

## WORKSHOP SELECTION

1. *Exploring the Theology of Growth* - Stephen Croft
2. *Ageing: the neglected dynamic* - Ann Morisy
3. *"Growing Young Leaders"* - Ruth Hassall
4. *"Deepening Spirituality in Church Schools."* What do we mean by 'spirituality'? We will explore practical ways in which spirituality can be nurtured and developed in both church and the school context. - Ann Lumb
5. *"Seed Scattering"* weekends seek to reach out to the parish through community engagement and hospitality, with an opportunity for friends and relatives to hear and receive the Gospel message. - Tony Porter
6. *"From seed to sycamore: growing faith & faith growing."* Looking at standard stages of faith development with the opportunity to think about our own personal faith journey and our current contexts and contacts as those involved with the growth of faith in others. - Alison Cox
7. *"Growing the church with boys"* - Nick Harding
8. *"Enlarging the tent with young people."* Encouraging real dialogue which leads to transformation for us all - Angela Brymer-Heywood
9. *"Enlarging the tent for people with disabilities* (the second largest country in the world). A creative, visual and hands on workshop exploring some of the pastoral, practical and theological issues in growing the church amongst people with disabilities. - Ed Pruen
10. *"Is there room in the tent for the stranger?"* Exploring our reactions, attitudes and hospitality for those who appear different to us. What difference will it make to us as we learn to welcome the stranger amongst us? - Dianne Skerritt and Muriel Weisz

11. *"Enlarging the tent through missional funeral ministry."* Sam Tredwell shares her experience of integrating a significant funeral ministry with the mission and growth of the parish church.
12. *"Growing Social Enterprise in our parishes."* Emphasis on both the practical and the theological aspects. - Richard Clark & Rebecca Hamilton.
13. *"Growing an Enterprising Mission in the community"* - examining community and rural village. - David McCoulough, Charlie Maiden & Vicky Cowper
14. *"Re-pitching the Tent? Transforming the church from the pastoral to the missional."* - Dave Hammond

**Please select five workshops in order of preference by entering the no. of the workshop in the spaces provided below. Every effort will be given to allocate you to two workshops among your preferred choices.**

**First Choice** .....

**Second Choice** .....

**Third Choice** .....

**Fourth Choice** .....

**Fifth Choice** .....

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Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2011

## ENLARGING THE TENT: Growing deep, high, wide and long.

*"Developing an integrated understanding of growth in the church and a commitment to action to further that growth."*

Keynote Speakers:

The Rt Revd Dr. Steven Croft  
&  
Ann Morisy

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2011,

The Hayes Conference

Centre, Swanwick

***This conference is open to all – lay  
and ordained.***

## An invitation to the Diocesan Conference 2011

Recently the Archbishop's Council of the Church of England adopted the following objective for it's work;

“promoting spiritual and numerical growth”

Of course no-one can really argue against such an objective as all things that are alive grow! Nevertheless the question of growth in the church is not an uncontroversial one. Questions abound—

What kind of growth are we talking about when Jesus goes after the one and leaves 99 behind?

Is some growth helpful and other growth not? (think of “forced” flowers for instance—they don't seem to last so long).

What is a biblical and theological understanding of growth ?

Our conference this year then, inspired by Isaiah 54:2, takes the theme of growth—but growth which is ‘high, wide, deep and long.’ Hot on the heels of our fresh vision and strategy for our diocese - “joining together in the transforming mission of God” when we are to be - living worship, growing disciples and seeking justice. Our aim for the conference is clear - *developing an integrated understanding of growth in the church and a commitment to action to further that growth.*

We will have the usual mixture of worship, input from our speakers and interactive workshops. Extra attractions this year include a visit from Palestinian Christians, an Olympics 2012 quiz night and (for the brave!) wheelchair basketball. Do sign up as soon as possible.

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## Keynote Speakers

**The Rt Revd Dr. Stephen Croft** is the current Bishop of Sheffield. Before that he was appointed as Archbishops' Missioner and Leader of the Fresh Expressions Team. For four years he oversaw the emergence of Fresh Expressions - an initiative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in conjunction with the Methodist Church aimed at encouraging new ways of being church in the 21st century. He is co-author of *Emmaus: The Way of Faith (1996-2003)* and author and co-author of a number of books including *Ministry in Three Dimensions (1999 & 2008)*; and *Travelling Well* (with Stephen Cottrell) (2000). In 2009 *Jesus' People: What the Church should do next* challenged the reader to rethink both the role of Jesus in the Church and that of the Church in today's society and culture.

**Ann Morisy** is a freelance community theologian and lecturer. She has worked in the field of social responsibility for many years and directed the Commission that wrote the report 'Faithful Cities' and has written on the spirituality of public transport, ageing, neighbourliness as a radical, and has written two best selling books - *Beyond the Good Samaritan* and *Journeying Out*.

## Conference Timetable

The Conference begins with registration between 3 & 4pm on Monday 10th October and finishes after lunch on Wednesday 12th October.

## The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick

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First Name .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....

Telephone No.....

Email:.....

I require wheelchair access

I require a downstairs room

I wish to share with .....

I have the following dietary requirements:

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Any other requirements we should be aware of.

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I play the following musical instrument which I will bring with me.

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