

### Dates and Times

Conference registration is from 3pm on Monday 4th May; tea is served at 3.45pm and the first session starts at 4.30pm. The conference ends at 2.00pm on Friday 8th May 2020.

### Cost

The full conference fee is £540 per person. This includes full board accommodation and attendance at all sessions. There is a reduced fee of £495 for those paying in full on or before 31st October 2019. 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 £445** must be paid by **31st October 2019**. Thereafter, you will incur the full fee, requiring a **balancing payment of £490**. Of course you may pay the conference cost in full when you send in your booking form (£495 before 31st October or £540 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 2020 will receive a refund of all fees paid **less the £50 non-returnable deposit**. Cancellations after 30 January 2020 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

A conference exploring theology, psychology  
and spirituality.

**4th- 8th May 2020**



**The Hayes Conference Centre**  
Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire

[www.continuingthejourney.com](http://www.continuingthejourney.com)

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 2020 Conference: Here be dragons...** – the words in the corner of the ancient map, signifying uncharted and unexplored territory and the dangers that might lurk there. In our conference we seek to offer the time, the space and the community within which to explore those areas of life where we suspect both dragons and treasure may be found, in the hope that the encounter will prove creative. Whilst we are human, there will always be uncharted areas of our 'selves' that have not had a chance of being aired, either by chance or by intention, as we naturally suppress what seems frightening. So the image of a map can help us explore our desire to seek transformation to a Christ-like expression of our humanity.

As is so often the case, the journey of exploration can be more important than the intended destination, as so much can be learned in the process of travelling. We might discover that even our intended destination can be wrongly marked on our supposed map, forcing us to change our plans, but perhaps allowing a new and more glorious outcome. This conference will enable us to be prepared to look at some of the more difficult areas (the storms) that we face with courage and the conviction of God's presence and guiding. 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. Our speakers will tackle the theme from theological/biblical, spiritual, psychological/therapeutic and social/pastoral perspectives.

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 an evening of entertainment on the Thursday night!

## The Speakers for the 2020 conference are:-



**Canon Rachel Mann** is an Anglican parish priest, poet and scholar. She writes across a wide field of subjects, including sexuality, gender, poetry and popular culture. Her books include 'Fierce Imaginings', a study of the myths and rituals embedded in the Great War, and 'Dazzling Darkness', a theological memoir of growing up trans. In 2019, her book on Christina Rossetti, 'In the Bleak Midwinter,' as well as a poetry collection with Carcanet, 'A Kingdom of Love' is due to be published. She is a member of the Church of England's central theological advisory body, the Faith and Order Commission, as well as a member of General Synod

**Julienne McLean** practices as a psychologist, psychotherapist and Jungian analyst in north London, as well as being a spiritual director. She has had a lifelong involvement in the Christian contemplative tradition, with a particular interest in the relationship between modern depth psychology and contemplative prayer. She teaches at St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London and Sarum College, Salisbury, where she is a Visiting Scholar in Christian Spirituality.



**Reverend Canon Mark Oakley** is Dean of St John's College Cambridge and former Chancellor of St Paul's 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.

**Pádraig Ó Tuama** is a poet and a theologian from Ireland. With interests in conflict, religion and poetry, he lectures, writes, leads retreats and speaks both in Ireland and internationally. From 2014-2019 he was the leader of the Corrymeela Community, Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organisation.



**Booking Form**  
**Continuing the Journey 4<sup>th</sup>- 8th May 2020**  
**Here be Dragons**

Title and name.....

Address.....

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..... Postcode.....

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

Email.....

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

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church leadership         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral care       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling/psychotherapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other.....                |                                              |

**Please give details of special requirements:**

Diet.....

Other (e.g. room close to lift, or disabled room)

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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 £445  
(if paid by 31 October 2019) or £490 (after 31 October 2019)

**OR**

**I enclose/send full payment of £495**

(for payments received before 31 October 2019)

**I enclose/send full payment of £540**

(for payments received after 31 October 2019)

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 fill in your email address above**

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