Faith in Health and Healing
Thursday 3 April 2014 (9.00am registration and refreshments; 10.00am Welcome; 4.00pm Close)
Wolfson Centre, The Medical School, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston campus
Fee: £85

The conference welcomes all those of any faith or none who wish to learn more about a Christ-centred approach to health and healthcare provision. It is particularly targeted at Christians working as professionals in health and social care as well as church members and leaders who are engaged with the world of healthcare. We will explore the challenges and opportunities facing the church and health professionals who find themselves at the cutting edge of caring.

The NHS is on the edge of collapse.
- Accident and Emergency departments are in crisis (Foundation trust network, May 2013)
- Wards are full to bursting (Norman Lamb MP in The Telegraph, 14 May 2013)
- 82% of nurses report going to work when sick because of the fear of understaffing on the ward if they were away (Beyond breaking point. Royal College of Nurses, 2013)
- 55% of nurses reported that they have been made unwell by stress over the previous year (Beyond breaking point. Royal College of Nurses, 2013)
- Over 70% of doctors said being a physician is now harder than it’s ever been (Hospitals on the edge. RC Physicians, 2012)

How can the church support health care systems and health care workers, both in the UK and worldwide? Where is God’s shalom for those in the health service? How does this integrate with the healing and reconciling calling of all God’s people?

This conference explores the challenges and opportunities facing the church and health professionals who find themselves at the cutting edge of caring.

Speakers include:
- The Rt Revd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle
- Revd. Prof John Swinton, Aberdeen University
- Dr Ross Bryson, Karis Medical Practice
- Revd. Alison Gray, 2-Gether MHNHSF Trust
- Professor John Cox, Keele University and Institute of Psychiatry
- Dr June Jones, Birmingham University
- Revd. Dr Russ Parker, Acorn Christian Healing Foundation
- Andrew Parnham, Livability
- Dr Mervyn Suffield, WPHN
- Dr Chris Williams, Glasgow University
- Revd. Helen Wordsworth, Parish Nursing
- Dr Huw Morgan, GP and executive member of Partnership in International Medical Education (PRIME)

Sessions include: Keynote address by Revd. Professor John Swinton, ‘From Bedlam to Shalom: Why the NHS needs the church’; ‘Working Models’; Dr Ross Bryson, ‘Can General Practice bring in God’s kingship and wholeness?’; Dr Helen Wordsworth, ‘Whole person care through the churches: the potential of Parish Nursing in complementing NHS provision’; Revd. Dr Russ Parker, ‘Staying in touch: supporting people with dementia’; Andrew Parnham, ‘Happiness course: emotional wellbeing’; Dr Mervyn Suffield, ‘Destiny in our genes’; Dr Chris Williams, ‘Living life to the full’; Dr June Jones and Dr Huw Morgan, ‘Education of healthcare professionals in spirituality’; Revd. Dr Alison Gray and Professor John Cox, ‘Can the church save the NHS?; and Bishop James Newcome, Keynote address.

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**Listening Skills**

**Monday 7–Friday 11 April 2014**

**St John’s College, Nottingham**

Fee: £305 - fee includes teaching materials, meals for five days and accommodation for four nights (Monday to Thursday)

This week provides a short skills-based course for those who want to become better listeners. It provides the basic counselling theory necessary to understand what constitutes good practice in listening in pastoral care. The course is mainly skills based and led by The Revd Eileen Turner, former Director of Extension Studies at St John’s College, Nottingham - she specialises in Pastoral Care.

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**National Council of Hindu Temples UK (NCHTUK)**

**Friday 18 April – Sunday 20 April 2014**

**Birmingham, West Midlands**

Fee: £33 (including meals, accommodation, and CPD for the 3 days). The cost for CPD and Network Day for Chaplains: £11

NCHTUK has organised a 3 day Hindu Healthcare Chaplaincy Training Course funded by the NHS.

Course objectives:
- To acquire an understanding of Hinduism teachings in relation to Healthcare chaplaincy
- To acquaint participants with the historical development of healthcare chaplaincy
- To gain knowledge of how a Chaplain operationally works a health care setting
- To gain an understanding of the skills necessary for healthcare chaplains (eg communication and counselling)
- Participants will gain understanding of Hindu medical ethics as applied to healthcare chaplaincy
- To explore and appreciate attitudinal issues appropriate to carrying out healthcare chaplaincy
- To acquire knowledge and gain understanding of equality, diversity, gender and human rights issues within the hospital setting
- To learn the basics and gain insight into the principles of reflective practice
- An opportunity to explore and manage the emotional issues in relation to death and dying
- Participants will gain insight into chaplaincy in different healthcare disciplines within the NHS.

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**The British Association for the Study of Spirituality (BASS)**

**Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 May 2014**

**Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire**

Fee: £575 (fully inclusive)

The theme for the Third International Conference is ‘Spirituality in a Changing World’.

Keynote speakers:
- Professor Roger Gill (Durham University)
- Professor Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh)

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- Professor Margaret Holloway (University of Hull)
- Professor Michael King (University College London)
- Professor John Swinton (University of Aberdeen)

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Multi-Disciplinary Spiritual Care with Sick Children (module)
Wednesday 21 May, Friday 27 June, Monday 8 September and Thursday 9 October 2014
Birmingham Children’s Hospital, Birmingham
Fee: £300 (£250 without the assessment) including teaching materials
There are only 20 places available.

This module is designed to give multi-disciplinary staff and students the knowledge, skills and understanding they need in spiritual care with sick children and young people in a multicultural context. The module will be underpinned with child and human development theories and how these relate to spiritual care.

The module is validated by Staffordshire University and it can be assessed at levels 4 (year 1 undergraduate) or 7 (Masters) or without assessment. The assignment deadline is 19 January 2015.

Teaching days will be at Birmingham Children’s Hospital and one of these days will be spent engaging with children and their spiritual care in the hospital.

Key content
- Child development theories
- Children's spirituality
- Introduction to spiritual care with sick and bereaved children
- Practically exploring principles and good practice of spiritual care with sick children
- Exploring and critiquing assessment and intervention tools
- Exploring the relationship between a child's development, their spirituality and their illness.

Applicants must be doing at least 2 hours face-to-face per week with sick or bereaved children, young people for instance in hospital, hospice, community care, schools etc. You must be able to show a current DBS/CRB.

Other modules which are planned include: aspects of spiritual care and paediatric chaplaincy. These modules can form part of a Certificate in Paediatric Chaplaincy or spiritual care.

Play work
http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/student/modules/showmodule.php?code=AM75373-7
http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/student/modules/showmodule.php?code=AM75371-4

Working with children and families
http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/student/modules/showmodule.php?code=AM75274-4

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Website: http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/student/modules/showmodule.php?code=AM75389-4
European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy 13th Consultation
Open for the future: Envisioning chaplaincy in the midst of transition
Wednesday 28 May – Sunday 1 June 2014
Salzburg Austria
Fee: € 500 (all inclusive).

Draft Programme:
Sessions include: Challenges for humane hospitals (Speaker: Professor Dr. Clemens Sedmak, King’s College London and Salzburg University) and a lecture by Professor Dr. John Swint (University of Aberdeen, UK).

A choice of field trips is available in Salzburg including: The new pediatrics centre of the General and University, Hospital, Salzburg; CDK (Psychiatric Hospital) suicide prevention program; Diakonie Zentrum, a protestant hospital in a mostly Catholic area and Helga Treichl Hospice. Other events include a session on new forms of chaplaincy; an evening visit to Salzburg’s Cathedral and Saint Peter’s monastery; and a cultural visit – spiritual walk.

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The National Spirituality and Mental Health Forum
Thursday 19 June 2014 at 2.00pm
Essex Unitarian Church in Kensington, London
Fee:

Dr. Pia Matthews has very kindly agreed to be present at the next meeting.

Further details will be able available nearer to the date of the meeting.

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Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care course
September 2014
St John’s College, Nottingham
Fee:

The course can help anyone develop their listening skills effectively and acquire a basic understanding of some psychological models which will help us understand the behaviours and attitudes of people we are called to help as part of our ministry. It is a very accessible course, open to people from all walks of life, which is taught in a relaxed and friendly manner by qualified counsellors.

No academic qualification is necessary and there is no need to have previous counselling experience. While the course can be taken as a stand-alone module, it also forms part of a broader Certificate in Christian Studies.

Starting and finishing with residential schools at the campus on the outskirts of Nottingham, the rest of the study is conveniently home-based. Course materials are provided and students work through them at their own pace, submitting a short assignment each week, reflecting on what they have learned, their own experience of the week’s topic, and how they have applied their new-found skills. The whole course takes only 7 months from start to finish, making it an ideal means of on-going professional development between the

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short introductory courses which are readily available from a number of providers, and the two-year diploma courses which require a great commitment of time and funding. A tutor is available for advice by email, and students can also work together as a cohort to encourage each other.

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MA IN BIOETHICS AND MEDICAL LAW
St. Mary’s University College, Twickenham
One entry point only each year in September

The programme is offered both part-time over two or three years and full-time over one year for the full MA, with possible options of a certificate (after one year part-time) and a diploma (after two years part-time).

At a time when individuals and institutions in healthcare are increasingly being called to account for their decisions, reflection on the ethical principles that underlie medical and allied practice is an important part of continuing career development for healthcare professionals. Almost every day, it seems some new ethical dilemma appears in the news; whether to do with stem cell research, assisted suicide, resource allocation, nanotechnologies, human cloning or health and climate change. There is an obvious need for healthcare professionals, teachers and others, including patients, to be informed about these issues.

To address this need, St Mary’s University has a well-established Postgraduate MA Programme in Bioethics which addresses ethical aspects of medicine and associated technologies, taking into account their social, legal, environmental and spiritual dimensions.

The current modules are:
30 credit core modules
- Human Person and Human Action
- Bioethics and Medical Law
20 credit optional modules (only three of the following run in any one academic year)
- Issues at the Beginning of Life
- Issues at the End of Life
- Religious bioethics
- Patients, Professionals and Society
60 credit module
Research Methods portfolio followed by a Dissertation on a relevant topic of your choice

The course has three possible exit points. Successfully completing 60 credits worth of modules gains the Postgraduate Certificate in Bioethics and Medical Law. Successfully completing 120 credits, gains the Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Medical Law. The full Masters in Bioethics and Medical Law is awarded on successful completion of 180 credits, comprising five taught modules plus a 15,000 word dissertation of the requisite quality.

The programme aims to promote respect for human dignity through the provision of a thorough academic understanding of the major issues and competing schools of thought in contemporary bioethics and medical law. The perspective of the course is strongly influenced by the Hippocratic Oath and the historic Judaeo-Christian tradition of medical ethics though welcomes students from all faiths and none.

Lectures and discussion groups are held on campus, one (part-time) or two evenings (full-time) per week. All the lectures, presentations and discussions are recorded and made available on SimmsCapital, an online learning platform. Both on-site and distance-learners also participate in on-line discussion of papers and

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books. In addition, both on site and online students attend 3 (part-time) or 6 (full-time) Saturday seminars over the year. Extensive use of film clips and current news items are incorporated into the taught programme and a drama presentation is one of the highlights of the course each year. Assessment is by on-line discussion, critiques of academic papers, essays and, in the case of medical law, by an unseen written examination with a wide choice of questions.

To qualify for entry, students are normally required to have a 2:1 degree from a UK university or equivalent, in a relevant subject at honours level, or a professional qualification in teaching, medicine or law. Students without such qualifications may be admitted to the programme provided that they can satisfy the Programme Director that they have sufficient experience of and aptitude for academic study for Masters Level.

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**CHCC Annual Study Conference**

*Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 September 2014*

**High Leigh Centre, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG**

Fee: £275 (£350 non-members) fully residential or £80 per day delegate

General strand: ‘What’s so special about Chaplaincy?’ Exploring the unique contribution of chaplaincy in a range of specialist areas.

Mental health strand: ‘Journeying outside the walls: immersion in community care’. Inspired by last year’s conference, exploring the opportunities available for mental health chaplains that lie beyond our traditional understanding of spiritual care.

Full further details and application forms:
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**CBT for Depression: A Skills-Based Workshop**

*Thursday 11 September 2014 (9am Registration; 9.30am Welcome and Introduction; 4.30pm Close)*

**Village Hotel Leeds North, Headingley, Leeds**

Fee: £175 (including all learning materials, lunch and refreshments)

Depression is the ‘common cold’ of mental disorders and remains an important cause of disability across primary and secondary care health services. Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) is recommended by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence as a key evidence-based treatment for mild, moderate, severe and recurrent depression. This is now being implemented across the NHS via the IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) programme.

Cognitive therapy helps patients modify unhelpful patterns of thinking, behaviour therapy breaks the vicious cycle of doing less through ‘behavioural activation’ and mindfulness involves developing an awareness of one’s own thoughts without becoming involved. In this workshop you will learn how to use these techniques in everyday practice, in an individual or multidisciplinary setting.

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This course is suitable for psychiatrists and other mental health professionals, including nurses, psychologists and GPs. This workshop focuses on using CBT with adults. No prior experience of CBT is needed in order to attend.

Paul Blenkiron is a consultant psychiatrist with a special interest in CBT. He is an accredited member of the BABCP and a CBT course facilitator at York University. Paul has 15 years’ experience of integrating CBT into everyday practice, leading a number of national workshops in this area. He advised NICE upon their guidelines for depression and common mental health disorders, and is a current NICE Fellow. He recently worked with the Royal College of Psychiatrists to update their patient information leaflets on CBT, Anxiety and OCD, and is the author of the innovative how to do it book: 'Stories and Analogies in CBT' (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010). He works as an advisor to England’s first National Books on Prescription Scheme, launched in public libraries in 2013.

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Enriching Ministry: the Practice of Pastoral Supervision

Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2 October 2014; Wednesday 5 – Thursday 6 November 2014 and Thursday 21 May 2015

Sarum College, Salisbury

Fee: £200 approximately (including lunch and refreshments)

This residential course is designed for anyone in pastoral ministry, lay or ordained, wishing to develop their skills and understanding of pastoral supervision. Places are limited to 15 in order to facilitate an adult learning environment that blends theory and practical skills development.

Participants need to have experience of being in supervision as well as supervising others, and be willing to share their supervisory experience with the group.

The course units have been specifically spaced to maximise reflective learning as well as to provide an opportunity to practise what has been experienced during sessions.

Some of the areas that will be covered:
- models of supervision
- establishing a working alliance
- attending to the context in which the supervision takes place
- the skills of supervision including reviewing the process.

This course meets the current training requirements for accreditation with APSE (Association of Pastoral Supervisors and Educators) as a General Accredited Supervisor. For those wishing to apply for APSE Senior Accredited status a further training (top-up) day will take place on 21st May 2015.

The course facilitators are Jessica Rose and Tony Nolan. Tony and Jessica are Senior Accredited Members of APSE (Association of Pastoral Supervisors & Educators) and Associates at the Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice.

Jessica Rose is a psychodynamic counsellor, trainer and pastoral supervisor based in Oxford. She is author of Sharing Spaces: Prayer and the Counselling Relationship (DLT 2001); Church on Trial (DLT 2009); and Psychology for Pastoral Contexts (SCM 2013). With Michael Paterson she is co-editor of Enriching Ministry: Pastoral Supervision in Practice (SCM 2014). Between 1993-2000 she taught Pastoral Psychology at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Jessica is particularly interested in the interface between spirituality and psychology.

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Tony Nolan is an experienced group facilitator and pastoral supervisor. He works at Sarum College where he is involved in co-ordinating the College's pastoral supervision, group facilitation and spiritual direction services. Tony has more than 25 years’ experience working reflectively with individuals and groups. He is the Accreditation Secretary for APSE and is actively involved in promoting pastoral supervision in a wide variety of pastoral settings which includes education, chaplaincy and spiritual direction. He is a contributor to Enriching Ministry: Pastoral Supervision in Practice (SCM 2014).

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Dementia
Monday 6 October 2014 (registration 11.30am; first session noon; finish 4.30pm)
Mary Sumner House, Westminster, SW1
Fee: circa £41 – (but to be finalised)

A conference about Dementia organised by Hospital/Health Care Chaplaincy; hosted by the Rt Revd Bishop James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, Lead Bishop on healthcare issues in the House of Lords; facilitated by the Revd Dr Brendan McCarthy, The Church of England’s National Adviser on Medical Ethics and Health and Social Care Policy. Other speakers will be taking part in the conference.

Further details will be available in due course but for expressions of interest in the day please email: mary.ingledew@churchofengland.org.

Eleventh Norman Autton Memorial Lecture
Friday 17 October 2014 (1.00pm buffet lunch followed by lecture 2.00pm)
Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London SE1
Fee: Free

The Revd Dr Chris Swift, Head of Chaplaincy Services, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, will deliver the Eleventh Norman Autton Memorial Lecture entitled "Does chaplaincy for all amount to chaplaincy for none? Pluralism and particularity in contemporary spiritual care".

Chaplaincy operates in a world of increasing diversity yet attempts to provide care which is religiously, spiritually and culturally attuned to the needs of patients and staff. Facing the twin challenges of equality and religious pluralism this lecture draws on Anglican theology to navigate the current challenges facing chaplaincy. It goes on to offer a vision for a credible and sustainable future for chaplaincy-spiritual care in health care.

To reserve a place for the lecture and buffet lunch please email: mary.ingledew@churchofengland.org.

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For a complete list of training events visit the Hospital/Health Care Chaplaincy’s website at http://www.nhs-chaplaincy-spiritualcare.org.uk/National_Training/trainindex.html