

Sunnyside Church Weekend Away 2022

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who should come?

All are welcome at our church weekend away. If you are a regular attender, come occasionally, or are the partner of someone who comes, you are most welcome. A weekend away is a great way to get to know people, so even if you are new to our church, put the date in your diary and book onto the weekend.

How do I book?

Complete the attached form and drop off or email to the church office.
Please make sure you specify how you want to pay, and if you're using bank transfer arrangements see the section on this below.

What happens on a weekend away?

We hope that it will be lots of fun with plenty to do whatever your age. It will be a chance to think further about what it means to be God's family at Sunnyside.
We will be helped with this by our speaker Revd Canon Dr Adrian Chatfield.

There will be a programme published later in the year outlining more detail.

- 1) A time to relax and have fun:
 - i) Have a coffee with some new or old friends in the conservatory or a drink at the bar in the evening.
 - ii) Walk round the grounds or have a go on the fitness trail.
 - iii) Use the new gym, play pool or table football.
 - iv) Join in the Barn Dance on Saturday evening.
 - v) Linger over lunch getting to know folk better.
 - vi) Go for a ramble on the Saturday afternoon.
- 2) Teaching – there will be teaching sessions throughout the weekend, run by Adrian, details of which will be published soon.
- 3) Acts of worship –
 - i) Our teaching sessions will include opportunities to sing God's praises.
 - ii) Before lunch on Sunday we'll join together in an act of worship.
- 4) Prayer – we aim to have a prayer room where you can go for inspiration, reflection and quiet, and prayer ministry will be available too.
- 5) Spiritual direction – you can book a session with our external spiritual directors on the Saturday (see below)

Children and the weekend away.

We're looking forward to families joining us. An exciting programme tailored to our children is being prepared. There will also be time for you to spend time as a family. Speak to Sharon for more information:

Youth and the weekend away

We are looking forward to our young people being part of our weekend away. We are developing a special programme for them. There will also be time for you to spend. Speak to Luke for more information.

What is spiritual direction?

This is a chance to chat to a trained guide about your relationship with the Lord with the aim of enabling you to have a deeper relationship and closer walk with him. We've invited two spiritual directors to join us on Saturday, and you can arrange to meet one of them for a quiet and confidential chat.

Where are we going?

The weekend away will be held at High Leigh, at Hoddesdon. The conference centre is located in lovely grounds and has high quality modern en suite accommodation and excellent conference facilities. Even better is that since we went in 2018 £4million has been spent to install lifts and on upgrade it further. High Leigh caters for church groups of all ages, sizes, and dietary preferences, so you can be sure you'll be comfy here.

Are the rooms en-suite?

All the rooms have en-suite accommodation and you just need to specify whether you'd prefer a single room, double or twin. En-suite family rooms are also available. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's requirements. There is no single supplement. To look at some photos see <https://www.cct.org.uk/high-leigh/high-leigh-conference-centre>

Will I need to share a room?

No, not unless you choose to. There is no single supplement so you don't need to share accommodation to keep the cost down.

How much does the weekend cost and what is included in this?

The weekend cost is £175 per person over 16 years.

For children aged 6- 16 the cost is £88.00.

Children age 5 and under are free.

All meals are included in the price, as well as tea and coffee which are available in your room and at all times in the centre lounge. All the social activities, and sessions are included. If you'd like a drink at the bar, you'll need to bring some cash or a card..

If you'd like to come but are worried about the cost, please speak to Rebecca in confidence as we do have some subsidised places.

What will I need to bring?

The conference centre bedrooms have bed linen, toiletries and towels. There are also tea and coffee making facilities in each room. You will find it helpful to bring a Bible and notebook, along with something to write with.

Depending on the activities you choose to do you may want to bring walking shoes and warm outdoor clothes, or just clothes to wear in the conference centre. None of the

bedrooms and conference rooms require going outside, so you can comfortably go from bedroom, to dining room to one of the sessions .

Nearer the time we'll publish a timetable of activities with some suggested items you may want to bring.

Where can I find out more about High Leigh?

The conference centre website has further information about the facilities.

<https://www.cct.org.uk/high-leigh/high-leigh-conference-centre>

What facilities does High Leigh have?

High Leigh is a conference centre set in beautiful grounds. There is a new gym, and outside there is a trim trail, outdoor sports area, and new croquet lawn.

Some distance away from the main outdoor activity area is an unfenced lake, so we ask parents to be aware where their children are at all times.

Tea and coffee are always available to help yourself as well as being provided in your room.

The lounge area has a bar for use in the evenings. Wifi is freely available at High Leigh.

How do I get to High Leigh?

There are directions of how to reach High Leigh on their website.

If you need help to get to the conference centre on the Friday, please let Fiona Wilcock know as there are a number of people who have offered lifts.

<https://www.cct.org.uk/high-leigh/how-to-find-us>

How much free time will I have?

You are welcome to come to as much or as little of the organised events as you like. So if you want to bring a book and chill for the weekend, that is absolutely fine.

The children's programme will run concurrently to allow you to attend the teaching sessions.

What are the timings of the weekend?

A full timetable will be published nearer the date, but here are some guidelines.

You can arrive from mid afternoon on Friday 30th September, where a cup of tea and cake will await you. A hot meal will be served in the early evening. If you know one of your party will arrive late, please let us know so we can make arrangements to keep food aside.

On Saturday our first session will commence after 9am.

We leave High Leigh after enjoying lunch on Sunday.

Are any social activities planned?

Yes! We want you to get to know the Sunnyside family even better, so there will be an chance to enjoy a glass of wine or beer or soft drinks on the Friday evening, and we've invited a couple to run a Barn Dance on the Saturday evening. We'll also have a guided walk or you can just chill in the grounds. Everything is optional.

Is the weekend suitable for family members or others who don't regularly come to church?

Yes. The weekend should feel relaxed and easy for everyone to socialise. If those who don't normally come to church want to attend the main sessions they are most welcome. But if they prefer to they can have a coffee and relax or use the conference centre amenities.

Does the venue cater for those with special dietary requirements?

High Leigh has excellent dining facilities and there will be a choice of different main courses at meal times including vegetarian options. If you have special dietary requirements please ensure you specify this on the booking form so that you can be catered for.

Will children have a special meal time?

In our planning we have assumed that children will eat with their parents at meal times. This will include hot meals at lunch time and the early evening, as well as breakfast, and drinks mid morning and afternoon. Snacks of fruit will be available between meals for children. Please talk to Fiona Wilcock to discuss further so we can plan what works best.

How to book and pay.

1. Download and complete the booking form.
2. Make sure that you **complete all the sections**, even if you believe the church office is in possession of your address and other details because the *church office is not processing* bookings. Ideally email to fionajwilcock@gmail.com. Hard copies will be given to Fiona.
3. Confirm your booking by sending this form and paying the deposit or in full.
4. Decide how you want to pay. A deposit of £35 on booking then full payment by September 4th, or you can pay in full immediately.
You will need to write Church W/A 2022 and your name as a BACS reference or put this on the back of a cheque and drop this at the church office.

Want to come but not sure you can afford it?

We'd like everyone who would like to come to be able to do so. Please talk to Rebecca in confidence as we are hoping to offer some subsidised places.

Gifts.

Some people may like to make a donation for the weekend away to enable others to attend. If you feel you'd like to do this, and are able to gift aid it, please indicate this on the form.