

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

Conference for all Ecumenical Officers together

Nourishing the roots – a chance to refresh our ecumenical vision –

Tuesday to Thursday, 28-30 September 2021

The Hayes Conference Centre
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FINAL PROGRAMME

The Hayes has excellent hygiene systems in place as you can see from [the booklet](#) they have produced. This comprehensive Covid Secure plan remains in place for your safety. It includes increased cleaning with rooms sanitised before arrival, extra space created in public areas, increased ventilation in meeting rooms and hand sanitisers available throughout the centre.

At present the wearing of a face mask is no longer required. However CTE's recommendation is that all Enabling Group members bring masks with them to use as appropriate, especially at registration. If you forget, masks are provided by The Hayes. You will need to wear a mask when singing.

CTE also recommends that you do a lateral flow test before travelling to the meeting. You can pick these up at no cost from most chemists or order them online. whilst at our venues.

Should you feel unwell whilst on site , please notify a duty manager, isolate and The Hayes staff will provide further guidance. Please also inform Jenny Bond by text (07708 929022).

The Hayes information

- Travel information is on the website [at the bottom of this page](#). If you are travelling by public transport, please note the useful tips in that document. We strongly encourage you to car-share as much as possible.
- There is plenty of parking at The Hayes and also two electric car charging points available in the main car park along the side of Lakeside (the first two on the left as you drive into the car park). Delegates need to pay a £10.00 deposit and they will receive £7.00 back when they return the key). It is not possible to pre-book the charging points.
- All bedrooms are en-suite and are situated in Lakeside or in the Main House. (All the rooms in the main accommodation block are now called Lakeside. If it is raining, it is possible to wend your way through the building to an exit onto the covered walkway.)

- On arrival from 12 noon, please register and collect your lanyard from the **Main House Reception**. You need this to access lunch. Luggage can be stored in the Main House luggage store (located to the left of the Main House Reception desk).
- Bedroom key cards will also be issued at **registration in the Main House Reception from 12 noon** and are programmed to give access to your room at 2.00 pm. Please don't even *think* of going early to your room unless you have been told otherwise, as this disrupts the housekeeping staff. Key cards also open external doors after 2.00 pm. Please ensure that external doors close firmly behind you and do not let anyone into the building as you enter.
- Your bedroom key cards do not give access to our meeting rooms but the planning team (or some of them, depending on how many organiser cards we are given) will be issued with organiser key cards which do open these rooms. It may be wise to ensure that you don't leave any valuables unattended in the meeting room in case it is left unlocked.
- The Hayes reception desk in the main entrance is usually staffed between 8.30 am and 10.00 pm. A Duty Manager is available from 7.30 am to 11.00 pm and overnight in case of emergency. They can be contacted by calling the number that will be left at Reception.
- If the fire alarm sounds, proceed to the Fire Assembly Point at the Main Conference Hall. This is also our main meeting room. (The Main Conference Hall is *not* the Derbyshire Hall but is the stand-alone building beyond the Butterley Hall, below the chapel.) Please do not return to the building until the Duty Manager has confirmed it is safe to do so.
- 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.
- There is a gift shop in the Main House that stocks a range of greeting cards, gifts, confectionery, postcards, toiletries, Christian books, Fair trade products etc and this is usually open during morning coffee and afternoon tea. Please note cash is only accepted for payments under £5.00, card payments should be used when over £5.00.
- There is a guest laundry, off the Lakeside reception, fitted with a washing machine, tumble dryer and ironing station. A TV room is available in Lakeside.
- Our main meeting room will be the **Main Conference Hall**. This is not the Derbyshire Hall but the stand-alone building below the chapel and (if you are going uphill to the chapel) to the right of the building containing the dining room.)
- Be aware that there is only one pull down screen in the MCH and ppt slides need to be square.
- Please keep an eye on noticeboards, eg for the taxi/lifts offered list and other relevant information as we will be keeping announcements to a minimum.
- This is a paperless meeting. Bring with you anything you need printed out or have it ready on your tablet/laptop.

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

Please arrive at the **Main House Reception area** in time to pick up your lanyard to access lunch at 1.00 pm. (Arrivals before 11 am attract a £12 charge; please don't come too early!)

Registration begins at noon and bedrooms will be available from 2.00 pm. Please be aware that we begin at 2.15 pm promptly but please do not even **think** of trying to access your room before 2.00 pm as we are able to distribute key cards in advance on the strict understanding that no-one tries to do that. Key cards won't work before 2.00 pm anyway. If you arrive late, your key card and lanyard will be waiting for you in the Main House Reception area.

11.30 am Planning team meets in the Main Conference Hall.

noon Arrivals and registration

Arrivals before 11 am attract a £12 surcharge so please don't come too early!

Please be aware that while you can pick up your lanyard (necessary for admittance to the dining room) and the key card to your room, the key card won't work before 2.00 pm so please keep well away from the bedrooms until then to allow the housekeeping staff to finish their work.

1.00 pm Lunch

Ben Aldous in charge of ppt until supper. Ian Smith sound desk and microphones all day today.

2.15 pm Welcome and opening worship *Main Conference Hall*

Nourishing our roots

This session will be interactive with input and some engagement with other conference participants.

Conference participants offering an input from the floor (so will need a roving microphone) will be:

- *Glen Coggins (after Jenny speaks after 3.05 pm)*
- *Kirsty Thorpe (after Jenny speaks after 4.30 pm)*
- *Roger Allen (after Callan speaks after 5.25 pm)*
- *Robert Mountford (after Jenny speaks after 5.40 pm)*
- *Rowena Loverance (after Paul Goodliff speaks after 5.55 pm)*

3.30 pm Tea

4.00 pm Nourishing our roots continued

6.15 pm Break

6.30 pm Supper

7.45 pm Emmaus *Main Conference Hall*

A prayerful bible study with Jenny Bond (CTE staff) leading into night prayer.

9.00 pm Free time

The bar will be open for refreshments. *Please note that the bar can only accept card payments.*

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

Richard Snow: sound desk and microphones all day. Joanne Thorns: ppt until lunchtime.

8.30 am Breakfast

9.30 am Morning prayer

Led by Michaela Youngson, the new Connexional Ecumenical Officer for the Methodist Church.

10.00 am Walking together on the way *Main Conference Hall*

Jan Nowotnik, National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, offers an ecumenical approach to a synodal journey. He will set the context for what Pope Francis wants for the Church: that we discern together what the Holy Spirit is saying to us as the Church. He will emphasise our common discipleship as the basis for our ecumenical journey and will probably speak about the process that the Catholic Church is going through at the moment and link this to a desire to live out receptive ecumenism – which nourishes our roots and brings us back to the early Church. (This is all set in a Vatican II context of a dialogical Church).

If you are scratching your head over new jargon, please read the short extract on synodality (download from www.cte.org.uk/AllEOsConference) which has been taken from the Pope's book, *Let us Dream* and which is offered as an introduction to this session.

This session and the session after coffee will be a combination of input, table groups with a facilitator, and plenary engagement.

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Walking together on the way continued *Main Conference Hall*

12.45 pm break

1.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm free time

3.45 pm tea

4.15 pm Separate meetings for CEOs and DEOs *rooms to be allocated later*

County Ecumenical Officers & CTE staff Tissington Room

Anglican and Methodist DEOs Main Conference Hall (MCH)

Baptist DEOs MCH anteroom

Catholic DEOs MCH anteroom

RCCG DEOs MCH anteroom

Salvation Army DEOs Amber Room

URC DEOs Writing Room

6.15 pm Break

6.30 pm Supper

7.45 pm	<u>You are invited to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting of Churches Together in Dibley</u>	Main Conference Hall
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This session assumes that you are reasonably familiar with [the Toolkit for A Flexible Framework for Local Unity in Mission](#) – you will be provided with a printed copy. (Apologies, you have to scroll down that page quite a bit to find the toolkit.)

9.00 pm	Free time
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The bar will be open for refreshments. *Please note the bar can only accept card payments.*

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

- All rooms should be vacated by 9.15 am. Please turn off your radiator and close the windows before leaving your room.
- Return key cards to Main House reception. You may need to remove the key card nestling in between your name badge. You need to keep your lanyard on in order to be served in the dining room.
- Luggage may be left in the Main House luggage store (located to the left of Main House reception desk).

Andy Lie: sound desk and microphones. Paul Snell: PowerPoint.

8.30 am	Breakfast
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9.30 am	<u>Morning prayer</u>
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Led by Akpo Onduku, National Ecumenical Officer for the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

10.00 am	<u>One to be One</u>	Main Conference Hall
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With Callan Slipper, National Ecumenical Officer for the Church of England. He writes: Exploring the heart of ecumenism is an exploration of Christ who is the heart of Christianity. Indeed, the root of all roots both of the living experience of Christians and of ecumenism is the same: to dwell deep in the inner life of God exposed in Jesus' prayer on the eve of his death, his last will and testament: 'Father, may they all be one as you and I are one.' We will seek to discover how being in Christ as members of his body, opens before us new life, new challenges, new mission, and a new ecumenism. It is a return to the roots that hopes to help us flourish in the future.

This session and its continuation after coffee will be a combination of input, table groups with a facilitator, and plenary engagement.

11.00 am	Coffee
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Packed lunches (for those who requested them) can be collected from the dining room during morning coffee. If you are not sure if you have requested one, please check the list on the noticeboard

11.30 am	<u>One to be One continued</u>	Main Conference Hall
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12.30 pm

The Agape (Love) Feast

Led by David Evans, Salvation Army NEO, and Leão Neto, Assistant Connexional Ecumenical Officer for the Methodist Church.

The Love Feast, or Agape, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples, which expresses the *koinonia* or sharing, belonging and fellowship enjoyed within the Body of Christ. It is not the same as Holy Communion. The intention is to allow the participation of all present – from different denominations – who otherwise would not feel free to take Holy Communion together. Any Christian may conduct or take part in the Love Feast. It is for the whole congregation.

1.00 pm

Lunch and departures

Please don't leave any personal belongings in the meeting room unless you can be sure to remove them before 2.00 pm as failure to do so will attract a surcharge. The room will not be locked during lunch.

You will need your lanyard to have lunch. Please return it to Jenny Bond or any CTE staff member before you leave The Hayes. You should have returned your key card after breakfast.

The planning group is asked to help ensure that the room is cleared of all personal belongings by 2.00 pm – anyone else willing to help with this will be most welcome. However, please note that unless you are waiting for taxis, in which case you have no more than 30 minutes grace, you need to be off site by 2.00 pm promptly or you will incur an extra fee.

Please take time to [complete the evaluation form](#) so that next year's conference will be better! Thank you.

Next year

We have decided that this conference should remain at The Hayes because meeting rooms at High Leigh aren't really big enough for it. We appreciate that it's a longer journey for some but hope you will understand.

Please put next year's dates into your diary: Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 September 2022 (lunch to lunch) at the Hayes.