

Getting to the Hayes

By Road

The Hayes post code is DE55 1AU

The Hayes Conference Centre is 5 miles from the M1.

- From Junction 28 of the M1 take the A38 dual carriageway towards Derby.
- Leave the A38 at the exit signed for the A615 Matlock / A61 Chesterfield and then take the B6179 towards Swanwick and Ripley
- At the traffic lights by the Church in Swanwick (second set of lights after turning on to the B6179), turn left towards Somercotes (B6016).
- 500 yards down the road, past school buildings, turn right (signed 'Conference Centre') into Hayes Lane. The Conference Centre is straight ahead.

By Rail

- The local station is Alfreton on the Sheffield-Nottingham line. Trains are limited. It is about three miles from the station to the Hayes.
- It may be easier to travel to Derby station, then catch a bus or taxi. (It is recommended that you pre-book taxis if arriving at Alfreton and Derby stations. **Amber Taxis** 01773 836 100.) As a guide, Amber Taxis charge £22.00 from Derby station to the Hayes and £5.50 from Alfreton station to the Hayes

By Bus

- From Derby take the 91 or 92 to Mansfield and ask to be dropped opposite "The Gate" in Swanwick. Then walk down Hayes Lane. The conference centre is straight ahead - a five minute walk

For more information about the Hayes visit www.cct.org.uk



Spirituality at the Centre

A Conference hosted by
The Methodist City Centre Network

The Hayes
Conference Centre
Swanwick, Derbyshire
26-28 November 2008

Programme

Wednesday 26 November

- 14:00 Arrival
- 15:30 Afternoon Tea
- 16:00 Worship, Introduction and Housekeeping
- 16:15 **Session 1**
Spirituality at the Centre - Where do you find those Spiritual Places?
- 18:45 Evening Meal
- 19:45 **Session 2**
Faith, Flows and Fear - Ann
- 21:00 Prayer

Sacred Spaces in Hard Places - Ann

- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 **Session 5**
Reflections - Martyn
- 15:30 Afternoon Tea
- 16:00 **Session 6**
Discussion - Martyn
- 18:45 Evening Meal
- 20:00 Networking

Thursday 27 November

- 8:00 Prayers
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 **Session 3**
Offering our Alternative Performance - Ann
- 10:45 Morning Coffee
- 11:15 **Session 4**

Friday 28 November

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 **Session 7**
New Developments: Let's be legally positive! - David
- 11:00 Morning Coffee
- 11:30 **Communion**
Reflection by David
- 12:45 Lunch followed by departure

Read more about our three invited speakers over the page



Ann Morisy lives in south London and is a well regarded keynote speaker on mission and community ministry as well as on urban issues and on the often neglected issue of ageing and faith. Ann is the author of two best selling books, *Beyond the Good Samaritan* (1997) and *Journeying Out: A New Approach to Mission* (2004).

Ann has lectured in Australia, Sweden and the Netherlands and her presentations are always down to earth but informed by scholarship and honesty as well as engaging and light-hearted.

Whilst Ann's experience has been based in the Anglican tradition she has been involved in serving other churches and ecumenical gatherings. Ann has given the Beckly Lecture at the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, was the guest of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to facilitate their consideration of community mission and Ann was honoured to be one of the lecturers invited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, her theme on this occasion was 'Creating Sacred Space in the City'. And at Greenbelt in 2007 Ann was invited to preach at the Festival Sunday Eucharist.



Martyn Atkins was the President of the Methodist Conference 2007-8. Born in Bradford he was raised in Otley, West Yorkshire and attended Prince Henry Grammar School.

Martyn describes 17 as a crucial age for him - he became a Christian and joined a vibrant youth fellowship at Otley Methodist Church. It was in this context that he felt a strong, clear call to be a Methodist preacher, which soon developed into a call to be a Methodist minister;

'I still have the notes of my first sermon - which lasted all of four and a half minutes - and when I read it now it reminds me of the long suffering graciousness of Methodist folk!'

He spent four happy years at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester training for the Methodist ministry.

Martyn's first circuit appointment was in the Leeds (South) Circuit, followed by the Shipley and Bingley Circuit in the West Yorkshire District. During this time he undertook what he describes as 'the longest part-time PhD programme in history', but eventually completed it in 1990.

He then became the Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies at Edgehill College, a Methodist day and boarding school in the Plymouth and Exeter District. In 1996, he was appointed to Cliff College as a Postgraduate Tutor, and in 2004, Martyn became its Principal

In September 2008 Martyn took up the post of General Secretary of the Methodist Church.



David Walton was born and bred in Salford. He is a partner in a north-west firm of solicitors and is committed to exploring how faith impacts on working lives. A local preacher for 25 years he cares about how we can better talk about the Gospel in ways that make sense today and build a Church which is welcoming to all. A life long Methodist, he is a member at Monton, Eccles, where he conducts the choir and edits the church newsletter. He has led local youth fellowships and visits to MAYC weekends.

He has been one of the Record Secretaries of Conference for 16 years and chairs the Law and Polity Committee. He has served on the Ecumenical Committee and acted as Honorary Solicitor to Churches Together in England. He has advised Methodist Churches on the legal aspects of their development and building schemes. He is also a member of the Faith and Order Committee.

He recently retired as Chairman of the Euro-American Lawyers' Group where he gained insights into legal practice around the world. A frustrated actor he has played as 'Scrooge' in an ecumenical theatre group's production. He sings more or less in tune in the local Salford Choral Society and is a keen Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiast, having been a trustee of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company for some years.



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