



Modern Church
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2018 Annual Conference

Ritual, Worship and Culture

PROGRAMME



16 July 2018 (arrive from midday, lunch at 1pm)
to 18th July (finishes with tea at 3.45pm)

at High Leigh Conference Centre
Hoddesdon, Herts
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Chair: Canon Dr Jo Spreadbury
Chaplain: Ian Mobsby

Monday - Day One

- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm Access to rooms
- 2.30pm Welcome and introductions
- 2.45pm Ritual, Worship and Culture
Douglas Davies - keynote speaker
- 4.00pm Tea
- 4.30pm Ritual in New Spirituality: looking at New Age and Pagan practice as a window onto post-religious spirituality
Steve Hollinghurst
- 5.45pm Dialogue: Steve Hollinghurst and Douglas Davies
- 6.30pm Dinner
- 7.45pm Life rituals and spiritual journeys
Sandra Millar
- 9.00pm Compline

Tuesday - Day Two

- 7.45am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am Breakfast
- 9.15am Different cultures, different rituals: the influence of other traditions
Jo Spreadbury
- 10.30am Coffee

Tuesday - Day Two

- 10.45am Workshops choice 1 (take coffee)
Sandra Millar (Sycamore Suite 3)
Douglas Davies (Yew Tree)
Tim Stead (Outside)
Meg Warner (Maple Suite 1)
Ian Mobsby (Mulberry)
Angela Tilby (Maple Suite 2)
- 11.45am Eucharist
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm AGM followed by Council meeting
- 4.00pm Tea
- 4.30pm Workshops choice 2
Sandra Millar (Sycamore Suite 3)
Douglas Davies (Yew Tree)
Tim Stead (Outside)
Meg Warner (Maple Suite 1)
Ian Mobsby (Mulberry)
Angela Tilby (Maple Suite 2)
- 5.30pm Plenary and discussion: responses to
Eucharist and workshops
- 6.30pm Dinner
- 7.45pm Ancient future worship: what's emerging from
the new monastic movement"
Ian Mobsby
- 9.00pm Compline

Wednesday - Day Three

- 7.45am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am Breakfast
- 9.15am Ritual and Culture: a Biblical perspective
Meg Warner
- 10.30a.m Coffee
- 11.00am Refreshing the Christian tradition: a liturgist's
point of view
Angela Tilby
- 12.00pm Dialogue: Meg Warner and Angela Tilby
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.15pm Chaired panel discussion:
(Douglas) Meg, Angela, Sandra, Ian, Jo.
- 3.00pm Tea and depart.

Workshops:

The workshops will have a set number of spaces. Please sign up for one workshop at 10.45am and one workshop at 4.30pm. The sign-up sheets will be at the rear of the Yew Tree hall.

Sandra Millar

**Listening, hearing and sharing:
exploring language and connection:**

This workshop will think about how formal and informal rituals around life events might be developed in response to the language and experience of participants in those events

Tim Stead

Forest Church:

Forest church is a fairly recent movement with groups now all over the country and each very different. The basic principle is rooted in a spirituality which sees all of God's creation as a whole and humans as simply a part of that whole. The tragedy is our separation from and misguided domination of the rest of nature. Forest church is an opportunity to reconnect through the simple practice of being present and paying attention. We will gather to orient our hearts and minds and to set our intention, then we will spend some time sitting still in separate chosen spots, and finally we will gather again to share experiences of having done this. It's very simple - but speaks deeply. Bring weather appropriate clothing and something you can carry to sit on.

Ian Mobsby

Developing Communities of Intentional Practices:

In a world where many are turning to alternative spirituality, how do we as Christians and the Church engage with this possibility to open up Christian Spirituality?

Angela Tilby

Forming the Christian self:

This workshop will explore how public prayer shapes us as persons.

Douglas Davies

Ritual-Liturgical Negotiations:

Tradition, options, and choice.

Meg Warner

Walking Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death - Embracing Lament:

Over the last year the number of public disasters has risen dramatically (Manchester, London Bridge, Grenfell etc.) The profile of the Christian churches in responding to disasters of this type has also grown. This workshop explores the role of lament psalms in Christian response to tragedy, disaster and trauma.

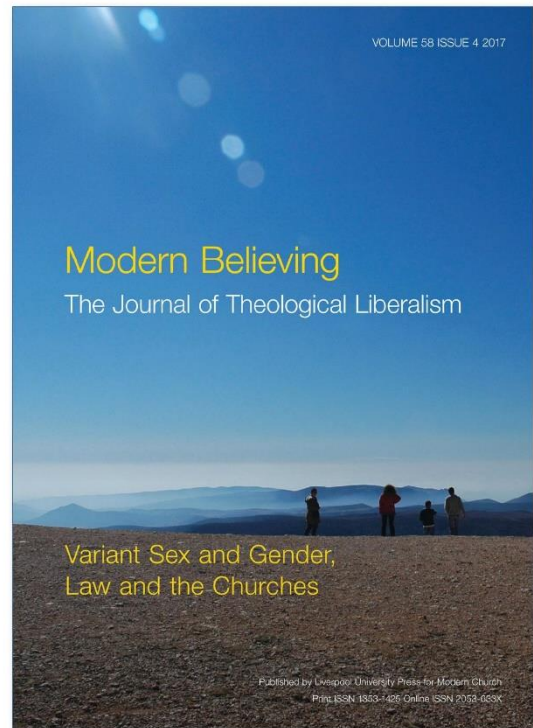
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