

rota basis, to avoid delegates being marginalised from the mainstream conference.

We are determined that no one misses the weekend for lack of transport or funding, so don't be shy in asking if these are your concerns. We recognise that families may be under pressure at this time and are considering further concessions.

Though being residential is much preferable, we also want to make it clear that pre-arranged day visitors will be welcome to join us. We will coordinate the transport arrangements. Indeed, some may feel led to organise a day trip for their home group for example, or for their more mature friends.

Finally, we need to ask for your firm commitment to the weekend by paying a deposit of £30 per person as soon as possible and in any case by Easter. Might we ask that you fill in the attached tear off slip and pass it in with your cheque to the church office or a staff member or warden.

May God Bless you all richly as you commit to His time.

Alan Howe, Vicar

Charles Hume, Church Operations Manager

Firm Booking Form – Church Week-end – The Hayes 3-5 July 2009

Family Name:

Adults:

Children (Ages):

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Special Dietary Needs:

Deposit enclosed (£30 per person)

Cheques: PCC of Christchurch, Chilwell

Parish Away Together Weekend

The Hayes, Swanwick July 3-5 2009

We are taking this opportunity to write to you to ask you to firmly commit yourselves to coming with us to the Parish Weekend at the beginning of July. We know that many of you have already provisionally booked, but we've held some space for more. As the Lord has built the agenda and our vision for the future, we know this is going to be a pivotal time for us all. Thus, we'd love as many of you as possible to be there and share with us.

Another reason for writing is that we have a new main speaker, as Bob Jackson has had to withdraw. As a wonderful answer to prayer, we have been fortunate to secure Ian Parkinson, the Vicar of All Saints Marple, to be our main speaker. Many of you will know him better as the Chairman and overall leader of New Wine (North). He is very gifted, with a wonderful prophetic edge, and coming from a similar church in demography, churchmanship and theology, he will have much to speak into our circumstances and evolving vision for the future.

You may know people who already have wonderful testimonies about their previous experiences at Swanwick church weekends. Others will have been similarly blessed on conferences with other churches or organisations. You will know how God uses times like these to enliven us in faith and prepare us for action. It seems that when we dedicate significant time and personal resources to Kingdom excursions like this, He pours back blessing a thousand fold. We strongly encourage you to have faith for this input to our lives together.

For the adults, in addition to Ian Parkinson's teaching we shall allow ample time for personal reflection, prayer and ministry as well as giving time for informal social activities. For example, The Hayes includes a well stocked bar and also has beautiful grounds. For the children, we have specialist childrens' leaders booked for each of the 3 main age groups, so though a rota of helpers will be needed, our aim will be that no individual will miss more than one adult session. In the evenings we intend to organise baby listening, again on a