

Conference Fees & Payment

The full conference fee for a Monday–Thursday resident is £235*

We realise that many Ministers are on tight budgets and we do not want people to be unable to attend the conference due to the cost. If you are unable to afford the £235 fee, but could pay between £120 and £235, then please feel free to pay what you are able. In the event that you are not able to afford this, please contact John Rawlinson at the Edinburgh office to apply for financial assistance; we don't want anyone to be unable to come due to financial constraints.

**This represents a subsidy of about £52 per person from the Trust. If you are in a position where you are able to pay the unsubsidised cost, we would appreciate that.*

Please tick below as applicable:

Full-time resident – I enclose a cheque for £

Mon Day Visitor, including dinner – I enclose a cheque for £40

Tues Day Visitor, including lunch and dinner – I enclose a cheque for £55

Weds Day Visitor, including lunch and dinner – I enclose a cheque for £55

Thurs Day Visitor, including lunch – I enclose a cheque for £30

Please make cheques payable to 'The Banner of Truth Trust'

To pay by debit or credit card, please use online booking, or call the Banner office on 0131 337 7310.

Further queries can be emailed to info@banneroftruth.co.uk

Conference List

Some delegates value a **list of names** and addresses for those men attending the conference. **If you are happy for your details to appear on such a list, please tick the box below. Lists can be obtained from the conference book room.** The list will be made available only at the conference to other attendees. The Banner of Truth cannot be responsible for any use to which the list is subsequently put by those receiving it.

If acknowledgement is required, please include a S.A.E.

Take away union and there can be no communion.

John Flavel

Next to communion with God is the communion of saints.

John Trapp

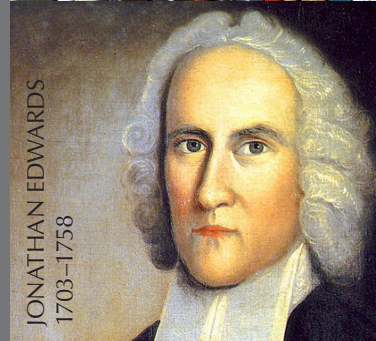
Our communion with God lies in his giving himself to us and our giving ourselves and all that he requires to him. This communion with God flows from that union which is in Christ Jesus.

This communion will be perfect and complete when we enter into the full enjoyment of Christ's glory. Then we shall totally give ourselves up to him, resting in him as the utmost fulfilment of all our desires.

John Owen

The life of the soul is our union with God.

John Calvin



Venue

Situated in the village of Yarnfield in Staffordshire, and easily accessible from the M6, Yarnfield Park is a purpose-built conference centre and is well-equipped with modern facilities, has an excellent standard of catering, super-fast internet, and an on-site Costa coffee shop. Attendees will also have access to the nearby sports centre.

Accommodation is in ensuite bedrooms, each equipped with a desk, tea and coffee making facilities, and super-fast wi-fi. Towels are provided.

As in previous years, a fully-stocked Banner book room will be open throughout the conference.

Who is it for?

The conference is arranged for men who are (or who have been) in pastoral charges, or who are theological students in training for the ministry, and for men who are serving in missionary work at home or overseas. Please do not apply if you do not fit into one of these categories.

Non-residents

All conference attendees must please register in advance, even those attending for only one session.

Arrival

Unless special arrangements are made, no one should arrive before 2.00pm on Monday. Registration of conference members will be from 3.00pm to 4.45pm in the atrium. Thereafter keys can be collected from reception. The full address for the venue is **Yarnfield Park, Yarnfield Lane, Yarnfield, Staffs, ST15 0NL**. The nearest railway stations are Stoke and Stafford. Please visit yarnfieldpark.com for further travel information.

NB. If approaching Yarnfield Park from the south, on leaving the M6 J14 your SatNav may direct you up the A5013/Eccleshall Road. However the quickest way is to take the A34 north towards Stone and enter Yarnfield Lane at the Wayfarer pub on the left.

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Ministers' Conference 2020

Yarnfield Park | Staffordshire

23–26 March

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Speakers:

David Campbell | Conrad Mbewe

Andrew Randall | Robert Strivens

Christopher Ash | Robert McCollum Jr.

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COMMUNION WITH GOD

The day before John Owen departed to be with Christ (23 August, 1683), he dictated his last letter to a friend: 'I am going to him whom my soul has loved, or rather who has loved me with an everlasting love,—which is the whole ground of my consolation.'

John Owen lived for communion with God. He was not alone in understanding that the Christian life was rooted in our union with Christ and nourished by our communion with the triune God. The 2020 Banner of Truth Conference will focus on this great theme. The aim of the conference will be to introduce the doctrine of communion with God, and to explore the rich communion that every believer has with God. Heart religion (John Calvin's *pietas*) is imbedded in, and is intrinsic to, Reformed Christianity. Cold Calvinism is the ultimate oxymoron.

Our hope is that the conference will inspire all who gather to cultivate further the communion which we enjoy with the Father, pre-eminently in his love; with the Son, pre-eminently in his grace; and with the Holy Spirit pre-eminently in his comfort.

Speakers & Programme 2020



DAVID CAMPBELL
Minister of North Preston
Evangelical Church,
Preston, England



ANDREW RANDALL
Minister of Grace Church
Larbert, Larbert, Scotland



CHRISTOPHER ASH
Preacher, author, and
Writer-in-Residence at
Tyndale House, Cambridge



MEIRION THOMAS
Minister of Malpas Road
Evangelical Church,
Newport, Wales



CONRAD MBEWE
Minister of Kabwata Baptist
Church, Lusaka, Zambia



ROBERT STRIVENS
Minister of Old Baptist
Chapel, Bradford-on-Avon,
England



ROBERT McCOLLUM Jr.
Minister of Newtownards
Reformed Presbyterian
Church, Newtownards,
Northern Ireland

*Various representatives will
also present updates on
overseas ministries.*

Conference Book Room

The ever-popular Conference Book Room offers ministers and students the opportunity to furnish their libraries with excellent material, and to purchase good books to give away among those to whom they are ministering.

– Discounted prices available at the Conference –

Conference Exhibition Area

A number of organizations will be exhibiting displays and literature in the Conference Exhibition Area. If you would like to bring a display, please contact John Rawlinson (johnr@banneroftruth.co.uk) before the conference for more details.

Monday 23 March

5.15 pm	Opening Sermon	<i>David Campbell</i>
8.15 pm	The Christian's Unique Privilege	<i>Conrad Mbeve</i>

Tuesday 24 March

7.25 am	<i>Conference Prayer Time</i>	
9.15 am	Global Updates	
9.30 am	The Gospel of Communion with God	<i>Andrew Randall</i>
11.15 am	Puritan Worship	<i>Robert Strivens</i>
5.00 pm	Singing Songs of Expectation by the Spirit of Christ	<i>Christopher Ash</i>
8.15 pm	The Hypocrite's Misguided Claim	<i>Conrad Mbeve</i>

Wednesday 25 March

7.25 am	<i>Conference Prayer Time</i>	
9.15 am	Global Updates	
9.30 am	Communion with Christ in Our Temptations	<i>Robert McCollum Jr.</i>
11.15 am	Singing Songs of Triumph by the Spirit of Christ	<i>Christopher Ash</i>
5.00 pm	Inward, Sweet Delight: Communion with God in the Life of Jonathan Edwards	<i>Andrew Randall</i>
8.15 pm	The Fountain of Spiritual Riches	<i>Conrad Mbeve</i>

Thursday 26 March

7.25 am	<i>Conference Prayer Time</i>	
9.15 am	Global Updates	
9.30 am	Communion with Christ in Our Trials	<i>Robert McCollum Jr.</i>
11.00 am	Closing Sermon	<i>Meirion Thomas</i>

Meals: Breakfast, 7.50 am to 9.00 am | Coffee, 10.45 am
Lunch, 1.00 pm | Afternoon Tea, 4.15 pm | Dinner, 6.45 pm

** Book Room open outside of session times **

Booking Form

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You can book online at banneroftruth.org/uk/events, and pay by card.

Alternatively, please complete both sides of this form, detach and send to the Edinburgh office **before 2 March**. Please ensure that your payment is enclosed.

Places are limited and are allocated in order of the receipt of applications. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.

Full name:

Address:

Post code: Daytime tel:

Email:

Tick as appropriate: Pastor Missionary Theological Student

Name of church/college:

In the event of needing to cancel your booking, please contact the Edinburgh office. Cancellations arriving at the office before 2 March will receive a full refund; after this date we will refund the conference fee, LESS the amount we are charged by the conference venue.

Please send to:
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