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weariness, authenticity
and transformation
on the road

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME & BOOKLET

On Fire Mission
National Conference
16 – 19 May 2022
Yarnfield Park

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Welcome

This conference programme contains most of the information you should need over the next few days. However, if you have any questions, please contact one of the OFM team. Thank You.

On Arrival

Please arrive no earlier than 2pm. Room keys are available for collection from the main Reception. Conference begins at 4:30pm but you are welcome to relax in the foyer area or the bar before this.

Meals and Bar

Please aim to arrive promptly for meals. Collect your meal from the servery, choosing from the available options, and eat it in the dining area reserved for On Fire Mission. The bar is open each evening until 11pm.

Venue Emergencies

The reception desk at Yarnfield is staffed 24 hours a day in case of emergency.

Venue Contact Details

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Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Yarnfield, Stone ST15 0NL

Photographs and Video

For the purposes of promoting On Fire Mission, we may take photographs and video during the Conference and at other events (not during prayer ministry), which may appear in newsletters, bulletins, on our website, or on social media. If you do not wish to appear in these, please make Morna Simpson aware of your preference, to assist in excluding you from images and video taken at other times, and from anything produced. Some acts of worship may be livestreamed or video recorded. If you do not wish to be visible in these, please sit either in the socially distanced area or in the back two rows.

Covid-19 Precautions

Please use the hand sanitiser provided, and respect other people's personal space and boundaries regarding physical contact, being aware that we will be approaching onsite gatherings with varying degrees of caution. In the main conference space, there will be a socially distanced seating area – please wear a mask (unless exempt) if you choose to sit in this area. Those distributing communion will be masked. During prayer ministry, at least one team will be masked as default, and all prayer ministers will be happy to mask if asked. Laying on of hands will – as ever – only happen with the willing consent of the person being prayed for. Any anointing will be done using a cotton bud.

Conference Programme

Monday 16 May

- 4.30pm** **Opening Liturgy and Introduction to the Conference**
Officiant: Frances Bolley
- 5.30pm** **Welcome Reception for all delegates**
- 6.30pm** **Dinner**
- 7.45pm** **Gathering Worship** as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist
- 8.00pm** **Eucharist**
Celebrant: Bishop of Stafford
Deacon: Ruth Harley
Preacher: Debbie Orriss
- 9.45pm** **Compline**
Officiant: Gemma Fisher

Tuesday 17 May ...come as you are

- 7-8.30am** **Breakfast**
- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer**
Officiant: Jeremy Jackman
- 9.30am** **Worship**
Address: **Honesty and Authenticity** – Levi Santana
- 11.00am** **Coffee**
- 11.30am** **Workshops: Questions of Identity**
(1) Race – Monica Bolley
(2) Neurodiversity – Molly Boot
(3) Being Charismatic: Prayer ministry – Hannah Cartwright
(4) Being Catholic: Benediction – Michael Bolley
- 12.45pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00pm** **Conversation / listening exercise** – where are we at?
- 3.45pm** **Tea**
- 4.30pm** **Les Mis Mass** (*Prayer Ministry available afterwards*)
Celebrant: Sue Wallace
Deacon: Graham Young
Preacher: Rachel Firth
- 6.30pm** **Dinner**
- 7.45pm** **Open Mic Night**
- 9.45pm** **Compline with Benediction**
Celebrant: Michael Bolley

Conference Programme cont.

Wednesday 18 May ...loved as you are

- 7-8.30am **Breakfast**
- 8.30am **Morning Prayer**
Officiant: Jo Beacroft-Mitchell
- 9.30am **Worship**
Address: **Knowing Yourself Beloved** – Ruth Wells
- 11.00am **Coffee**
- 11.30am **Workshops: Self-care**
(5) **Physical: Tai Chi** – Joop Brouwer
(6) **Visual** – Yvonne Bell
(7) **Mental Health and The Church** – Gemma Fisher
(8) **Creative: Poetry Workshop** – Ruth Wells
(9) **Wild Church / Forest Church** – Lyndon Webb & Alice Watson
- 12.45pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **Conversation** – Leah Vasey-Saunders & Stephen Cotterell
(1 hour session to follow on **Vision, Values and the Future**)
- 3.45pm **Tea**
- 4.30pm **All-age Worship** (*Prayer Ministry available afterwards*)
Leader: Ruth Harley
- 6.30pm **Dinner**
- 7.45pm **Gathering Worship** (*Prayer Ministry available afterwards*)
- 8.00pm **Eucharist**
Celebrant: David Picken
Deacon: Morna Simpson
- 9.45pm **Compline**
Officiant: Graham Young

Thursday 19 May ...sent as you are

- 7-8.30am **Breakfast**
- 8.30am **Morning Prayer**
Officiant: Natalie Tanswell
- 9.30am **Worship**
Bible Study: **...sent as you are** – Sam Rigby
- 10.45am **Coffee**
- 11.15am **Gathering Worship** as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist
- 11.30am **Eucharist with Anointing**
Celebrant: Robb Sutherland
Deacon: Jane Palmer
Preacher: Leah Vasey-Saunders
- 1.30pm **Lunch**

Workshops – Tuesday 17 May 11.30am

Questions of Identity

(1) Race – Monica Bolley

We journey together as God's children

We consider the issue of racism, particularly in relation to black people, the painful reality that it is today, and how we can each help in addressing this in ourselves, in the church and in wider society.

We will be recognising ourselves as:

- The Body of Christ
- God's children who journey together in love and grace, in need of one another
- Having the common need for openness to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit

To leave this workshop with feelings of guilt and awkwardness would mean to me that the workshop has failed in its aims!

(2) Neurodiversity – Molly Boot

'But, we have the mind of Christ': liberating neurodiversity in the church and beyond

Neurodiversity is a gift to the church and to the world: an example of the Spirit's boundless creativity. This workshop will help us to join in with the liberating work of the Spirit in and through our neurodiverse kin. Topics we may explore include:

- Neurodiversity in Scripture
- Neurodiversity and Mysticism
- From access to liberation: recognising neurodiversity as prophecy

(3) Being Charismatic: Prayer ministry – Hannah Cartwright

We are encouraged to pray for one another at all times. Prayer Ministry is one of the key ways we can intentionally lift each other before God's loving gaze and invite the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives bringing healing, discernment and renewal. But for many people, praying out loud or extempore for others can seem daunting or embarrassing or they simply don't know where to start. This practical workshop will explore the theological foundations of personal prayer ministry, how to practice it in a safe and inclusive way and equip you to respond with confidence when asked to pray for others.

(4) Being Catholic: Benediction – Michael Bolley

Praying in the Real Presence of Jesus

The worship will address the questions: What do Catholics mean when we talk of the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the sacrament of the altar? What are Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Visitation? How might I begin to engage fruitfully with these spiritual practices? The workshop will also include a how-to guide to planning and leading services of Exposition and Benediction, with plenty of time for questions as well as pointers to where to look for more information.

Workshops – Wednesday 17 May 11.30am

Self-care

(5) Physical: Tai Chi – Joop Brouwer

Nurturing your health through Tai Chi

Tai Chi is practiced as a gentle, graceful form of exercise. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Tai Chi promotes relaxation, straightness, and balance. It helps to focus the mind, reduce stress and strengthen the body. In this workshop you will learn some easy to follow Tai Chi movements, postures and principles. Practicing these a few minutes every day will greatly benefit your health in body, mind and spirit.

(6) Visual – Yvonne Bell

“Picturing a Labyrinth” – A workshop for adults

Standing at the entrance to a labyrinth, you are invited to illustrate your journey to the centre where Christ waits for you. You can use sketches, words, shapes or just colour to find your way. Just choose part of your journey that has happened to you and put it on paper. It doesn't matter if you can't draw – I will do that for you. A2 size layout drawing supplied, plus pencils, pastels and colouring pencils.

(7) Mental Health and The Church – Gemma Fisher

Conversations About Mental Health and The Church

Questions to ask yourself and your church about mental health and how open we are to talk about mental health matters. How do we talk about our mental health and how it relates to our faith? Is church a place we feel safe to talk to others about how we are?

(8) Creative: Poetry Workshop – Ruth Wells

A Pocket of Poetry

An invitation to take a brief moment for your own soulcare. This little pocket of poetry will offer a space for your own creativity, whether you're a poetry pro or newbie. A calm space to saturate yourself in words which do your soul good and a chance to reflect and respond creatively. Please bring something to write with and on.

(9) Wild Church / Forest Church – Lyndon Webb & Alice Watson

From Exile to Paradise – Forest Church *Pilgrimage*

Join us on a sacramental pilgrimage around the grounds, reflecting on climate injustice and the reconciliation of all things in Christ. Beginning with the Garden of Eden and the reminder that we are dust and to dust we shall return, the pilgrimage will take us through interactive and multi-sensory stations of lament, intercession and healing, finishing with a period of adoration before the blessed sacrament. Come and fall in love with Creation, and be loved, just as you are.

Keynote Speakers

Levi Santana

Tuesday 17 May. 9.30am

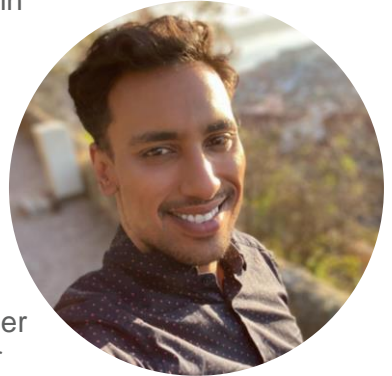
Address: Living honestly and authentically in the Third Person

To live fully as the people has called us to be can sometimes be scary.

Our reputations, hang ups and limitations can get in the way as we succumb to the pressure to fit in.

To overcome this we must rely on the ministry of Holy Spirit who gives not only life and connection with God but releases the courage required to an honest and authentic life for God.

Levi was raised in both Brazil and the UK, ordained in the Church of England he now works as a Chaplain in Suicide Bereavement in London. He is a father to Nicolas and Olivia. He is a member of St Mary's London (Marylebone), worship leader and speaker.



Ruth Wells

Wednesday 18 May. 9.30am

Address: Be Loved, Beloved

“Let me be love

Let me be loving

Let me give love,
receive love and be nothing but love

In love and for love and with love”

Kae Tempest ‘Grace’

Drawing on contemporary and biblical poetry, this session will explore the heart and head connectivity of knowing we are loved as we are.

The host extends a playful and creative invitation to immerse yourself in the theme of ‘Be loved, Beloved’.

Rev Ruth Wells is a priest in the Church of England, university chaplain, creative agitator, performance poet and lover of the intersect between the arts and theology. Ruth lives in Dorset and is married with 3 children. She can often be found watching rubbish tv, listening to a good podcast or indulging her yoga obsession.



Programme Notes

Tuesday 17 May ...come as you are

**2.00pm Conversation / listening exercise – where are we at?
Catching Up Workshop**

Where have you and I been? Where are we now? What do we need for the future? Whether you are new to OFM or an old timer, this participatory community workshop is designed to enable us to share our experiences of the last two-three years, rebuild our sense of community and to begin to think about the wisdom and support we need to be faithful disciples in the year(s) to come.

4.30pm Les Mis Mass (*Prayer Ministry available afterwards*)

A sing-along celebration of the Eucharist on the theme of freedom and redemption using music from the popular musical by Claude-Michel Schönberg and images and words from the book by Victor Hugo.

7.45pm Open mic night

'Do you have a talent? Or something you'd love to share?'

From poetry to amusing songs, or epic balloon animal skills, all are welcome to share their talents at our open mic night!'

A sign up sheet will be available, and we'll all be nice, I promise! Speak to Revd Graham Kirk-Spriggs for more details.'

Wednesday 18 May ...loved as you are

**2.00pm Conversation – Leah Vasey-Saunders & Stephen Cotterell
The future belongs to you!**

Archbishop Stephen last spoke to On Fire Mission in the 90's, where he found a 'heady mix' that was 'Wild'! His love of the catholic tradition shines through in this conversation on catholic renewal, and the strategies of On Fire Mission and the Church of England. This session is an opportunity to hear the affirmation and challenge of Archbishop Stephen Cottrell on the emerging vision for On Fire Mission in a recorded conversation with chair of On Fire Mission, Leah Vasey-Saunders. It includes a presentation from Leah and an opportunity to reflect on what we hear from one another and the Archbishop.

4.30 pm All-age worship

All Age Worship is not just for children! In this interactive and multi-sensory act of worship, we will explore together what the kingdom of God means for us, as a sacramental, spirit-filled church living through a time of uncertainty. Come prepared to engage your heart, mind, body and spirit in creatively and inclusively facilitated liturgy, reflection and prayer, as we wonder and dream together about what God's peaceable kingdom could be, and how we can receive it like children.

Thursday 19 May ...sent as you are

9.30am Worship & Bible Study: 2 Cor 4:1-16

This bible study will explore how we are sent as we are from places of nourishment and refreshment into the midst of a world in chaos. As we prepare to leave this time together, how can we be best equipped to go back to our own contexts, filled with the Holy Spirit, to once again proclaim the gospel afresh to everyone we encounter?

Useful Information

Altar Servers

Robed altar servers assist at many of the conference services. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this team, please speak to Natalie Tanswell or Carys Underdown.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer ministry is offered after a number of acts of worship, led by teams of experienced prayer ministers under the direction of Debbie Orriss. We ask that during these times you remain quiet until you have left the worship space so as not to disturb others. This form of prayer ministry is a safe and sacred space to open ourselves to the healing, reconciling work of the Spirit. People may respond in many ways as God meets them at their point of need. If you have any questions about prayer ministry or would like to find out more, please do ask Debbie or a member of the OFM team.

Chaplaincy

Kathryn Fleming heads the OFM Conference Chaplaincy team who are available informally or by appointment throughout the conference. A designated room will be made available to meet for conversation around your experience at conference or anything which you might like to further explore or clarify.

Confession

Sacramental Confession will be available on a number of occasions after worship however, if you would like to make your confession at another time during Conference, please approach a priest from the OFM team or speak to a Chaplain.

Additional Requirements

Please inform a member of the OFM team if you require a Gluten Free host or if you would like any assistance during worship. Large print service and song books have been made available to those who requested them – if you require one please talk to one of the OFM team and a T-Loop system operates in this space also. Please also be aware that incense may be used at services.

Thank Offering

From Wednesday morning onwards a bowl will be available to receive any cash donations you may wish to make to contribute towards the ongoing ministry of On Fire Mission, which includes OFM being able to give certain discounts, such as this year enabling 10 under 35's to attend the Conference at a reduced rate. Gift aid envelopes will be available. Donations can also be made throughout the year by contacting Rosie Roberts at info@onfiremission.org.uk.