

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



Forum 2018

Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 September 2018
at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.
Tel: 01773 526000

'I am with you always'
– together in God's mission –

Programme

The Forum is the broadest ecumenical gathering of Christians in England. It brings together representatives from our 47 [Member Churches](#), as well as the [Intermediate \(County\) Bodies](#) which promote regional and local ecumenism and 51 [Bodies in Association](#) – all charities and organisations which work ecumenically in mission, theology and community action of all kinds.

Forum is an opportunity to be encouraged by the diversity and depth of Christian witness in England, and to be enriched by forging new relationships and connections. More than that, it is a chance to celebrate and to deepen our relationship with Jesus and with each other, through Bible study, discussion, workshops and listening to speakers from all parts of the Christian Church.

Forum is not a deliberative meeting, but it is a way of taking the ecumenical temperature, of hearing from each other where we are on the journey to be 'one in Christ'. All Member Churches feed back reports from Forum into their systems, and the [Enabling Group](#) and [Board](#) of CTE take careful note of what is said and what happens.

Forum, then, is the enrichment of our discipleship, an encounter with Christ who comes to us in the glorious diversity of his people, and leads us deeper into the love of God.

Forum information

- Our main meeting room will be the Derbyshire Hall. Please keep an eye on noticeboards, eg for the taxi/lifts offered list and other relevant information.
- The Marketplace operates throughout forum in the Butterley Hall. The [Forum bookstall](#) will be there too. You can also order books in advance to view or buy.
- This is a paperless Forum. Bring with you anything you need printed out or have it ready on your tablet. The programme and other key information will be posted on noticeboards.
- Visit www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/info for key information about Forum and for everything else: www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018
- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CTEForum2018
- Twitter feed: #CTEforum2018
- Chris Dobson is the Forum 2018 photographer. [See his work on Facebook](#). We shall make Forum photos available on Flickr. If you are willing to share your photos, please e-mail them to us: conf-photos@cte.org.uk – unless you state otherwise, we will assume that we can use them copyright free. If you wish us to credit them, please indicate how.
- We won't say grace before meals for the whole Forum, but each table is invited to say grace for themselves, either before people start eating or at some point during the meal. A sheet of graces and blessings is provided to help with this.

The Hayes information

- Please ensure you go to the correct Swanwick, in Derbyshire. (The station is Alfreton.)
- There is plenty of parking near each accommodation block.
- All bedrooms are *en suite* and single occupancy unless you have requested otherwise.
- Keys are issued at check-in. The door code is **7642** and will be posted on the notice board in the Derbyshire Hall and lobby. All external doors have a keypad code system. Please ensure the door closes firmly behind you and do not let anyone into the building as you enter.
- If the fire alarm sounds, proceed to the meeting point which is in the Main Conference Hall. (The Main Conference Hall is *not* the Derbyshire Hall but is the smaller hall which stands on its own beyond the dining room and the Butterley Hall.) Please do not return to the building until the Duty Manager has confirmed it is safe to do so.
- The Hayes reception desk in the main entrance is usually manned between 8.30 am and 10.00 pm. A Duty Manager is also available from 7.30 am to 11.00 pm and overnight in the event of an emergency. They can be contacted by calling the number that will be left at Reception.
- First Aid facilities can be accessed at Reception. If you are on any medication/have allergies which A&E might need to know about should you be unfortunate enough to end up there, please ensure information is in your pocket or handbag. It is also always useful to have an [ICE entry in your phone](#) and if your phone locks itself, on the lock screen.
- There is wifi throughout The Hayes. When logging on, click wifi and then insert your email address and tick the terms and conditions box. This will enable you to a free three day personal quota.

- 10.55 am First meeting of small groups
- Move to small group venues. Delegates will have been e-mailed a list of small groups and their venues by the Sunday before Forum. The list is also displayed in the Derbyshire Hall and in the Derbyshire lobby and will be downloadable from www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/info*
- These will be listening groups, ie group members take turns to speak while others listen without interrupting. No-one comments on what someone else has said until after everyone has had their turn. For this session, as there is a clear task, the facilitator needs to ensure that there is time for discussion in order to complete the task.
- There is only a short time for this session so you need to introduce yourselves quickly and be concise when you speak. The facilitator may intervene if you take too much time!
- The task is to reflect on both sessions with the Presidents and to identify any questions (or requests to speak more on a topic) which can be asked in the 11.45 plenary session. The group then either needs to choose one of these questions or formulate a group question/request. Please be aware that there is no guarantee that your question will be chosen. Please write your question on the card which your facilitator has. Someone will be waiting to collect it as you re-enter the Derbyshire Hall.
- 11.40 am Please ensure your meeting has finished and move promptly back to the Derbyshire Hall.
- 11.45 am The transforming presence of Christ – plenary session with all six Presidents
- Hilary Topp in the chair.
- 12.30 pm Break
- 12.35 pm Lunch *Please use both dining rooms*
- 1.30 pm The Marketplace *Butterley Hall*
- Throughout the Forum there is a [marketplace](#) where various organisations are displaying information and resources. The [bookshop](#) is located here too. As this is free time, delegates are able to focus on the Marketplace if they so wish.
- 2.30 pm Optional singing practice *Derbyshire Hall*
- Everyone is welcome to this practice for the closing worship tomorrow.
- 3.15 pm Afternoon tea *Bar area and terrace*
- 3.45 pm Workshop 1 *Please see noticeboards and list for venues*
- You will be emailed the final list of workshop participants by the Sunday before Forum and they will also be posted on noticeboards and be available from www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/info – please ensure you attend the workshops you have been allocated.

5.00 pm	<u>Workshop 2</u>	<i>Please see noticeboards and list for venues</i>
6.15 pm	Break	
6.30 pm	Dinner	<i>Please use both dining rooms</i>
8.00 pm	<u>Final meeting of small groups</u>	<i>Venues as this morning</i>

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For this session you will be invited to reflect briefly on the Forum so far:

- What have you heard?
- What challenged you?
- What impressed, encourage or excited you

Please be disciplined about time-keeping. Each person will have no more than five minutes in which to speak to ensure that everyone has a turn.

9.00 pm	<u>Night prayer in small groups</u>	
9.30 pm	The bar will be open for refreshments.	

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

All rooms should be vacated by 9.15 am. Please turn off your radiator and close the windows before leaving your room. Keys should be returned to reception. Luggage may be left in the luggage room – please ask at Reception.

If you require a taxi/lift or can offer a lift, please fill in the appropriate form on the taxi noticeboard. CTE is not co-ordinating taxis/lifts but simply facilitating the process.

8.00 am	<u>Morning prayer</u>	<i>Derbyshire Hall</i>
	Planned by Grace Burnett, Cheryl Govier, Amelia Sutcliffe and Jasmine Yeboah.	
8.30 am	Breakfast	<i>Please use both dining rooms</i>
9.30 am	<u>Multi-voice Bible Study: Luke 24, 13-35 (Emmaus)</u>	<i>Derbyshire Hall</i>

A conversation between William Kay, Patricia McDonald and Jongikaya Zihle. Chaired by Ruth Gee. The NRSV scripture text is available to download at www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/biblestudy

- William K Kay was a student at the University of Oxford in the 1960s and taught RE in state maintained schools for ten years before gaining a PhD and becoming involved in, first, ministerial training, and then teacher training. His second PhD involved research into British Assemblies of God, the denomination to which he has belonged for nearly fifty years. He has preached in many parts of the world and wrote *Pentecostalism: a very short introduction* for Oxford University Press.
- Patricia McDonald [SHCJ](#) is a Catholic religious sister. She is Academic Programme Director at the [Pontifical Beda College](#) in Rome, where she

also teaches New Testament. Before that, she taught Scripture in the United States and at Ushaw College, Durham. A member of the National Roman Catholic/United Reformed Church bilateral dialogue since its formation in 2006, Patsy published *God and Violence: Biblical Resources for Living in a Small World* in 2004 and has recently completed a short commentary on the Letter of Jude for the [Wisdom Commentary](#) series.

- Jongikaya Zihle is a Chair of the London Methodist District; before joining the Methodist Church in Britain fourteen years ago, Jongi was a presbyter in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa for just over fourteen years, with experience at lecturing in biblical spirituality at the then Methodist theological College in Kilnerton, Pretoria. Jongi's passion is uniting people and he has served in various capacities with peace monitoring bodies and as a trainer/practitioner in conflict resolution.

Jongi believes that encouraging the 'inculturation' of the Gospel calls for a biblical praxis that allows the context to speak its own life and experience as it translates biblical truths towards God-honouring life experience.

11.00 am Mid-morning tea and coffee *Bar area and terrace*

If you have pre-requested a packed lunch (indicated by P/L on the Excel sheet on the noticeboard), it will be available for collection from the Chatsworth Dining room during this break.

11.30 am Gathering up the threads, moving forward and closing with worship

At the front: Ruth Gee (Forum Moderator), Hilary Topp (Deputy Forum Moderator), Rachel Parkinson, Paul Goodliff (incoming CTE General Secretary), Ruth Bottoms (Chair of CTE's Directors), David Cornick (outgoing CTE General Secretary).

1.00 pm Lunch and departures *Please use both dining rooms unless otherwise advised*

Please return your lanyard to the boxes at the back of the Derbyshire Hall before you depart. You are most welcome to keep your bag, but if you don't want it, we shall re-use it.

To help us plan future Forums, we would be grateful if you would complete an online evaluation form before you go or as soon as you can:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CTEforum2018evaluation>

Thank you, and safe journey home.

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