

### Dates and Times

Conference registration is from 3pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May; tea is served at 3.45pm and the first session starts at 5pm. The conference ends at 2.00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### Cost

The full conference fee is £530 per person. This includes full board accommodation and attendance at all sessions. There is a reduced fee of £490 for those paying in full on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Both the full and reduced fee include a **non-returnable deposit of £50**.

Many delegates receive help with the fee from their church or sponsoring organisation. There is also a limited Bursary Fund available, primarily for people who have not benefited from the fund previously. Further details are available from the conference office.

### Accommodation

The Hayes Conference Centre is set in beautiful Derbyshire countryside with easy road, rail and air links. The grounds provide a restful setting with scope for short walks and there is free time built into our programme in which you can explore further afield. There is free Wi-Fi throughout.

Accommodation will be in single occupancy rooms with twin or double bed and en-suite bathroom. All rooms are attractive and well furnished with telephone, tea and coffee making facilities and hairdryer; towels and soap are provided. In addition, there are rooms at the Hayes designed for disabled people, including adapted doors and space for wheelchair users, the provision of alarm pull-cords, specially designed showers and bathroom suites.

### Booking

You may secure a place by sending a **non-returnable deposit of £50** with your booking form. To benefit from the reduced fee, **the balance of £440** must be paid by **31 October 2017**. Thereafter, you will incur the full fee, requiring a **balancing payment of £480**. Of course you may pay the conference cost in full when you send in your booking form (£490 before 31 October or £530 thereafter).

Please use one application form per delegate. You may photocopy this leaflet or obtain copies from the conference office.

### Cancellation

Cancellations received at the conference office by 30 January 2018 will receive a refund of all fees paid **less the £50 non-returnable deposit**. Cancellations after 30 January 2018 will incur **the full cost of any fee paid/due**. Please consider whether you need to take out insurance in case of cancellation.

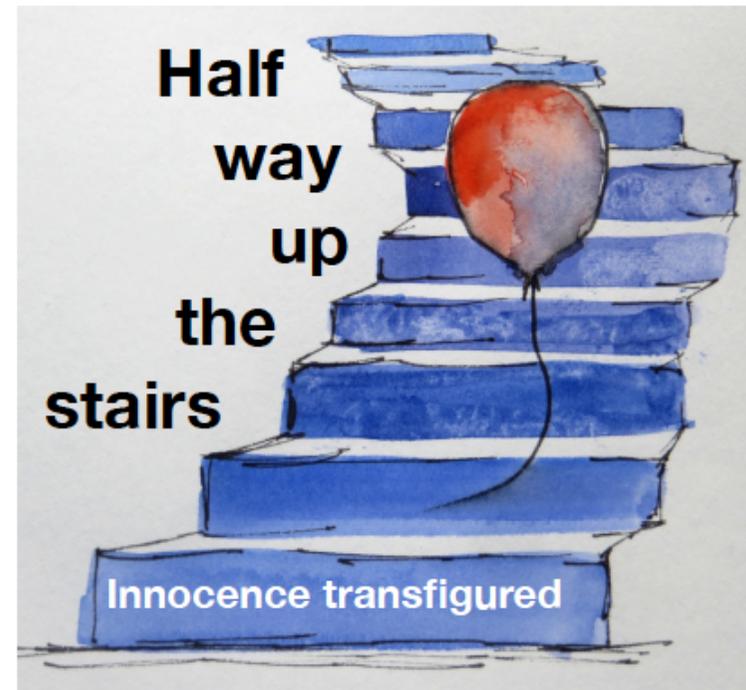
*The conference reserves the right to make amendments to either speakers or programme if considered necessary.*

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# Continuing the Journey

The Hayes Conference Centre  
Swanwick, Alferton, Derbyshire

21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018



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The **Continuing the Journey** Conference was born in the 1980s in an era when counselling, psychotherapy, social and community work were viewed as secular disciplines, and practitioners with a Christian faith found few places where they could articulate the connections they wanted to make between their profession and their faith. At the same time, there were those within the ministry of the church who wanted to discover how their pastoral practice could be enriched by the insights coming out of these relatively new professions.

Over the years, **Continuing the Journey** has aimed to provide a safe meeting place for those who find themselves wanting to explore the border territories and common ground between counselling, pastoral care, therapeutic or psychological work, and also spirituality, theology and faith issues. The conference provides a bridge where people can meet each other across the gaps which sometimes divide us, become more aware of their edges and work the tensions in this 'true but temporary' community.

### **Introducing 2018 Conference: *Halfway up the Stairs - innocence transfigured***

Halfway up.... or possibly halfway down. Either way it's the halfway stair that is not quite like any other. It's a place to pause and reflect, to take stock and to breathe. In all the ups and downs of life, and the work we do, we are acquainted with sorrow and joy, with pain and goodness, with turbulence as well as calm. There is much that would throw us off balance, and it is those issues which we want to consider at this conference, taking time to gaze at the shadows and the light from a place of rest.

It's an image that also speaks of childhood, and so we will consider as well whether the simplicity, the wonder and the joy of that stage of life are necessarily lost to us for ever. Or do the holy fool and the playful self offer us a way to maintain our sanity in the face of situations and stories that might often feel hard work and heavy going? Can innocence be transfigured and recaptured for an adult world?

The conference will explore our encounters with the world and individuals in church and therapeutic contexts. We'll look at how we are impacted by others' stories and what we end up carrying, often in our bodies as a result. We'll look at whether the spontaneity and playfulness of childhood can be rediscovered; how we build resilience and how we can use ritual and our understanding of the temple as part of a healing process. Our speakers will tackle the theme from theological/biblical, spiritual, psychological/therapeutic and social/pastoral perspectives.

This conference offers a safe opportunity for conversations with others, with our self and with God in a liminal place. It provides a chance to retreat from the busyness of life with a creative space for reflection, challenge, nourishment and fun. The conference will include plenary sessions, workshops and small group work. In addition, each day will have worship and opportunities for reflection, relaxation and sharing. As a special treat we will have a comedy evening with Paul Kerensa.

### **The Speakers for the 2018 conference are:-**



**Margaret Barker** is an independent biblical scholar who has developed a new approach known as Temple Theology, for which she was made a Doctor of Divinity. She has published 17 books as well as numerous articles and reviews. She was co-founder of the Temple Studies Group, and she is a past president of the Society for Old Testament Study. For 12 years she was a member of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's international symposium *Religion, Science and the Environment*. She is a grandmother, a Methodist preacher, and for over thirty years she was a volunteer at a women's refuge.

**Nigel Copsey** has a deep passion for pastoral care especially the integration of psychological insights within Christian faith. He has taught pastoral ministry at Spurgeon's for over twenty years. Currently Nigel is the Team Leader for Spiritual Care in 2 NHS mental Health Trusts, responsible for ensuring that spiritual needs are incorporated within Care. He lives in East London where he began Christian ministry in one of the first Anglican / Baptist churches. He is an Anglican minister who is also trained as a psychologist and psychotherapist and is a Programme Leader in the psychology department of The University of East London.



**Jennifer Kavanagh** is a speaker and writer on the Spirit-led life, a retreat leader and an associate tutor at Woodbrooke Quaker study centre. She has published eight books, including *The World is our Cloister* and *A Little Book of Unknowing*. Jennifer worked in publishing for nearly thirty years, and in the past fifteen years has run a community centre in London's East End, worked with the street homeless and refugees, and set up microcredit programmes in London and in Africa. She has also worked as a research associate for the Prison Reform Trust and currently facilitates workshops for conflict resolution both in prison and in the community. Jennifer is a Winston Churchill Fellow, a trained singer and a member of a Community of Fools. Balancing an active life with a pull towards contemplation is a continuing and fruitful challenge.



**The Reverend Canon Mark Oakley** is Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and is responsible for educational and outreach activities. He also oversees the work of the St Paul's Institute which seeks to engage with ethical issues concerning the City, finance and human wellbeing, and is responsible for the visual arts policy of the Cathedral. Mark's interests are the relationship between faith and poetry, human rights and the language and place of faith in the contemporary world. He is the author of several books, including *The Splash of Words* and *the Collage of God*. He is a regular lecturer and broadcaster and is a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at King's College London. He is a trustee of the Civil Liberties Trust, an ambassador for Stop Hate UK and a Patron of Tell MAMA.



**Booking Form**  
**Continuing the Journey 21<sup>st</sup> – 25 May 2018**

**Halfway up the Stairs: innocence transfigured**

Title and name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Phone (daytime).....(evening).....

Email.....

**Where do your particular interests lie? Tick those that apply:**

Church leadership       Pastoral care

Counselling/psychotherapy       Spiritual direction

Other.....

**Please give details of special requirements:**

Diet.....

Other (eg ground floor accommodation).....

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How did you hear about the conference?.....

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**I agree to the booking and cancellation terms**

Signature.....

**Payment Details**

**Please pay by cheque or online**

**I enclose/send £50 (non-returnable deposit)**

and understand that I need to send the balance of £440

(if paid by 31 October 2017) or £480 (after 31 October 2017)

**OR**

**I enclose/send full payment** of £490

(for payments received before 31 October 2017)

**I enclose/send** full payment of £530

(for payments received after 31 October 2017)

Please make cheques payable to Continuing the Journey  
Please make online payments to: **Account no. 40845203**,  
**Sort Code: 090666**. Reference with your full name

Your email address.....

If making payment online, please let us have your email address for  
acknowledgements. Please email this completed booking form to  
admin@continuingthejourney.com.

**If you need a receipt for funding or tax purposes,**  
**please tick and enclose an SAE**

Please fill in and send a scan or photo to [admin@continuingthejourney.com](mailto:admin@continuingthejourney.com) or  
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