



New Posts Conference

***Belsey Bridge Conference Centre
Ditchingham, Bungay,
Suffolk, NR35 2DZ***



Initial Information

Introduction

The learning curve is usually steep when we begin in a new post. This Conference is designed for clergy who, in the last six to eighteen months, have been appointed to a new role of ministerial responsibility – whether or not this is the first time in such a role. The conference includes input in a large group, as well as time in small groups (normally of four) facilitated by a staff member. The regular times of worship, led by staff members, are an integral part of the programme. The conference aims to equip participants with the tools to discern the presence and work of God in their new context.

Preparing for the Workshop

The value of the Conference is enhanced by the preparatory work you do beforehand. About six weeks before the event you will receive a 'Mapping Your New Post' document. This will help you orientate yourself in your post, as well as better prepare you for the Conference itself. During the event each participant will deliver a 15 minute 'presentation' in their small group based on the mapping.

Dates and Times

Please keep all three days of the conference free – it is a demanding and rewarding 48 hours, so do not try to squeeze in meetings around them.

Aim to arrive by 11.30am on the first day – Tuesday

The conference ends with lunch at 1pm on the third day – Thursday.

It is crucial that you attend the whole conference and do not arrive late or leave early – this enables you to give and receive fully throughout.

Cost – The conference is free to you. The cost will be paid by your diocese, however, your CMD officer will normally charge (except in case of valid emergency) any cancellation fee to your personal CMD allowance.

Numbers

The maximum number of people we accept is 20, plus staff members.

(The ratio of staff to participants is 1 to 4 or 5). The deadline for applications is two months before conference. This will allow participants enough time in which to complete the Mapping Your New Post work prior to the Conference.

We are expecting participants and staff from the dioceses of St Albans, Chelmsford, Norwich, Ely, Peterborough and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Programme – we will send this out about four weeks before the conference.

Booking

If you wish to take part, complete the application form and return it to your Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Development Administrator as soon as possible.

If you book for the Conference, we ask that cancellations are only made in absolute emergencies.

Enquiries

Should you have any queries you can speak to your appropriate CMD Officer or contact:

The Revd. Canon Keith James who is the Lead Officer for this conference

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