coast to Coast or anything like that! We will depart the Hayes at coffee time complete with packed lunch and return late afternoon having enjoyed some time in the Derbyshire countryside.
- There'll be a sign-up sheet available on arrival at Forum for anyone interested. Please bring walking boots/shoes/good trainers and a rucksack/waterproof etc.
- 5.00pm Wednesday Forum at the Flicks Fred & Rowena Davies**
- All ages are welcome at the Cartoon Spectacular! After the success of Forum at the Flicks in recent years, this year the children have requested cartoons. The cartoons may be new to you or may bring back memories from your childhood.
- 5.00pm Desert Island Discs Bill Hales**
- Another hour to relax, in a second session, with a selection of music to keep us company on our lonely desert island...
- 7.45pm Wellbeing Service Iain McLaren & Steven Neville**
- Each year we hold a service of wellbeing, thanksgiving and praise to explore the ministry of healing. This will be led by the worship leaders and will offer opportunity for reflection and personal prayer.

Thursday

- 2.15pm Open Meeting Steering Group**
- All are welcome to this meeting – it's your chance to ask the Steering Group any questions you might have about Holiday Forum. Feedback is welcomed here, but there are also feedback forms for you to fill out in your own time and hand in before you leave.
- This is an **especially important meeting** and we would urge as many to attend as are able, as it helps to plan the future of Forum. Booking Forms for Holiday Forum 2020 will also be available, hot off the press!

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| 5.00pm | Communion Service | Iain McLaren & Steven Neville |
| | Our penultimate session together is the communion service led by the worship leaders to celebrate the unity of the Body of Christ. All are welcome to the table. | |
| 7.45pm | Forum evening | Steering Group |
| | The final evening is a place for groups to feed back on their week and enjoy a relaxing evening with the friends we have made throughout the week before the journey home. | |
| | If you are inspired throughout the week and would like to contribute to the evening with a reflection, whether it be a reading, photograph, video or song, please speak to Cathryn Rogers. | |

Miscellaneous information

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| Newspapers | Please state your preference of newspaper on the Returns Form. Payment should be made to the Treasurer during the week. There will be no newspapers on the days of arrival (Saturday) and departure (Friday).

Newspapers will be available for collection in Main Reception each morning. |
| Competitions | Throughout the week we hold various competitions for scrabble, table tennis, croquet and boules. You can sign up for any (or all of these) at the front desk. |

Important information

GDPR – Privacy Statement

You will be aware of the new data regulations introduced in May 2018. Holiday Forum holds the personal data that you have supplied when booking your place at Holiday Forum. This includes any or all of your name, postal and e-mail address, telephone number(s) and maybe date of birth (Under 18s). This data is processed to maintain contact with you in the run up to and during Holiday Forum 2019 itself, so that you are informed about the event you have contracted with us to provide you. For example, we use your address to post to you this Holiday Forum booklet. (In some cases, brief information about medical conditions and dietary requirements – if applicable - are also held, being helpful to the chef at the Hayes Conference Centre or should you be poorly during the event.)

We would also like to use the contact information held to keep in touch with you after Holiday Forum 2019 and to let you know about future Holiday Forums. There will be a form available at this year's Forum which you can complete to give your consent for this.

If you have any questions about the data that is held, please e-mail treasurer@urholidayforum.org.uk or speak to a member of the Steering Group during the week.

The URC Holiday Forum Conference Office

Each day the **Duty Elders** will be in Main Reception to answer any questions and collect money between:

8.45am – 9.00am 10.45am – 11.15am 2.00pm – 2.30pm

Room allocation

For fire regulations and insurance purposes, no bedrooms can be changed without permission from Alison Foxwell, the Bookings Secretary. Every effort will be made to consider any preferences that have been requested, but final decisions remain the discretion of the Bookings Secretary.

Going off site

For fire regulation purposes, if you go off site at any point during the week for any reason, please sign out on the list on the desk in main reception.

Fire Bell

A continuous ringing sound. Each room displays The Hayes Fire Procedure which should be studied carefully.

Orchard Hall Clubhouse (games room)

Adult supervision is required at all times.

Smoking & Alcohol

The Hayes operates a **NO SMOKING** policy in all buildings, including bedrooms. If you smoke outside, please be aware of people around you and of open windows and doors. No alcohol may be brought onto the premises, but adults may buy alcohol from the bar which will be open before lunch, before dinner and in the evening. Please drink responsibly.

Your property

Neither the Hayes (The Christian Conference Trust), the United Reformed Church nor the Holiday Forum Steering Group accepts responsibility for any personal items (including, but not limited to, musical instruments, computers, audio or photographic equipment). Please ensure adequate insurance is taken out before attending Holiday Forum. Care should be taken to avoid leaving valuables in your rooms. The staff of The Hayes will be pleased to advise regarding the storage of valuable items.

First Aid

Anyone requiring First Aid, please contact a Duty Elder. Anyone who has had a medical condition requiring treatment in the fortnight preceding Forum should advise on arrival. Anyone able to provide First Aid help, please advise on arrival.

Day Visitors

If you are expecting visitors any day, please let Alison Foxwell (Bookings Secretary) know as early as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made with the Hayes. A charge is made for visitors which must be paid in advance.

Lost Property

Any articles of lost property should be handed to a Duty Elder who will try and re-unite them with their owners.

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Duty Elder	Cathryn & Cathy	Alison & Sara	Sue & Tim	Fi & Cathryn	Rupert & Rowena	Sue & Alison	Cathryn & Cathy	
7.45am	Morning prayers							
8.15am	Breakfast							
9.15am	Worship							
9.45am	Notices / Children leave for groups							
10.05am	Theme talk / Before coffee groups - children							
10.45am	Morning coffee							
11.15am	After coffee workshops							
12.30pm	Workshops end / Collect children							
1.00pm	Lunch							
2.15pm	Arrivals from 3.00pm	Forum does the musicals Cathy Foxwell	Forumula 1 (part 1) Richard & Angela	Outing	Meet the Moderator Tony Lee	Open meeting	Departures	
		Technology for all Sue and Jo Lee	Longing to belong Richard Becher		Cathryn Rogers Long Walk Richard Storer			
4.00pm	Afternoon Tea							
5.00pm	5.00 Welcome ramble Jason & Jacob	Cricket & Outdoor games	Storytelling & Harry Potter Activities Sian Hancock & Kirsty Rogers	Outing	Wednesday Forum at the Flicks Fred & Rowena	Communion service		
	5.20 Musicians meeting Marion Turner	Fi Heath/Tim Lee			Desert Island Discs Bill Hales			
	5.40 Family meeting Cathy Foxwell	Desert Island Discs Bill Hales						
6.30pm	Dinner							
7.45pm	Welcome evening & Family quiz	Songs of Praise Young praise	Forumula 1 (part 2)	Forum Variety Show	Wellbeing service	Forum evening		
	Steering Group	Richard & Angela	Richard & Angela	Colum & Fi	Worship leaders	Steering Group		
Meditation	No meditation	Colin Ferguson	Bill Hales	Angela Storer	No meditation	Wendy Roe		