



St. Mark's Church Weekend

Bridging the Sacred/Secular Divide

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th September 2012

***A time for the church community to join
together for worship, learning, fellowship and fun***

Introduction

Building on the success of our last two Church Weekends in 2008 and 2010, St. Mark's is organising another weekend away for the whole church community. As last time, it will be a time to join together for worship, learning, fellowship and fun - an opportunity to get to know God and each other better within a different environment. The weekend is aimed at everyone – all ages and backgrounds and wherever you are in your Christian journey. Do join in. Book now!

What and where is Ashburnham Place?

Ashburnham Place is situated five miles west of Battle on the A271. It can be reached by road or public transport (Ashburnham Christian Trust, Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex TN33 9NF 01424 892244 www.ashburnham.org.uk).



The grounds of Ashburnham Place extend to over 220 acres and provide a setting of great natural beauty at all times of the year. The grounds were designed and constructed in the mid-eighteenth century by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. He laid out the three large lakes, and built the Orangery, which is home to a number of interesting and unusual plants.

The Trust runs Ashburnham Place as a conference centre catering for up to 200 guests. Ashburnham is run by a permanent community of staff, many of whom have a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ.

What will Ashburnham Place be like?

- ❖ The main sessions will be held in the **Great Hall**, with the **John Ashburnham Room** also available to us. The **West Room** will be used for the children's activities and leisure time.
- ❖ All meals will be served in our own **Dining Room**. Special diets catered for.



- ❖ **Accommodation** is provided in various buildings. 20 twin rooms (not en-suite) and 26 twin en-suite rooms are available – space for 92 people in total. Tea and coffee making facilities are available within each building. Cots and mattresses are available.
- ❖ Also available: a **Nursery** (under 3s) equipped with toys, a well-stocked **bookshop**, a **Prayer Centre** (open 24 hours a day), walks around the grounds, gardens and three lakes. There is a games room with a pool table, table tennis table and table football.

What will we be doing?

The weekend will be led by Charles Hipsley from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. Charles is a Chief Operating Officer in a City financial company, who has had many years of experience as Chairman of a number of technology businesses, and as a Trustee of Churches. His wife, Mary, will be joining us on the weekend. They both lecture on workplace theology at King's Bible College and Training Centre in Oxford.

The theme for the weekend is ***Bridging the Sacred/Secular Divide***. The speaker has been asked to help us consider how life in all its variety can be lived to the glory of God – living the Gospel wherever we are, and developing a whole life perspective to our ministry. Full details of the programme will be available nearer the time.

During the weekend there will also be a full programme of children's and youth work (3-11 and 11-16) provided by leaders from Horsham. Depending on the number of under 3s, appropriate care may be organised.

Friday

Arrive early evening
Hot buffet supper
Informal introduction



Saturday

Breakfast
Speaker and group sessions
Lunch, followed by free time
Speaker and group sessions
Dinner and entertainment



Sunday

Worship and Family Communion
Sunday lunch



How much will it cost?

The price includes Full Board accommodation from the evening meal on Friday 14th through to lunch on Sunday 16th September 2012. The full programme of events for adults and children is included.

The approximate total cost for the weekend of £140 for adults and £70 for children is being underwritten by the Church. To make

the weekend accessible to as many as possible the charge per person will be:

£90 adult twin en-suite

£80 adult twin standard

£105 adult twin en-suite single occupancy

£45 child 5-15 twin en-suite

£40 child 5-15 twin standard

Free for children under 5

The maximum charge for a family is £265 (standard accommodation)

A minimum of 50% of the charge is payable upon booking. Final payment is due by Sunday 1st July. Cheques should be made payable to 'PCC Horsham Number 1 Account'.

How do I book a place?

We would be delighted if you could join us for this weekend. **Booking is open now and closes on Sunday 29th April 2012.** Please place your completed booking form with cheque attached in the box at the back of Church. There are 92 spaces available. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis.



How do I make a donation?

To cover the total cost of the weekend, donations are being sought from people within the Church by Sunday 16th September. Donations should be made by separate cheque payable to 'PCC Horsham Number 1 Account' and placed in the Offertory Plate. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please place your cheque in a blue Gift Aid envelope clearly marked 'St. Mark's Church Weekend'.



What if I have a query?

Contact Martin Hennock (730462), Rosemary Couchman (243835), Fi Coldicott (260435) or Mark Leddin (259742).