

# Talking Church

How personal conversations grow local congregations

Monday 21 – Wednesday 23 March 2022

+ 23-24 March: Conversations from the edge – optional post-conference workshop



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## Timings

### Conference starts

**Monday 21 March**

Lunch **12.45pm**

Session 1 starts at **2pm**

### Conference closes

**Wednesday 23 March**

with lunch

### Workshop closes

**Thursday 24 March**

with lunch

## Venue and Accommodation

The Hayes, Swanwick,  
Derbyshire

The Hayes Conference Centre is 5 miles from the M1 (Junction 28), and three miles from Alfreton railway station.

Accommodation is available in single, double or twin rooms. All rooms are ensuite.

*The residential prices are per person and include all meals during the conference, starting with lunch on Monday and finishing with lunch on the final day.*

*The non-residential price includes all meals except breakfast.*

## Prices and booking

### Conference

Single room **£295**

Double/twin room **£280**

Non-residential **£205**

### Conference plus Workshop

Single room **£420**

Double/twin room **£395**

Non-residential **£300**

### Further information and book online

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through the ministry of the  
Word, in the local church



## As the Bible makes clear, the church is the community of faith, the body of Christ, a people through whom God will be glorified.

It is God's great creation. Yet because of cultural pressures many believers in our churches are profoundly discouraged.

And because of internal failings still others are profoundly disillusioned. How should we respond? What kind of church life and growth does God seek? How should individuals relate to church and church to individuals? How will listening well to what God says about his church help us to speak well within his church? What conversations will serve church best?

God tells us that nothing can resist the advance of his church – we have every reason for optimism. Yet we are also all aware of setbacks – and must be realistic about the challenges we face.

With talks and seminars that focus on healthy church life, and role plays that explore counselling conversations in a range of key church-related issues, this conference will blend theory and practice, theology and skills. It will help all of us – church members and church leaders alike – to contribute more effectively to communities that bring glory to God.



## Conference

The conference will include:

- **Main sessions** exploring ways that conversational ministry connects with the growth and health of our churches
- **Role plays** demonstrating how ministry conversations might tackle typical church-based issues
- **Seminars** addressing some of the opportunities and challenges we face regarding the growth of the church
- **Free time** to connect or reflect either on our own or with others

## Workshop Conversations on the Edge

This 24-hour post-conference workshop will look at the particular challenges we experience with those who, for various reasons, are on the edge of church life. Many have reasons to feel on the margins: for some it's because they don't yet believe, for others it's because they struggle with doubt. Others are disillusioned because of what they have suffered, still others are distrusted because of what they have done. How do we engage with and then speak well to those out on the edge of the church community?

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