

URC HOLIDAY FORUM 2018

Saturday 18 to Friday 24 August 2017

Jesus-shaped Church

*...mission and discipleship
versus
survivalism...*



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

Holiday Forum 2018

Jesus-shaped Church

Please read this booklet, complete the enclosed Return Form and **return by email or post to Angela Storer by 31 July 2018 AT THE LATEST**.

There is 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.

Theme Leader:	Lawrence Moore
Worship Leaders:	Rev Kay Alberg, Rev David Fraser, Rev David Legge, Rev Iain McLaren, Rev Jenny Mills, Rev John Steele
Music Leader:	Cathryn Rogers
Steering Group:	Angela Storer (Joint Chair) Richard Storer (Joint Chair) Sue Lee (Treasurer) Alison Foxwell (Bookings Secretary) Rowena Davies Fi Heath Sara Kierman Abi Knight Tim Lee Julie McLaren Gaye Rees Wendy Roe Cathryn Rogers Meg Wilson
Chaplain:	Rev Tony Lee

From the Theme Leader, Lawrence Moore

Jesus-shaped Church - mission and discipleship versus survivalism. 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?

The six Worship Leaders (as detailed on the previous page) will share in leading worship throughout the week.

Workshops

Please read the details below and indicate your choice on the Returns Form.

Discussion on Theme (Lawrence Moore)

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

Choir (Cathryn Rogers/Colum O'Shea)

This week, 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

Marion is delighted to be back this year to lead the Film Group, assisted by Bill. We will be watching three films that we hope will be highly enjoyable and lead to some interesting and lively discussions. The first film is a film starring the beloved John Thaw - *Goodnight Mr Tom* Depicting the bond of affection which grows between a curmudgeonly old man and his shy and quiet WWII evacuee, it leads to some very emotional and moving moments. The second film is *The Theory of Everything* – the story of the life of a remarkable man - Stephen Hawking. The third film is yet to be finalised, but will be a light-hearted, easy to watch film. We look forward to seeing you there.

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).

Young People's Group - Tim Lee/Megan Wilson/Josh Barnett

For any teenagers, students or young adults attending, you are welcome to join this group if others do not appeal. There will be a number of activities within this group on offer, but there is no rigid plan so if you wish to contribute any ideas, whether indoor, outdoor, formal, informal etc. then please do!

Children's Workshops – Carol & Douglas Fleming (Co-ordinators) & Others

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

Crèche (aged 0-4), All age craft and drama and All age sport

After Coffee, while the adults are in their groups and workshops, the children's groups are divided as follows:

Sparklers - Pre-school children

Flames - Infant and Junior School aged children

Lasers - Secondary School aged children.

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!

Welcome and Walkabout (Saturday) – Colin Ferguson/Gaye Rees

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. So come and meet Colin and Gaye in **Main Reception at 5:00pm** 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.

Musicians' Meeting (Saturday) – Cathryn Rogers

If you are a musician and would like to help out during the week, please let us know on the Return Form so we can make sure you have the opportunity and we have suitable music available. **Also, please come to the above short meeting in the Main Conference Hall at 5:20pm.**

Family Meeting (Saturday) – Carol & Douglas Fleming/Rowena Davies

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.

Other Activities

Welcome Event (Saturday) – Steering Group

A chance to get to know one another and the opportunity to meet the leaders. There will also be a short time of worship before retiring to the bar for...

Pub Quiz (Saturday) – Cathryn Rogers/Fi Heath

Why did a 5kg courgette make the news? What is the name of Peppa Pig's brother? On a roulette wheel, what colour is zero? As you quiz, 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 2018.

Morning Prayers (from Sunday) – Wendy Roe

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

Desert Island Discs (Sunday and Wednesday) – Bill Hales

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

Evening Meditation (from Sunday) – 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.

Cricket (Sunday) – Tim Lee/Josh Barnett/Geoff Roe

Meet on the field below Lakeside for a bit of fun!

Ceilidh (Sunday) - Alistair Smeaton and Friends

In modern use we might think first of dancing when we hear the word 'Ceilidh,' but the original meaning of the Gaelic means more of a general social time. The evening will include some dancing but also folk singing (but not necessarily Scottish in origin) and perhaps some storytelling and poetry recitation. It would also be lovely to have contributions from a range of Forum attendees, particularly if these represent the folk traditions of the nations of the British Isles and indeed further afield. So, if you would like to lead us in song or dance, perform solo, or read a short story or poem then that would be wonderful - just bring what you need with you and tell me when you arrive. On the night itself everyone who comes will be welcome to take part or to just watch and listen, as you please.

Tour de Forum (Monday – 2:00pm for building & 7:45pm for racing) – Angela & Richard Storer

Following the success of *Horsing Around* two years ago and *Fishers of Men* last year, this year Forum is having its very own cycle race! Instead of horses or boats, we'll be competing for the yellow jersey and racing bikes! The format otherwise is exactly the same - in two sessions. **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.

The **first (afternoon) session** is to design and 'build' the bikes (with riders) in teams... so bring your creative flair! The **second (evening) session (on the same day) is 'Race Day'** and here we need a crowd to cheer as well as people to race the bikes (with riders). So please... come and race, or come and watch even if you didn't come to the afternoon session. We NEED a crowd, or it doesn't work... and it's great fun.

Performing Arts Workshop (Monday) – Teresa Diamond

See entry under **Forum's Got Talent** listed under Tuesday's activities.

Praise Be! (Monday) – Tony Lee/Colin Ferguson

Once again we will be holding the great *Praise Be* and you are asked to send in your favourite hymn (preferable theme related) by the end of July (on the Return Form) so that they can be put into a suitable order for singing. We'll try to use as much as can be squeezed in during the time available, especially if it's not being used in other services during the week. Please think about the theme as we sing our faith together with music from Cathryn Rogers (and others) and guided by Tony Lee and Colin Ferguson. **This is an all age gathering and a chance to sing our hearts out!**

Outing - Cromford Mills/Willersley Castle (Tuesday) – Angela & Richard Storer/Gaye Rees

This year's trip will be to the village of Cromford in Derbyshire.

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

The coach will drop off outside the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, Cromford Mills, birthplace of the modern factory system and internationally recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. New to the mill is the 'Arkwright experience and exhibitions'. Meet Sir Richard Arkwright himself in the stunning "Arkwright Experience" as CGI technology brings the great man to life. Hear him tell of his inventions, money and espionage as you enter his first mill. The mill has a range of shops and galleries, including exhibitions of paintings, photographs, ceramics and textiles, antique shops, a textile craft shop and the Hartington Cheese Company. (Visit the link below for any potential additional costs depending on what you choose to visit - www.cromfordmills.org.uk/visit-us.)

And once you've explored the Mills, why not wander into the village around the antiques shops and cafes, along the canal to enjoy the sunshine (hopefully!) or head up to Willersley Castle for a cream tea and scone.

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2018 Programme

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Worship Leader	n/a	John Steele (am) David Legge (pm)	Iain McLaren	Jenny Mills	Kay Alberg	David Fraser	n/a	
Duty Elder	Angela & Richard	Alison & Sara	Wendy & Sue	Cathryn & Fi	Gaye & Julie	Tim & Megan	Angela & Richard	
7:45		Morning Prayers						
8:15		Breakfast						
9:15		Worship						Depart
9.45		Notices / Children leave for groups						
10:05		Theme Talk / Children's Crafts and Activities						
10.45		Coffee						
11.30		Adult Workshops / Children's Age Group Workshops						
12:30		Workshops end / Collect Children						
1:00		Lunch						
2:15		Arrivals	Celebratory Service	Tour de Forum (Part I) (2:00pm)	Outing	Meet the Moderator or Treasure Hunt	Open Meeting	
3:30	Treasure Hunt					Parachute Games		
4.00	Tea							
5:00	Welcome and Walkabout	Desert Island Discs or Cricket	Praise Be!	Outing	Wednesday Forum at the Flicks (4:45pm)	Communion Service		
5:20	Musicians' Meeting		Performing Arts Workshop (Both 4:45pm)					
5:45	Family Meeting							
6.00	Approximate end of post-tea activities							
6:30	Dinner							
7:45	Welcome Event	Ceilidh	Tour de Forum (Part II)	Forum's Got Talent	Wellbeing Service	Forum Evening (7:30pm)		
8:45	Pub Quiz				Desert Island Discs or Activity Games (All 7:45pm)	Forum Evening (7:30pm)		
9:30					Evening Meditation			Evening Meditation
Leader	n/a	Wendy Roe	Bill Hales	Angela Storer	n/a	Tony Lee		

Forum's Got Talent (Tuesday) – Teresa Diamond

Well, as we know, this event has come to be a favourite and we love the diverse talent we have become accustomed to over the years. However, I've noticed a pattern... and that is that it's usually the same people who take part each year. Whilst we of course want the same people to keep entertaining us, it would be really fab to have some new faces on stage too! Perhaps you played in a band in your youth and still have it in you... or maybe you're part of a local choir or dance group... and perhaps you could rope a few people into joining you and 'do a turn' at Forum? Alternatively, maybe you're really funny and could attempt stand up, or write a sketch like the one Wendy Roe entertained us with a couple of years ago?

Remember this night is about fun! It's about getting that little bit of extra confidence! And it's about relaxing amongst 'family' and getting rid of your inhibitions. And *that's* where the **Performing Arts Workshop (Monday)** comes into its own. The workshop isn't just for children. **All ages are welcome**, so if any adults want to come along for a little help or a confidence boost, please do! A professional West End warm-up will again be used at the start, and then we'll split into groups to give more people a chance to shine. Performing is the happiness that drives us, so please get involved. There'll be a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard, once at Forum.

Note – as with recent years, there'll be no performances at the Forum Evening on the last night which will be solely for group/workshop feedback from the week. So if you want to 'perform', this is your chance.

Treasure Hunt (Wednesday) – Cathryn Rogers/Fi Heath/Megan Wilson

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.

Meet the Moderator (Wednesday) – Colin Ferguson (Chair)

Meet the Moderator is an informal gathering with one of the current URC Moderators of General Assembly. This year it's Derek Estill, who's staying at Forum for a couple of nights too. It's an opportunity to ask questions and share information about the URC. The gathering is 'chaired'/co-ordinated by Colin Ferguson. Please come along and share the experience.

Forum at the Flicks (Wednesday) – 4:45pm start – Rowena & Fred Davies

If you have never experienced the excitement of Saturday morning cinema, come and join those who remember it well. The experience will include excerpts from black and white movies and cartoons. During the interval there will be a Yoyo competition (Yoyos provided). **Suitable for all ages – all are welcome.**

Activity Games (Wednesday) – 7:45pm – Richard Storer/Tim Lee

For the children and younger contingent - all being well fun with bubbles outside on the field.

Forum Evening (Thursday) – 7:30pm start (Angela & Richard Storer)

The final evening of the holiday presents an opportunity to share what's been going on throughout the week, as the gifts and talents from the groups and workshops are harvested and the tournament prizes are awarded.

Open Meeting (Thursday)

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** this year and we would urge as many to attend as are able, as there will be a debate about the future of Forum, followed by a vote. (Please refer to page 11 of this booklet for further information.) Booking Forms for Holiday Forum 2019 will also be available, hot off the press!

Competitions – The usual scrabble, table tennis, croquet and boule competitions will be run throughout the week. Look at the noticeboard for further 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 2018 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 you the 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 2018 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.

Other Important Information

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 take into account any preferences that have been requested, but final decisions remain the discretion of the Bookings Secretary.

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.

Alcohol - 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.

Games Room - Adult supervision is required at all times.

Smoking - 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.

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.

Holiday Forum Conference Office - Each day the **Duty Elders** will be in Main Reception from **8:45 till 9:00am, 10:45 till 11:15am and 2:00 till 2:30pm** to answer any questions. Duty Elders and other members of the Steering Group will be available to help you at any other time.

First Aid - Anyone requiring First Aid, please contact a Duty Elder. Anyone who's 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.

Drinks - Tea/coffee facilities are available in all en-suite bedrooms free of charge and there are refreshment points available for standard rooms. There are hot drinks machines in the bar area, also free of charge and available at times other than mealtimes and coffee/tea breaks. There are vending machines available with a selection of soft drinks and snacks.

Newspapers - Please state your preference of newspaper on the Return 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). These will be available for collection in Main Reception each morning.

IMPORTANT! THE FUTURE OF URC HOLIDAY FORUM

In 2020 it is almost certain that the cost of attending Forum in its current form will break the £500.00 barrier. We recognise that cost has become a significant concern for many in recent years – especially families.

The Steering Group feels that it needs a wider consultation on any potentially significant change to address this matter to protect the future of Forum, and so options have been explored at its March 2018 meeting.

The result is that during the **Forum Open Meeting on the Thursday afternoon** it is intended to have a debate followed by two part vote:

1. Firstly do we want to change Forum? YES/NO
2. Secondly, how do we want to change it?
 - a. Arrive on Sunday in time for afternoon tea and leave on Friday after lunch.
 - b. Arrive on Saturday in time for afternoon tea and leave on Thursday after lunch.

Based on the outcome of this vote, the final decision will be made by the Steering Group and would come into effect for Forum 2020 (NOT 2019).

(These proposed changes would reduce costs per adult in en suite room by approximately £75.00 a head.)

So please... this is very important... come to the meeting... hear the debate and vote...

The future of Forum is in your hands!

**The Steering Group
URC HOLIDAY FORUM**

FORUM 2019

Please consider booking early – even as you leave Forum 2018 – as it really helps the Steering Group in its planning when numbers attending are known earlier.

A story waiting to be told...

We can't change history but there are many untold stories which can change the future through how history is remembered.

Telling the story is what Jesus did do well and new stories can be told through fiction and non-fiction; gospel and testimony; song and poetry etc....

Theme Leader

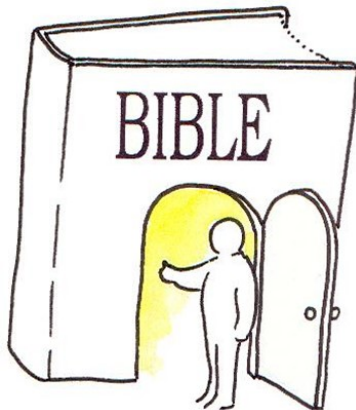
Richard Becher

Worship Leaders

Rev Iain McLaren and Steven Neville

Music Leaders

Marion Turner and Friends



CONTACT NUMBERS

In case of emergency, please dial 999. If you have an urgent issue overnight, please ring the Hayes Duty Manager. The number can be found in the reception areas of your accommodation (Alan Booth, Lakeside or Main House).

During the day, please speak to a member of the Steering Group first (preferably the Duty Elders for that day). If this isn't possible, please go to the Hayes' Admin Office in the Main House.

If you have any problems or issues during the week, and are unable to find us, please feel free to ring or text one of the Joint Chairs on:

- **Richard Storer - 07736 379776**
- **Angela Storer - 07957 547802.**

Address: The Hayes Conference Centre, Hayes Lane,
Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

By road: The Hayes is 5 miles from Junction 28 of the M1. From Junction 28, take the A38 towards Derby. Leave at the marked exit for A615 Matlock/A61 Chesterfield and take the B6179 towards Swanwick/ Ripley. At the traffic lights by the church in Swanwick turn left towards Somercotes (B6016). After 500 yards turn right into Hayes Lane. The Conference Centre is straight ahead. There is plenty of free parking.

By train: The local railway station is Alfreton on the Sheffield-Nottingham line, but trains are limited. It is about 3 miles from The Hayes. Taxis are available.
Alternatively, from Derby Station, catch a bus or taxi (approx. 15 miles).

Arrivals

Please try not to arrive before 3:30pm. Afternoon tea will be served around 4.00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. If you intend to arrive after 6:30pm, please let us know.