

Dates and Times

Conference registration is from 3pm on Monday 20th May; tea is served at 3.45pm and the first session starts at 4.30pm. The conference ends at 2.00pm on Friday 24th May 2024.

Cost

The full conference fee is £560 per person. This includes full board accommodation and attendance at all sessions. There is a reduced fee of £510 for those paying in full on or before 31st October 2023. 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. Of course you may pay the conference cost in full when you send in your booking form and don't forget to make use of the reduced fee if paying before 31st October.

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 31st January 2024 will receive a refund of all fees paid **less the £50 non-returnable deposit**. Cancellations after 31st January 2024 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.

Continuing the Journey (for all correspondence)
e-mail: admin@continuingthejourney.com

Continuing the Journey

A conference exploring theology, psychology
and spirituality.

20th- 24th May 2024



The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire

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 2024 Conference:

WTF Navigating the shifting sands...

There is much in life – in that of our society and our world, and perhaps in our own – that can leave us almost speechless, shocked and wondering how to react and respond. Upheavals and challenges and changes can leave us asking ourselves whether there is any firm ground left to stand on.

Whether we feel we are in the thick of things, or somewhere out on the margins, our conference will seek to provide a safe space in which to come together to explore, to reflect, to think, to feel, to worship, and to unwind, as we seek to navigate the shifting sands of our continuing journey.

This conference offers an 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 2024 conference are:-



Linda Woodhead is F.D.Maurice Professor at King's College London. She researches religion, spirituality, magic and values in formerly Christian societies. Her most recent books are *That Was the Church That Was: How the Church of England Lost the English People* (with Andrew Brown, 2016), *Gen Z, Explained* (with Katz, Ogilvie, Shaw 2021) and *Unknowing God: Towards a Post-Abusive Theology* (with Peter Harvey, 2022). She is a regular broadcaster on religion and current events.

Alistair Ross is a psychodynamic therapist, supervisor, and writer. With a background in social science, practical theology, ethics, mental health, counselling and psychotherapy, Alistair has been a Baptist minister and was an early attendee at CTJ. Alistair now leads a Master's degree programme at Oxford University, where he is an Associate Professor of Psychotherapy, Senior Fellow at Kellogg College, and an Associate member of the Theology faculty. When he gets the chance, he loves going back to Scotland, the land of his birth, and climbs Munros (increasingly slowly), celebrated by a wee dram afterwards.



Maggy Whitehouse is an independent sacramental minister, a lifetime student of Judaeo-Christian mysticism, the author of 20 books on spirituality, mysticism and Bible metaphysics and became a stand-up comedian at the age of 56. Maggy has worked in newspapers, radio, TV, for the BBC's famed World Service and is half of the weekly podcast, Train Wrecks for Jesus. She made it on to Wikipedia after writing a sensible book about Opus Dei at the time of all the palaver over The Da Vinci Code. She has been widowed, divorced, healed from cancer, worked as a hospice chaplain, she has ridden on a Bengal tiger and survived a barracuda attack off the Barrier Reef. Both Maggy's mother and her Bishop think she should get a proper job.

Simon Woodman is the Minister of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in the West End of London, and the Baptist Chaplain at King's College London. He has previously been a market stall holder on Camden Market, a Baptist Minister in Bristol, a Tutor at South Wales Baptist College, and a lecturer at Cardiff University. He grew up in Sevenoaks in Kent, and has degrees from Sheffield, Bristol and Cardiff Universities. He is married to Liz.



Booking Form
Continuing the Journey 20th-24th May 2024
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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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Church leadership

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Pastoral care

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Counselling/psychotherapy

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Spiritual direction

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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)

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and understand that I need to send the balance of £460 (If paid by 31st October 2023) or £510 (after the 31st October 2023).

OR

I enclose/send full payment of £510

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(For payments received before 31st October 2023)

I enclose/send full payment of £560

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(For payments received after 31st October 2023)

Please make cheques payable to Continuing the Journey, and contact admin@continuingthejourney.com for address.

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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Please fill in and send a scan or photo of the booking form to admin@continuingthejourney.com