



HOLIDAY FORUM  
faith, fun & fellowship

# HOLIDAY FORUM 2024

## THE HAYES - 18-23 AUGUST

# Seeds *and* Yeast

with Revd Fiona Bennett

**THEME LEADER**  
**FIONA BENNETT**



“ URC Holiday Forum 2024 is a space to cook up some ideas, with Salty stories to draw out the diverse flavours of love in our world and Yeasty characters to swell our perception and raise hope. In Matthew 13:31-33, Jesus describes the Kingdom of God to be like seeds and yeast. Seeds and Yeast are transformed as they bring transformation to the world around them. Encounters with difference and openness to difference are two of the processes which can enable this transformation in people. Sharing some of our encounters and reflecting on Bible stories, I hope we can taste together God’s transformation in our lives and world.”

Fiona will give a talk each morning on the theme and will also run a discussion group based on the talks after morning coffee. These sessions will encourage participants to reflect and challenge each other and really dig deep into the theme.



## **WORSHIP LEADER**

**REVD KURAUONE MUTIMWII**

**H**i my name is Kurauone Mutimwii (but you can call me “Kura” or “K”) and I'm your worship leader for this year's Holiday Forum, together with my wife Nancy and our children, Courage and Blessed. I'm looking forward to sharing with you. I began my ministry in Zimbabwe, where our worship tends to be more lively and active than English worship traditions! You'll have a chance to experience that for yourselves as we worship together during the week. Looking forward to seeing you there.

“ Truly intergenerational worship is when we can all find all parts of our worship accessible. That's a big ask, but it's what worship ought to be if we are truly to be the Body of Christ together! I'm also looking forward to bringing my music to our worship - I sing, play the keyboard, African drums and Hosho (shakers). I'll be teaching you new songs, with an emphasis on diversity and inclusive language.”



Kura and Nancy will lead the all-age worship sessions ahead of the theme talk each morning.

## CHAPLAINS

### REVD LOLA BROWN



“

I've always been a people person, interacting with people from all walks of life. I became conscious of my faith at the tender age of six and began attending services with my mother. This is where my interest in writing and my journey as a singer, musician and song writer began. Come and chat to me - I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone. And if I can help in any way ... ask! It's what I'm here for.”

### REVD TONY LEE



“

Someone to talk to? Someone with a listening ear? An issue of faith or relationship or future course of action? Come and see me at any time while taking space from the busy-ness of home. I have been ordained 50 yrs from next month and been a member of Forum for nearly thirty years. Invite me to share your journey in life and faith and I will in complete confidence encourage you, pray for you, and see the blessing of our Father in heaven for you.”

The chaplains are available for a chat, advice, prayer or company. If you are worried concerned or upset about anything, or need a listening ear, simply catch them and make a time to see them.



## **HOLIDAY FORUM CHAIR**

**FI HEATH-MOORE**

**F**i has attended Holiday Forum ever since she was in the womb! She first served on the Holiday Forum Steering Group as a teenager and Youth Rep. Fi currently works for the mental health charity Manchester Mind, supporting people who are being discharged from Community Mental Health Teams. She's also currently training in Counselling & Psychotherapy. Fi and her husband, Lawrence, enjoy motorcycling and taking their dog, Tiggy, out on adventures (not always at the same time!)

**“**I'm delighted to welcome you to Holiday Forum 2024. It's going to be good! It's our first shortened Forum week without cutting back on the programme, doing what we do best and (hopefully) giving you all a week to remember. I hope that you all have a relaxing, enjoyable and inspirational week and I hope to see you again next year!”



Fi runs Holiday Forum with the rest of the Steering Group, who will be on hand to ensure things run as smoothly as possible throughout the week.

## Meet the Steering Group



Fi Heath-Moore  
Chair



Sandra St Claire  
Minoritised Groups Rep



Richard Storer  
Treasurer



Tim Lee  
Steering Group



Lola Brown  
Chaplain & Diversity Officer



Nathan Timmins  
Youth Rep



Lawrence Heath-Moore  
Marketing & Publicity



Ken Woods  
Older Members' Rep



Cathy Heath  
Bookings Secretary



Mathew Hall  
Tech Support



Ella Rogers  
LGBTQ+ Rep



Lucy Johnson  
Steering Group



Abi Howl  
Chair Elect



Wendy Beck  
Chair Elect



Angela Storer  
Minute Secretary

A different Duty Elder from the Steering Group will be on duty each day (see the timetable). Feel free to approach any of the Steering Group if you have questions, need help or simply want to say hello!



## Children & Youth Leaders



Ruth White

The children's and youth activities will be led again this year by URC CYDOs (Children & Youth Development Officers) Ruth White and Leo Roberts. Ruth is based in South Wessex and Leo in the North Western Synods. They're both very experienced and brilliant at their jobs - meet them at the **families meeting at 3.30 pm on Sunday** to fill out consent forms etc - they'll look after your young people during the morning sessions and will be running some one-off activities in the afternoon (see timetable). Please check out the information on page 23.



Leo Roberts

“ We live in a world that is both online and in-person. Does where we are change who we are, or who we want to be seen to be? Over the week of Holiday Forum we'll explore 4 themes: values, relationships, choices and caring for ourselves (and others) whilst thinking about what difference, if any, being online makes to how others perceive us (and how we show ourselves to them). We'll be using a mix of videos, discussion, games and Bible study to help us work out the answers (if there are any!)”

## Theme Talks: *Interaction, Reaction, Transformation* (Fiona Bennett)

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	<b>Theme Talk</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Monday	The Parable of the Minto and Coke	How do we respond to differently abled people?
Tuesday	The Parable of the Cream Cleaner	Have we encountered issues around mental health?
Wednesday	The Parable of the Stretchies	Have encounters around gender identity changed us?
Thursday	The Parable of the Rainbow	How have encounters with other faiths changed us?
Friday	The Parable of Unseen Magnetic Energy	No discussion group session

## Young People's Programme (Leo Roberts)

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	<b>Session before the break*</b>
Monday	Part of something bigger
Tuesday	Behave, Belong, Believe
Wednesday	Belong, Believe, Behave
Thursday	Believe, Behave, Belong

\* The young people will be encouraged to join Fiona's discussion group after the break



## Children's Programme (Ruth White)



	<b>THEME</b>	<b>WHAT WE'LL BE DOING</b>
Monday	<b>Forest Church:</b> God made the world and us, lets look after it and each otherh	Nature Scavenger Hunt, Godly Play Story, Clay People, Mini Gardens, Painted Worlds, Minute to win it game
Tuesday	<b>Lego Church:</b> God's Big Story	Building and creating Bible stories, lego challenges and games
Wednesday	<b>Foodie Church:</b> God in our story	Our story picture wraps to eat, decorating cookies and cakes, story feast and foodie games
Thursday	<b>Science/Messy church:</b> God is great	Amazing Science experiments and messy play to fill us with awe at God and God's amazing creations
Friday	<b>Final Celebration Session</b>	Games and evaluation

### **DAN HARRIS** Sharing our faith organically (MCH)



The Christian life is akin to an exhilarating road trip, filled with enjoyment and adventure. It starts at one point and leads to a final destination, embodying a dynamic journey. Christians are always on the move, heading towards new horizons. In the early days, they were known as followers of "the Way," signifying their dedication to a unique and purposeful path.

Daniel Harris, a URC minister, motorcyclist, and youth worker, invites you to take a moment to rest and reflect on the milestones of this joyful journey.

## **RUTH WHITE & WENDY BECK Living Library (MCH)**



Come to share our stories together in the living library.

If you have a story to share from your own life then grab a pack and prepare a 3-5 min story to share (some of these will also be shared at the campfire). It might be a funny story of something that happened to you, or a testimony of your faith journey, its totally up to you.

Come along to hear stories from our living books, spend 3-5 mins listening to each story. A wonderful opportunity to share together as Holiday Forum Family.

## **JACK GIACAMAN Bethlehem update (MCH)**



Following our meeting during Holiday Forum In A Day in February, Jack, who owns a wood carving shop in Bethlehem, will be talking to Lawrence on Zoom, updating us on events in Gaza, Palestine and Bethlehem. There'll be a chance to ask questions and we will pray for the situation before the session ends.

**Warning: the content may be disturbing.**



## **LAWRENCE HEATH-MOORE Bible Study (R&W)**

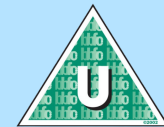
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A Jesus-shaped revolution: what would happen if we started loving our neighbours as ourselves?

We'll explore just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' interpretation of loving our neighbour as ourselves is as we take a fresh look at the Good Samaritan and ask how it applies to us personally and in light of current events. Meet in the Reading & Writing room and bring your Bible!

**Warning: this might bring change/transformation**

## **LINDA GOWLAND Needlework Group (VINERY)**



Come along and join us in the Vinery after morning coffee. We are usually a very varied group. I have prepared a pattern to make a cross stitch memento of the week, but you're welcome to do your own project, knit, crochet, or just natter or nap for a while! The project will be suitable for all, even if you have never stitched before. You only have to bring scissors and glasses (if you need them). I will supply fabric, threads and needles and the pattern.

SUNDAY 18TH	
Duty elder	Fi & Lawrence
7.45am	
<b>8.00am</b>	
9.00am	
9.15am	
09.45am	
10.00am	
<b>10.45am</b>	
11.15am	
12.30pm	
<b>1.00pm</b>	
2.00pm	<b>Arrivals</b>
3.00pm	<b>3.30 Family meeting</b> (Derwent Room) Richard, Ruth, Leo, Sandra
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Break/free time</b>
5.00pm	<b>4.30 Welcome Walk</b> (Meet at Reception) Abi Howl, Sandra St Clair; <b>5.15 Musicians Meeting</b> (Angela Storer) <b>Tech Meeting</b> (Mathew Hall)
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Evening Meal</b>
7.30pm	<b>Welcome Event</b> Fi H-M & Steering Group - <b>8.30 All-Age Quiz</b> (MCH) Mathew, Wendy B, Fi, Ruth
9.00pm	<b>Evening Meditation</b> - (9.30pm) (MCH)

MONDAY 19TH	
Duty elder	Richard & Angela
7.45am	Morning Prayers (Peter Clarke)
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
9.00am	Worship band rehearsal
9.15am	All-age Worship
09.45am	Notices/CYP leave
10.00am	<b>Theme Talk</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Break/free time</b>
11.15am	<b>Theme Talk Discussion Group</b> (MCH) / <b>Needlework Group</b> (Vinery) / <b>CYP Groups</b>
12.30pm	Groups end / collect CYP
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00pm	<b>Meet the Moderator/Tim Meadows</b> (MCH) Lawrence H-M - <b>Sports Games/Waterfight</b> (Football Field) Ella Rogers, Tim Lee
3.00pm	<b>All-Age Cricket (45m) &amp; Tug of Peace</b> (sports field) Richard Storer, Abi Howl
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Break/free time</b>
4.30pm	<b>Dan Harris Talk - Sharing Our Faith Organically</b> (MCH) - <b>Youth Activity (DR)</b> Ruth & Leo; <b>5.15pm Living Library</b> Ruth & Wendy
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Evening Meal</b>
7.30pm	<b>All-Age Dominoes</b> (MCH) Mathew Hall, Angela Storer
9.00pm	<b>Evening Meditation</b> - 9pm (MCH)

TUESDAY 20TH	
Duty elder	Ella & Sandra
7.45am	Morning Prayers
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
9.00am	Worship band rehearsal
9.15am	All-age Worship
09.45am	Notices/CYP leave
10.00am	<b>Theme Talk</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Break/free time</b>
11.15am	<b>Theme Talk Discussion Group</b> (MCH) / <b>Needlework Group</b> (Vinery) / <b>CYP Groups</b>
12.30pm	Groups end / collect CYP
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00pm	<b>Jack Giacaman Palestine Talk</b> (MCH) Lawrence H-M - <b>Long Walk</b> (Reception 11am) Richard Storer - <b>Treasure Hunt</b> (Derwent Room) Ruth & Leo
3.00pm	<b>Bible Study 3:15</b> (Reading & Writing Room) Lawrence H-M; <b>Music rehearsal for SoP</b> (MCH) Angela Storer; <b>Tournaments</b>
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Break/free time</b>
5.00pm	<b>Card Making</b> Linda Gowland (MCH) - <b>Writers for Colin</b> Lola Brown (Reading and Writing Room) <b>Crafternoon</b> (MCH) Sandra St Clair, Abi Howl
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Evening Meal</b>
7.30pm	<b>Songs of Praise</b> (MCH) Angela Storer - <b>CYP Film Night 6.45/7pm</b> Ruth & Leo
9.00pm	-

WEDNESDAY 21ST	
Duty elder	Ken & Tim
7.45am	Morning Prayers
8.00am	Breakfast
9.00am	Worship band rehearsal
9.15am	All-age Worship
09.45am	Notices/CYP leave
10.00am	Theme Talk
10.45am	Break/free time
11.15am	Theme Talk Discussion Group (MCH) / Needlework Group (Vinery) / CYP Groups
12.30pm	Groups end / collect CYP
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Free time - Outings - Tournaments - Greenbelt Craft w/Ruth
3.00pm	
4.00pm	Break/free time
5.00pm	Healing Service (MCH)
6.15pm	Evening Meal
7.30pm	Hands Around the World (outdoor firepit on the lawn) Wendy Beck, Angela Storer, Ruth
9.00pm	Evening Meditation (firepit) Angela Storer

THURSDAY 22ND	
Duty elder	Nathan & Lucy
7.45am	Morning Prayers
8.00am	Breakfast
9.00am	Worship band rehearsal
9.15am	All-age Worship
09.45am	Notices/CYP leave
10.00am	Theme Talk
10.45am	Break/free time
11.15am	Theme Talk Discussion Group (MCH) / Needlework Group (Vinery) / CYP Groups
12.30pm	Groups end / collect CYP
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Open Meeting & Planting Colin's Rose (MCH) Fi H-M & Steering Group
3.00pm	
4.00pm	Break/free time
4.30pm	Memorial Service for Colin Ferguson (MCH) Richard & Angela Storer, followed by Communion Service (MCH) Kura
6.15pm	Evening Meal
7.30pm	Variety Show/Open Mic Night (all-age, MCH) Ella Rogers
9.00pm	-

FRIDAY 23RD	
Duty elder	Fi & Lawrence
7.45am	Morning Prayers
8.00am	Breakfast
9.45am	All-age Worship
10.15am	Theme talk/CYP groups
10.45am	Break
11.20am	Forum Round Up & Goodbyes
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Departures
2.00pm	
3.00pm	
4.00pm	
5.00pm	
6.15pm	
7.30pm	
9.00pm	



IN PERSON TIMETABLE							
	SUNDAY 18th	MONDAY 19th	TUESDAY 20th	WEDNESDAY 21st	THURSDAY 22nd	FRIDAY 23rd	
Duty elder	Fi & Lawrence	Richard & Angela	Ella & Sandra	Ken & Tim	Nathan & Lucy	Wendy & Abi	
7.45am		Morning Prayers (MCH) Peter Clarke	Morning Prayers (MCH) Cathy Heath	Morning Prayers (MCH) Abigail Perrow	Morning Prayers (MCH) Wendy Roe	Morning Prayers (MCH) Mathew Hall	
8.00am		Breakfast					
9.00am		Worship Band rehearsal/meet					
9.15am		ALL-AGE WORSHIP - Kura Mutimwii					9.45 - 10.15 Worship
09.45am		Notices/thought for the day/children leave for groups					10.15 - 10.55 theme (MCH)
10.00am		THEME TALK (MCH) - Fiona Bennett CYP GROUPS (Ruth & Leo & helpers, Derwent/Reading & Writing Room)					CYP Preparation for Forum Round Up (Derwent Room) RW LR
10.45am		Break/free time (not for childrens group)					
11.15am		Theme Talk Discussion Group (MCH) - Fiona Bennett Needlework Group (Vinery) - Linda Gowland CYP Groups (Derwent/Reading & Writing Room) - Ruth & Leo					Forum Round Up & Goodbyes 11.20 - 12.20
12.30pm		Workshops end/collect children					Lunch 12.30
1.00pm			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2.00pm	Arrivals	Meet the Moderator/Tim Meadows (MCH) Lawrence H-M - Sports Games/Waterfight (Football Field) Ella Rogers, Tim Lee	Jack Giacaman Palestine Talk (MCH) Lawrence H-M - Long Walk (Reception 11am) Richard Storer - Treasure Hunt (Derwent Room) Ruth & Leo	Free time - Outings - Tournaments - Greenbelt Craft w/Ruth	Open Meeting - Planting Colin's Rose (MCH) Fi H-M & Steering Group	Departures	
3.00pm		3.30 Family meeting (Derwent Room) Richard, Ruth, Leo, Sandra	All-Age Cricket (45m) & Tug of Peace (sports field) Richard Storer, Abi Howl				Bible Study 3:15 (Reading & Writing Room) Lawrence H-M Music rehearsal for SoP (MCH) Angela Storer - Tournaments
4.00pm		Break/free time					
4.30 pm	Welcome Walk (Meet at Reception) Abi Howl, Sandra St Clair	Dan Harris Talk - Sharing Our Faith Organically (MCH) - Youth Activity (DR) Ruth & Leo	Card Making (Linda Gowland) (MCH) - Writers for Colin (Reading and Writing Room) Lola Brown	Healing Service (MCH) Kura	Memorial Service for Colin Ferguson (MCH) Richard & Angela Storer, followed by Communion Service (MCH) Kura		
5.15 pm	Musicians Meeting Angela Storer - Tech Meeting Mathew Hall (MCH)	Living Library Ruth & Wendy	Crafternoon (MCH) Sandra St Clair, Abi Howl				
6.15pm	Evening meal						
7.30pm	Welcome Event Fi H-M & Steering Group - 8.30 All-Age Quiz (MCH) Mathew, Wendy B, Fi, Ruth	All-Age Dominoes (MCH) Mathew Hall, Angela Storer	Songs of Praise (MCH) Angela Storer - CYP Film Night 6.45 /7pm Ruth & Leo	Hands Around the World (outdoor firepit on the lawn) Wendy Beck, Angela Storer, Ruth	Variety Show/Open Mic Night (all-age, MCH) Ella Rogers		
9.00pm	(9.30pm) Evening Meditation (MCH) Iain McClaren	Evening Meditation (MCH) Kay Alberg	--	Evening Meditation (firepit) Angela Storer	--		

# Timetable (Zoom/live-streaming)

<b>ZOOM TIMETABLE</b>							
	<b>SUNDAY 18th</b>	<b>MONDAY 19th</b>	<b>TUESDAY 20th</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 21st</b>	<b>THURSDAY 22nd</b>	<b>FRIDAY 23rd</b>	
9.15am							
9.45am		Notices / Zoom Break					
10.00am		THEME TALK					
10.45am		Zoom Break					
11.15am		THEME TALK DISCUSSION					Forum Round Up 11.20 - 12.20
12.30pm		Lunch Break					
2.00pm			Jack Giacaman Palestine Talk			Open Meeting/Planting Colin's Rose	
3.00pm		Dan Harris Talk - Sharing Our Faith Organically					
4.00pm		Zoom Break					
5.00pm		Meet the Moderator with Tim Meadows	Card Making workshop (Linda Gowland)	Healing Service	Communion & Memorial Service for Colin Ferguson		
6.15pm	Zoom Break						
7.30 pm	Welcome Event & Quiz						

### **Welcome Walk, Families' Meeting, Tech Team & Musicians' Meeting** (Sunday)

If you're new to Forum, join the welcome walk at 4.30 pm to be shown around the site (meet at Reception). If you're bringing children or young people, you'll need to join the Families' Meeting at 3.30pm in the Derwent Room. The Tech Team meets in the MCH at 5.15 pm and the Musicians' Meeting is at 5.45pm (MCH).

### **Welcome Event & Quiz (MCH)** (Sunday)

Beginning at 7.30 pm, meet your fellow Forumites, talk about what to expect during the week and be introduced to the Steering Group and other people you need to know. After a break to get drinks at the bar, the annual all-age quiz follows at 8.30 pm.

### **Meet the Moderator (MCH)** (Monday)

Come and meet Revd Tim Meadows, this year's Moderator of General Assembly, at 2pm. An opportunity to hear about this vision for the church and a chance to ask questions.

### **Forum Annual Cricket Match & Tug of Peace (Sports field)** (Monday)

Join in the laughter and mayhem that is the Forum Annual Cricket Match and Tug of Peace (3 pm)! For all ages and all abilities (including none!)

### **All-age Dominos (MCH)** (Monday)

Join us for an all-age evening of Dominos battles! Have you ever seen so many Dominos...?

### **Long Walk/Treasure Hunt (Reception/Derwent Room)** (Tuesday)

An annual favourite, the walk is led by Richard Storer. It will depart immediately after the workshop sessions with packed lunch in hand. It will be about 5 miles but can be adapted to



suit different abilities. Meet at Reception in 11am. Treasure Hunters meet Ruth & Leo in the Derwent Room.

### **Card Making (MCH) (Tuesday)**

Join Linda Gowland for a chance to make cards using paper crafts. If you enjoy being creative or would like ideas to take back home, Linda will have several cards to show you - Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings etc. Linda will bring paper, glue or tape and blank cards with envelopes. If you want to make a card for a specific occasion which Linda hasn't mentioned, do let her know. All you need to bring is your imagination, scissors and any paper or toppers you'd like to use; don't worry, Linda will have plenty of materials with her. We hope you'll have fun together and maybe produce some masterpieces to take home. We will require £5 per person to cover material costs.

### **Writers for Colin (R&W) (Tuesday)**

Calling all writers, hymn-writers and poets! This year's *Write About Now* workshop will be held in honour of the late Colin Ferguson, who traditionally led it (4.30pm). Revd Lola Brown will be our host this year.

### **Crafternoon (MCH) (Tuesday)**

Come and get craftily creative with Abi Howl and Sandra St Clair (4.30pm). Stone painting, bracelet and bookmark making await!

### **Songs of Praise & CYP Film Night (MCH) (Tuesday)**

Angela and the music band lead us in this classic evening of musical celebration with songs and hymns of your choosing. At the same time, there'll be a film night for children & young people. \*Parents are required to supervise their children for this event\*.

## **Tournaments & Competitions** (Monday - Thursday)

Some friendly, competitive fun over the week. Prize giving will be at the Forum Round Up on Friday morning. Sign up on Sunday afternoon for any of the following competitions:

- U14 Table Tennis
- 14+ Table Tennis
- Yahtzee
- Scrabble
- Boules
- Croquet

## **Healing & Wholeness Service (MCH)** (Wednesday)

Kura will lead a service of healing and wholeness, with opportunity for prayer and laying on of hands for those who request it.

## **Hands Around the World (Firepit)** (Wednesday)

One of the highlights of the week! Weather permitting, we'll gather around the firepit and toast marshmallows as share stories, songs and activities that celebrate the wide cultural diversity of the Forum family.

## **Open Meeting & Planting Colin's Rose (MCH)** (Thursday)

Your chance to give feedback on the week, go over the accounts, confirm members of the Steering Group, discover the theme and worship leaders for 2025 and book your place for next year. This year, we will be planting a rose tree in the Hayes grounds in memory of Colin Ferguson. Join us outside the Main Conference Hall after the Open Meeting to mark this special occasion.

### **Memorial for Colin Ferguson & Communion Service (MCH)** (Thursday)

Richard and Angela Storer will lead a short Memorial Service for Colin Ferguson, followed by Communion, which will be led by Kura.

### **Variety Show/Open Mic (MCH)** (Thursday)

Otherwise known as “Forum’s Got Talent” ...! Sign up for your 5 minutes’ of fame. Songs, recitals, acts, comedy, drama ... whatever you’d like to share. All ages and abilities. Don’t be shy - sign up by Wednesday lunchtime! But be warned: we’ve only space and time for a 5-minute act ...

### **Forum Roundup (MCH)** (Friday)

The grand finale, when our various groups report back on the week’s activities, the winners of the competitions receive their certificates and a chance to say thank you and goodbye.

### **Morning Prayers & Evening Meditation (MCH)** (every day)

Morning Prayers are held before breakfast every day, with a short Evening Meditation every evening after the programme finishes (with the exception of Tuesday).



## On arrival

Arrivals are from **2pm on Sunday 18th August, but there will be no access to bedrooms until 3pm.** Afternoon tea will be served from 4pm and dinner at 6.30pm.

On arrival, our Steering Group will be at reception to welcome you to The Hayes, provide you with relevant information and give you your name badge, welcome pack and room key.

For security, it is essential that you **always wear your name badge.**

For fire regulations and insurance purposes, no bedrooms can be changed without express permission from Cathy Heath, the Bookings Secretary.

### **The Holiday Forum Steering Group**

The Steering Group have put together a timetable with a wide variety of activities over the week and will be on hand to assist with any problems or suggestions you may have. All activities are all optional, so please don't feel you have to attend everything. A full timetable can be found in your booklets.

Each day the **Duty Elders** will be in Main Reception to answer any questions and collect money between:

8.45am – 9.00am      10.45am – 11.15am      2.00pm – 2.30pm

## Mealtimes

Mealtimes are listed below. At lunch and dinner there is an alternative option available for the children which is served at the same time as the adult meal.

- Breakfast – 8.00am.
- Morning coffee – 10.45am.
- Lunch – 1.00pm.
- Afternoon tea – 4.00pm.
- Dinner - 6.15pm

Before dinner The Hayes bar will be open. Complimentary tea and coffee making facilities will be available in the bar/reception area from 8am-8pm.

## First Aid

Anyone requiring First Aid, please contact a Duty Elder. If there are no Duty Elders available, please go to the main reception at The Hayes. Anyone who's had a medical condition requiring treatment in the fortnight preceding Forum should advise on arrival. Anyone able to provide First Aid help, please advise on the questionnaire above, or on arrival.

In case of an emergency please follow the procedure given by The Hayes and call Fi (07913 817988) or Cathy (07722174562) on their mobile to make them aware.

## Going offsite and day visitors

For fire regulation purposes, if you go off site at any point during the week for any reason, please sign out on the list on the desk in main reception.

If you are expecting visitors any day, please let Cathy Heath (Bookings Secretary) know as early as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made with the Hayes. A charge is made for visitors which must be paid in advance.

### Children and Young People

We are lucky to have URC children's and youth workers to run the CYP activities again this year. It is important that we have a duty of care to all at Holiday Forum, especially in providing children's workshops to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

On arrival, all parents and carers will be required to attend the **families meeting at 3.30pm on Sunday** in the Derwent Room. Consent and code of conduct forms will be signed. Parents **MUST** sign their CYP in and out of daily groups and are responsible for their children when not in CYP groups.

For more information on our Safeguarding procedures, please speak to Richard Storer (Holiday Forum Safeguarding Officer & Treasurer). A copy of our safeguarding policy can be provided on request.

## Your property

Neither the Hayes (The Christian Conference Trust), the United Reformed Church nor the Holiday Forum Steering Group accepts responsibility for any personal items (including, but not limited to, musical instruments, computers, audio or photographic equipment). Please ensure adequate insurance is taken out before attending Holiday Forum. Care should be taken to avoid leaving valuables in your rooms. The staff of The Hayes will be pleased to advise regarding the storage of valuable items.

### **Lost Property**

Any articles of lost property should be handed to a Duty Elder who will try and re-unite them with their owners.

### **Fire Alarm**

A continuous ringing sound. Each room displays The Hayes Fire Procedure which should be studied carefully.

### **Orchard Hall Clubhouse**

Adult supervision is required at all times and access is via key card. Please ask duty elders.

### **Smoking & Alcohol**

The Hayes operates a **NO SMOKING** policy in all buildings, including bedrooms. If you smoke outside, please be aware of people around you and of open windows and doors.

**NO ALCOHOL** may be brought onto the premises, but adults may buy alcohol from the bar which will be open before dinner and in the evening. The Hayes does not allow any personal deliveries to site - this includes food deliveries (Deliveroo etc.) **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HAYES IS NOW CASHLESS** and cannot accept cash payments except to hire games equipment.





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