

INTRODUCING THE CONFERENCE

Over the years the Affinity Theological Study Conference has become a priority for many pastors, church leaders and theological students. One of the reasons for this is that it really is a conference, because every session includes significant opportunities to interact with the speakers and other conference members. All conference members can read the papers before they come to the conference and so be prepared to seriously engage with the issues

This conference will have a very practical emphasis. In our 2011 conference we considered the Doctrine and Function of Scripture in the 21st Century. During the conference it became clear that it would be good to give serious thought to the application of the Bible to some of the big ethical issues facing Christians today. It is vital that we affirm the inerrancy and authority of the Bible but this leads us to ask how we use the inspired Scriptures to address ethical challenges facing us the 21st century? How can we develop a consistent hermeneutic and identify key principles to guide us in addressing the moral and ethical issues and dilemmas of our contemporary world?

CONFERENCE FORMAT

Papers will be circulated to conference members in advance so that they can spend time studying the papers in preparation for the conference.

At the conference each speaker will introduce his paper and highlight the main issues, after which there will be time for questions and small group discussions.

The final day concludes with a plenary question and answer session.

SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS

Paper 1: Natural Law in Scripture

Exploring multi-faceted aspects of natural law in the Bible

Stephen Clark

Pastor, Freeschool Court Evangelical Church, Bridgend and Chair of Affinity's Theological Team

Paper 2: The teaching of Jesus & the NT

Exploring themes of continuity and discontinuity between aspects of ethical teaching in the ancient world and NT

Joshua Hordern

University Lecturer in Christian Ethics, University of Oxford

<http://bit.ly/NAMNae>



Paper 3: Psalms as Torah

Exploring the Bible's ethical teaching in the Psalms

Gordon Wenham

Old Testament Tutor, Trinity College, Bristol

<http://bit.ly/laHRb6>



Paper 4: It's A Rich Man's World?

Exploring the biblical material on money, wealth and economic justice

Andrew Hartopp

Church minister, economist & Research

Tutor at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies

<http://bit.ly/IdoDCD>



Paper 5: War and Peace

Exploring the ethics of war, 'undercover' operations, torture etc.

Paul Helm

Theologian, philosopher & Teaching Fellow at Regent College, Canada

<http://bit.ly/JFKH7B>



Paper 6: Bioethics

Exploring issues at the beginning and ending of life

Leonardo De Chirico

Church planter, theologian & ethicist in Rome, Italy

<http://bit.ly/lHuCG1>



BOOKING FORM

En-suite Room **£190**

Standard Room **£165**

*(wash basin in room and bathroom nearby)
Only a few available; first-come, first-served*

The Conference begins with lunch on Wednesday and ends with lunch on Friday

Please reserve for me:

- An en-suite room
 A standard room

Name

Address

..... Post Code

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Church

Dietary issues

I enclose a £25 deposit to secure my booking.

In the event of the conference being oversubscribed are you willing to share a room? Yes / No

Please return this form, along with your deposit (cheque payable to **Affinity**) to: *Affinity, The Old Bank House, 17 Malpas Road, Newport, NP20 5PA*

VENUE

High Leigh Conference Centre is an excellent venue for conferences and is easily reached by road from the A10, not far off the M25.

The Centre is a short taxi ride from Broxbourne railway station which is on the line between Liverpool Street and Cheshunt. Connect to the line from Seven Sisters or Tottenham Hale tube stations on the Victoria line.

For more details about High Leigh go to:
www.cct.org.uk/highleigh

BOOK EARLY

The Theological Study Conference has been fully booked in the past and spaces are limited. If you would like to attend, or would like further information please contact Matthew Evans.

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