

TWO MAJOR CONFERENCES FROM CHURCHES FOR ALL & PREMIER CHRISTIAN RADIO



ENABLING Church



Disability, Wholeness and Christian Theology

NORTH EAST:

Saturday 22nd June

Bethany Christian Centre
Hetton Road
Houghton Le Spring
Tyne and Wear
DH5 8PF

SOUTH WEST:

Saturday 6th July

Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church
Reedley Road
Bristol
Avon
BS9 3TD

Premier
CHRISTIAN RADIO

IT TAKES THE WHOLE OF THE CHURCH
TO PROCLAIM THE WHOLE OF THE GOSPEL
TO THE WHOLE OF THE COMMUNITY!



Conference Overview

1 in 6 of our UK population has one or more disability.

'I really genuinely think we have had a seismic effect in shifting public attitudes ... I don't think they will ever see disability in the same way again.'

Lord Sebastian Coe speaking at the Closing Ceremony of the London 2012 Paralympics

If the London 2012 Paralympics changed the way we think about disability – what difference has it made to our churches? If this challenges you then here is the conference for you. Book now.

Keynote speakers, expert talks, panel sessions, speakers with disabilities. The full day programme will include exploration of biblical perspective on disability and practical discussions about making your church's ministry and mission more inclusive of disabled people.

A day packed with insights and ideas, talks and dialogue, aiming to make our churches increasingly accessible places with more inclusive activities, welcoming and building community life with disabled people.

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Churches for All Partners:



The Agenda

Opening 9.45am for 10.15 start

Morning Programme: A Church for All

Worship

Opening Keynote: Enabling Church

Short talks and panel session on...

- identity
 - communication
 - social interaction
 - understanding
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Lunch Break

**Afternoon Programme:
Church and Community**

Video address

Sharing and discussion time

Short talks and panel session on...

- children and young people
 - onset and adjustment
 - caring for carers
 - engaging with the community
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**Closing Keynote:
Making a World of Difference**

Worship

Finishing by 5.00pm

REFRESHMENTS

Tea, coffee and bottled water will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch.

ACCESSIBILITY

Delegates with disabilities welcome: BSL interpreting, loop system, large print and braille handouts, wheelchair access, quiet room, accessible toilet.



Churches for All Associates



Keynote Speakers

NORTH EAST:



Revd Roy Searle

A former President of the Baptist Union, Roy is a founder of the Northumbria Community and as one of its Overseers he spends his time writing, speaking and wandering for the love of Christ throughout Britain and Europe in Church and secular contexts, encouraging people to seek God and live generously. He has established Crossing Places, a missional initiative in North Northumberland, reaching out and relating to unchurched believers and unbelievers.



Revd Malcolm Duncan

As well as serving as Lead Pastor at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Malcolm is the founder and director of 'Church and Community', a charity committed to helping local churches to be 'Good News' people to their communities - embracing an inclusive and holistic approach to mission. He is an author, conference speaker and has recently become Chair of the Spring Harvest leadership team. He has personal experience of disability in his family life and is committed to championing the ministry and contribution of disabled people in the Church.



Dr Mike Townsend

A local church leader and technology consultant, Mike is a Trustee of the Royal National Institute of Blind People and the Torch Trust, and is Chair of Through the Roof. Mike, who lost his sight at the age of eight, is a regular speaker on disability topics.

SOUTH WEST:



Bishop Paul Hendricks

Paul Hendricks, the Bishops' representative on National Catholic Disability Network, is also Chair of Southwark Diocesan Deaf Service and of the Bishops' Conference Committee, which coordinates the diocesan Deaf Services nationally, as well as Chair of the Diocesan SEN Committee and a member of the board of The Kairos Forum.



Roy McCloughry

Roy lectures in Ethics at St John's College, Nottingham and is Director of Kingdom Trust.

He is the author of over a dozen books on contemporary social issues including disability. He is Chair of Lion Hudson Publishing and Vice-President of Livability. He has lived with epilepsy all his life.



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Other Speakers include



Jonathan Clark

A qualified Social Worker specialising in Mental Health, and a Church Minister,

Jonathan is a Director of Premier and Mind & Soul, Trustee of the Association of Christian Counsellors and of The Helplines Partnership, and a broadcaster and speaker. He organises the Healing and Wholeness Zone at the Christian Resources Exhibition.



Cristina Gangemi

Cristina Gangemi is a practical theologian who holds a Master's Degree in Theology and

Disability. Alongside Professor John Swinton, she is Co-director of The Kairos Forum which seeks to foster communities of belonging for people with an intellectual disability, through attention to the spiritual. She is a national adviser to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales regarding disability.



Ann Memmott

Ann is an autistic person and adviser to the All Party Parliamentary Group for

Autism. Her work informs the House of Parliament disability team, the Church of England, Churches for All and many other national groups and organisations. Ann is an experienced autism trainer, working with Autism Oxford, and assists the National Autistic Society with various projects. Ann writes on accessible language and buildings access issues for autism.



Kay Morgan-Gurr

Kay is joint General Director of Children Worldwide with her husband Steve, and an advisor

on disability and accessibility issues. Before this she was a children's nurse working with children who had additional needs of all varieties.



Tony Phelps-Jones

Tony is Director of Ministry for Prospects and has spent the last 25 years experimenting with

ways to make Bible teaching and worship accessible for people with learning disabilities. He has written many songs that aid inclusive worship, and is author of the new book: 'Making Church Accessible for All', published by BRF.



Haydon Spenceley

Haydon is an ordinand in the Church of England. He has Cerebral Palsy, has an MA in

Disability Studies from Leeds University, speaks on disability issues and has a keen interest in the importance of identity in the life of believers, impaired or not.



Dr Gordon Temple

Gordon serves as Chief Executive of the Torch Trust. He is also Executive Officer for the

Churches for All network. Working with a colleague Gordon authored the book Enabling Church, published by SPCK in 2012. Gordon's current focus is the pastoral care of those experiencing the onset of disability.

Please book online at www.premier.org.uk/enabling

Who should attend?

Church leaders, anyone involved in shaping any aspect of church life, disabled people, and anyone with an interest or involvement with disability and disabled people.

What will I learn from the Event?

This event will broaden and deepen your thinking about disability and the engagement of disabled people with church life, and equip you to make a difference in your own church situation.

Bookings

Delegate price: £15 (carers and enablers whose presence is necessary to support the participation of disabled delegates - free of charge)

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If you cannot book online, you can book places by calling Hannah Wakeford on 020 7316 1349, specifying which of the events and your name and numbers of tickets. You will be able to pay on the door.