



2019 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Future

NEXT EXIT 

BEING BAPTIST

Learning from the Past and Embracing the Future

With Revd Dr Steve Holmes

4-6th March 2019, Forest Hills



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Programme

Mon 4th March

3-4pm Arrival and Coffee

4.15pm Opening Session: Welcome and introductions

4.45pm Phil Jump, and '5 for 5' from within the life of the NWBA

6pm Dinner

8pm Steve Holmes: 'John the Baptist Preacher: Baptists and the Bible'

9.30pm Free time

Tue 5th March

7.45-8.45am Breakfast

9am Morning prayers, good news stories, and giving thanks

9.45am Steve Holmes: 'Called individually into Missional Community: The Heart of Being Baptist'

11.15am break

11.45am Steve Holmes: Believers' Baptism and the Individual Call'

12.45-1.45pm Lunch

2pm Steve Holmes: The Lord's Table: Community and Mission

3.30pm FREE TIME.

If you are arranging something for this time that you would like open to others please share this information with us and we can spread the word.

'Regional Minister Surgery times' will also be available during the afternoon to book some time to spend with one of our RMs. Upon receipt of your conference booking, you will receive an email pointing you to an Eventbrite page giving you the opportunity to book a time slot for this if so desired.

7pm Dinner

8.30pm An evening with Tony Vino

Weds 6th March

7.45-8.45am Breakfast (please check out of rooms before the morning session)

9.30am Morning prayers and reflections

10am break

10.45am Communion service with Steve Holmes

1pm Lunch and leave

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Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6HH

2019 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: BEING BAPTIST

'It is commonplace to say that we live in a post-denominational age. Our local churches are full of people who move seamlessly from Anglican to Baptist to Vineyard, looking for the congregation that offers the ministries they value and the music and preaching they like. Our local churches probably work more closely with congregations of other denominations than with other local Baptist churches. Is there any point to being Baptist anymore? Can we draw any lines from Biblical text to Baptist identity? Is there anything in our history that can help us minister better in our future?'

We are delighted to invite all ministers of NWBA churches to our Annual Ministers' conference in March. We hope that churches and ministers alike will recognise the importance of this event as it seeks to combine opportunities for reflection and relaxation with various aspects of teaching and ministerial development.

Conferences of this nature are vital to sustaining effective ministry. We hope that churches will want to invest in their minister by meeting the cost of attendance. We are happy to write to church treasurers in support of this point, IF REQUESTED. If you want to attend but are prevented by financial circumstances please contact Tim Presswood at the NWBA office in confidence. We are once again at Forest Hills, Frodsham

£205 for single occupation

£152 for those sharing a twin room - please indicate who you have arranged to share with.

This includes full board in en-suite accommodation from Monday afternoon until Wednesday lunch. Please contact the office for details of non-residential options.

About our speaker: Steve Holmes

Steve is a Baptist Minister, writer, national speaker, Head of the School of Divinity at St. Andrews University in Scotland, teaching theology at St. Mary's College within the University. A renowned thinker within the Baptist world, we are delighted to welcome Steve to speak at our Ministers' Conference once again. He will be with us for the whole of our time together.



Tuesday Evening Entertainment: Tony Vino

Tony is the only half Spanish half Scottish hybrid working comic in the world. Born in Malaga he was subsequently raised in the Costa Del Preston, Lancashire. When he was only a toddler his Father looked around saw the sea, the sand and the sunshine of the Andalucian coast and thought "we need to be nearer to Wigan Pier". Tony has been performing stand up comedy since 2005, has featured on TV and radio, and toured with Tim Vine.

Our Venue : Forest Hills, Frodsham

Forest Hills has proved to be an ideal location with a swimming pool, gym, lounge space as well as hills to walk, and Chester and Cheshire Oaks a short drive away .

Our conference begins at 3pm on the Monday with coffee, registration and the opportunity to check in.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis—once the Forest Hills is full, we will look for alternative accommodation close by for late bookings. Please fill in the booking form overleaf and return it with your payment to us as soon as possible to ensure your place.



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The Resource Centre, Fleet Street, Wigan, WN5 0DS

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Church/retired

Please reserve a place at the ministers' conference 2019

I enclose a cheque for payable to **'North Western Baptist Association'**

If you are paying the reduced rate to share a twin room, please let us know who you will be sharing with:

Name of room mate

Direct payments can be made to:

The Unity Trust Bank

Account name: NWBA Account number: 20246488 Sort code: 60-83-01

If paying direct, please tick here and use the delegate name as the reference

Signed

Payment is non-refundable unless we are able to re-allocate your place.

Bookings will be confirmed by email - please contact the office if you do not receive any confirmation of receipt of your booking.

Please tick here if this is your first time at the conference and specify any dietary requirements in the space below